

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY JUNE 2ND 2015 AT 7.30 PM

- 1. Present:** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), PG, SR, RF (clerk) Olivia Hunter (CE)

Apologies: Nil

Public: 4

- 2. Minutes –**

2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th May 2015, were approved and signed by AS (Chair).

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:

2.2.1 Item 7.2: CT confirmed that the date of Community Pride's representatives visit to Pickmere will be on July 2nd.

2.2.2 Item 7.5: CT had checked area at the Lakeside which had been repaired by U.U. recently and this may need additional attention. There is another drain leaking nearby which may need attention.

2.2.3 CT: Item 7.9 Following the meeting with Grenville, Community Payback, and emailing him with work in our village CT and the clerk have not received any further communication.

2.2.4 The clerk reported that she has delivered a note to the person who holds the jacket and speedgun, but has not yet had a response.

- 3. Declaration of Interests:**

AS declared interest in Item 5.1.

- 4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)**

4.1 AS explained the rules of this item to the members of the public.

Resident A raised the issue of the problems of vandalism and ASB issues at the IROS area. This includes damage to picnic benches, litter, and drug issues. He is willing to offer help (FOC) in fitting CCTV in the area – cost of device £300.00.

Resident B expressed her concern that there are only 4 councillors, all of whom are male, and she felt this was an unhealthy balance! She wished to put her name forward to be co-opted on to the council 'as would 2 other females present tonight'.

Resident C expressed her concerns similar to the above and is dismayed there are 3 vacancies and that the council are now in a position to co-opt. She felt she has much

to offer to the council, and particularly to share the work load.

Normally, the Chairperson, AS, does not respond in this Item but he replied on this occasion, to state that there had recently been a 6 week period for residents to apply (or indeed, show interest) in becoming a councillor. This had not happened.

There is no further election by CE for 6 months – only co-opting. He added that it is important that when people are applying that they demonstrate they can really ‘add’ something by joining the council and that they have the time to give to various aspects.

He expressed his concern at the comments ‘all men at the moment