

Number 576

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2012 AT 7.30 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

1. Present: Councillors A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice-Chair), S Wilkinson (from 2020), J Webb, V Brown, R Pepall, P Gough (from 1945), PCSO C Shepherd

Apologies: R Fogerty (Clerk)

Public: None

Acting Clerk: Councillor C Tarrant

2. Minutes:

2.1 The Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2012 (Number 575) were accepted, approved and signed by A Shore (Chair)

2.2 No matters were arising from these Minutes

3. Declaration of Interests – Nil

4. Open Forum – Nil

5. PCSO – Clare Shepherd reported there had been no reported crime in Pickmere during June. There has been some fly-tipping at Pickmere Rough (**RF** to contact CE to have it removed). All households in Pickmere had been sent a Police questionnaire with the last issue of Pickmere Press, but only 10 replies had been received from some 350 households. There is also a Cheshire Police questionnaire that the Chairman encouraged (**ALL**) Councillors to respond to individually – this can be found at http://www.cheshire.police.uk/surveys/0007/pcso_stakeholder.htm Concerns were raised by the Councillors about the vandalism, littering and anti-social behaviour around the Lakeside and into the Wincham Parish Council area. (**PCSO**) will talk to the Police to try to increase patrols including those from Northwich and (**RF**) to contact Wincham Parish Council to inform them about the problems. PCSO reported she had recruited another speedwatch volunteer and that

she intends to hold a speedwatch day every 3 weeks. **RP** reminded the Council that it should support the Parish Plan and consider a mix of traffic calming measures through the Village as speeding remained a major concern to many residents.

6. Finance:

- 6.1** PG presented the Council with latest accounts to show income and expenditure for 1st quarter ending 30th June for the current year compared to the two preceding
- 6.2** Payments for this month were approved and cheques signed for PCSO, Clerk's expenses and solicitor costs for the conveyance of Clover Drive land.
- 6.3** There are additional credits for Village Hall hire amounting to nearly £600 to be added to the accounts

PG informed the Council that from August 2012, the Audit Commission will appoint our external auditor for a period of 5 years. PG has been notified that Barclays are withdrawing the safe deposit facility. (**PG**) will also review the cheque signing mandate. PG also asked that (**RF**) checks we have had a response to our external audit before our next meeting in September.

7. Correspondence and Reports:

- 7.1 Code of Conduct:** AS reminded all Councillors that from 1st July we are all bound by a new Code of Conduct and that we resolved to adopt the same guidelines that Cheshire East Council will formally adopt on 19th July 2012. (**RF**) to send the Cheshire East / CHALC letter on Code of Conduct to all Councillors.
- 7.2 Spinks Lane:** AS updated the Council on the recent meeting he and CT had attended with Michael Jones, Leader of CE Council.
- 7.3 Vacancy:** AS explained to the Council how the current vacancy process is being supervised and that we must now wait for CE Council to inform us if it is necessary for an election to be held-dependent upon the response from 10 or more resident electors. The deadline is 12th July for responders to contact CE Council.

AS informed the Council that if an election is required, then the Parish Council will have to fund the costs in their entirety and that these are likely to be £3-4,000.

7.4 Minor Works Improvement – (SW) agreed that he would ask Cheshire East Council to add the need for repeater signs and 30mph road markings along Pickmere Lane

7.5 PCSO contract – The Council resolved to canvassing householders again about their opinions of the value of a PCSO through Pickmere Press and responses to the website

7.6 Land Transfer to the Parish Council at Clover Drive – VB informed the Council that the conveyancing is almost complete. VB informed the Council that a lottery grant of almost £9500 had been awarded for a variety of landscaping and arboricultural works. As this award is intended solely for these purposes and is additional to the precept, the Council resolved it would spend these monies as approved in the grant offer document from Awards for All. (VB) will contact the various contractors to arrange an agreed schedule of works.

8. Planning – Nothing to report

9. Report from CE Councillor Steve Wilkinson – nil

10. Issues raised by Councillors / Parishioners – nil

11. Other Items for Discussion (Committee) –nil

12. Items for next meeting's agenda – Clover Drive works schedule and plans for opening of the refurbished play area.

Meeting closed at 2145

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL (NOTE: NO MEETING IN AUGUST)

