

Number 575

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

- 1. Present:** Councillors: A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), S Wilkinson, J Webb, P Gough, V Brown, R Fogerty (Clerk), PCSO C Shepherd.

Apologies: Councillor R Pepall

Public: 14 residents. Also Mr Darren Sayle : Red Lion Pub, Pickmere

2. Minutes:

2.1 Alteration: Finance 6.1 Lakeside Account Balance £13367.23 made up of £3.8778.23 + £9489.00, latter being Grant received specifically for Clover Drive Play Ground Area.

The Minutes were then approved and signed by Andrew Shore (Chair)

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes -Nil

3. Declaration of Interests

Nil

4. Open Forum – 14 residents

4.1 The Chairperson reminded the residents that they could speak for 15 minutes in total and maximum 3 minutes person. One resident requested that ‘we’ write to the Queen to ask her permission to re-name the Village Hall ‘The Pickmere Jubilee Hall’.

Seven of the residents questioned the council, namely in relation to why no Minutes have been provided to the community either as hard copy on line for the March and April, and no agenda for tonight’s meeting on line. (The agenda is always on two Notice Boards in the Village 6 days prior to the meeting). They stated that it is 16 weeks since they last request a further public meeting, to inform them of proposed changes to the Village Hall/Iros. They were adamant in that they do not want change of use to the Village Hall. They wished to know if the Council would need to submit a Planning Application if proposed changes were to take place. The Chair replied replied ‘yes’ and that the residents would be informed. A Public Event will be arranged when there is more detailed information. The Chair reminded the residents present that ‘Open Forum’ is not a time for debating, but providing question s for answer at a later time. Specific questions have been noted by the council and members will consider them as a part of the decision-making process relating to any future proposed changes to the Village Hall or IROS.

The Chair did clarify in the Open Forum that **NO** decision had been taken on changes to the Village Hall or the IROS Pavilion. The Council was engaged in developing options and viability of these options before presenting to the Pickmere Parish.

4.2 Darren Sayle, Red Lion Pub attended to update the Council of changes to the Pub. Builders have moved in last week and are stripping the premises. The delay has been due to problems encountered and it is nearly a complete rebuild! Three quarters of the roof will need replacing, and a lot of work on utilities. The cost will be in the region of a million pounds. The work will take about 16-20 weeks. The Play Area will remain.

5. Police Community Support Officer

Police Officers travelling along Frog Lane one evening during the month questioned owners of a parked car, and issued them with a cannabis warning. Residents should report suspicious parked cars.

11 residents left the meeting at this stage – 8pm after the Chair reminded the public that their intervention was not allowed at this stage in the Council Meeting; 3 remained until end of Item 10.

The PCSO reported on people going round the village trying to sell goods. They should be carrying a card, to identify themselves. If aggressive do ring police and give a description of the person.

Clare has been out on Speedwatch during last month – 7 letters sent (37mph – 50mph usually). She will go ahead installing the signs; resident Alan Fogerty will purchase padlocks and chain, and assist her with installation.

The clerk thanked Clare for her assistance on Jubilee Day, in providing head of procession cover and placing cones etc around the Mere Area, and attending Jubilee meetings to keep in touch with organising the event.

6. Finance

- 6.1** PG had been unable to provide the Balance sheets for May due to personal circumstances. He reported that there had been little change. The sum of £1167.48 had been paid for the Council Insurance. The first half of the precept has been received from CE.
- 6.2** To approve the payments for this month. Cheques were signed during council for Clerk's expenses, repair to Village Hall Notice Board, gardener, VH Cleaner.
- 6.3** Payments received during last month: £692.00 being Non-specific Parish Grant Payment.
- 6.4** PG will prepare an Assets Register. This will then have a sum of money allocated to it for repairs etc.

7. Correspondence and Reports

- 7.1** Housing Needs Survey: VB reported on the Meeting at CE with Adrian Fisher. She has requested to see the survey done last year on 'Affordable Housing'. At present 8 affordable houses are being built in Tabley, and will be shown on line soon. Pickmere residents may apply for these.
- 7.2** Local Neighbourhood Plan: CT reported on attending the meeting as above with Adrian Fisher, re. the Local Neighbourhood Plan. Adrian had agreed that all 5 points had CT and VB raised were reasonable and he requested that the Council write formally to him to put them on record. The new Local Plan will seek to carry forward greenbelt protection. Affordable housing will be spread throughout Cheshire East as opposed to specific areas. Clerk to send letter to Adrian Fisher.
- 7.3** Clover Drive Play Area and Open Spaces: VB updated Council, one stage further on in that it is now on the Land Register as part of land to be handed over to Pickmere Parish Council. VB and PG have been to Council's solicitor. The commuted sum agreed on has not been received yet. Solicitor will chase this up. Permission granted by all Councillors that when the sum does come through VB can go ahead and use the grant during the summer break to make agreed changes etc to Clover Drive Play Area.
- 7.4** Registration of footpaths: PG stated that the deadline for registering these is 2014 We only need to need to physically register paths that do not appear on the CE Plan – SW does not think we can register permissive paths, it refers to 'old paths'.
Action: PG and VB will undertake the task of checking the footpaths in and around Pickmere.

- 7.5** Swimming and water activities in the Mere: Legal position. AS discussed with councillors as to what the legal position is as to swimming and other water activities are in the Mere when they is a notice on the Pickmere shores stating that the Council do not allow this. Clerk to write to Insurance Company and clarify this.
- 7.6** Nil
- 7.7** Flight paths over village: PG had noticed an interference a couple of weeks ago, with flight outgoings. He has contacted Manchester Airport, who looked at the last year's record. There was no difference recorded than that of a year ago. AS stated that runway maintenance can cause a change in conditions.
- 7.8** Update on Red Lion Pub – Chairperson: As already recorded in 'Open forum', Mr Darren Sayle was in attendance at this meeting and had updated the Council on work presently being carried out on the site. A new set of plans has been received by the Council, there are only slight changes from the previous, mainly concerning inside structures. The decking has been omitted, and in addition there are 2 extra disabled spaces for parking. Clerk to reply – Same reply as before.
- 7.9** Councillors' use of emailing between meetings: The Chair stressed the use of this, and that it must not become a method of having meetings, but just passing information on. He suggested that JW be provided with have a fax machine so that she can easily be sent all the information that the Councillors are sending on email. JW declined the offer.
- 7.10** Public Transport Consultation - CT:: This is nearing the end of the consultation period. In our Parish Plan the results show that 79% never use it. Nevertheless it is important that those who do use it, really do need the service. Clerk to do letter in support of our service.
- 7.11** PCSO's contract – The Chair asked the Clerk to provide the present contract for our PCSO for the next meeting to check details. SW stated that Council need to get parishioners' views on having the service of a PCSO.
- 7.12** Spinks Lane- Meeting with George Osborne MP. (Meeting with Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council is tomorrow, 13.6.12) –AS and CT attended this. AS reported that he expressed the frustration at the lack of anything happening in this situation. AS stressed that they need his full support to move forwards. It is a gross waste of public funds, as the gypsies have not complied with the enforcement. George Osborne explained that he has no power to direct CE but could request action. AS requested the following of Mr Osborne: That the Secretary of State Mr Eric Pickles, be asked to clarify new planning guidance for CE. The Leader of CE Council CE, Mr Michael Jones, be asked to attend a meeting with the Chair of Pickmere Council. AS stated that they had requested this appointment, but had not been offered one. One has now been offered (tomorrow), and they will request that the Cheshire East Council make funds available to uphold the law -and the enforcement notice. Pickmere Councillors will request that he attends a meeting in Pickmere to explain why the gypsies are still here. PG thanked AS and CT for the time and effort they had put in meeting with George Osborne and next to meet with Michael Jones.
- 7.13** (Additional to shown on agenda) Parking in area of Mere Lane, particularly weekends. SW reported that last weekend, whilst at the Pavillion, during 'Sunday Teas' the parking situation was chaotic, many badly parked cars and owners just 'abandoned them! SW felt that the gate to the field should be opened earlier on Sundays and maybe Saturdays on good weather days. Mr Ashbrook, resident, The Orchards, had offered to open the gate early on and lock at end of afternoon. SW felt this was a good system. Without doing this the volume of traffic will continue as people are still going to come to Pickmere and park and go off, having parked badly.

PG proposed, AS seconded that this plan be carried out on a temporary basis for the month leading up to next PC meeting in July. This will be done by a PC member for the time being.

8. Planning

8.1 No decisions last month.

8.2 Application received since setting the agenda:

Application No: 12/1894M.

Proposal: Regeneration, internal alterations, orangery flat roof repair, access and landscaping.

Location: Red Lion Pub. Park Lane Pickmere

Decision by PC: No objection, provided CE agree with access/egress on to Park Lane

8.3 No Planning committee meetings.

9. Report from CE Councillor Steve Wilkinson re: Cheshire East Borough Council

9.1 The Mobile Library Service is changing from two week cycle to three week cycle. Clerk will put notice on boards to this effect.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners

10.1 Dog Warden – VB: Reported that some dogs were not being controlled sufficiently and had possibly caused the death of a swan near its nest. She had contacted Mr Adrian Coleman Dog Warden and had asked him could the area be kept under check, and he suggested that the Council write in requesting a uniformed warden and later a non-uniformed warden visit the area. VB proposed and seconded b PG – Action: Clerk to request this action.

10.2 Clerk's PC – AS asked the Council to consider a contribution be given to the Clerk towards a lap-top computer. SW proposed £200, and seconded by CT. A proportionate amount to be paid back should clerk resign from her post – PG to arrange these terms.

10.3 Parish council Asset Maintenance – PG wishes to arrange asset maintenance and a sum to deal with ongoing repair along with delegation powers to spend up to £200 if repairs are necessary. JW proposed PG and VB do this. SW seconded. AS will independently check the assets after PG has compiled the list.

10.4.1 To accept Council Committee Option IROS 1a + Village Hall Option 1 (24.5.12)

10.4.2 To accept Council Committee Option IROS 2 (24.5.12)

VB stated that she was opposed to the first two of these, particularly any change of use of Village Hall. SW proposed an amendment to 10.4.1 and 10.4.2 in that they both be taken forward for further consideration. The Chair then put this amendment to the members and CT seconded the proposed amendment. The amendment was carried and decided upon by a majority of members present.

10.4.3 To develop a set of more detailed site plans < £300. The Council voted on funds to enable further work on all options agreed in 10. above, a sum of £300 was decided upon by council by a majority of members present.

11. Other items for discussion (Committee)

11.1 Vacancy for Councillor – The process for interviewing the two applicants for a co-opted member was discussed. A number of councillors declared interest and removed themselves from the interview panel. It was agreed that the Chairperson, Andrew Shore, and Councillors VB and RP would have powers to appoint a co-opted member after interview.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON:

TUESDAY JULY 10TH AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Note: date changed from normal pattern.

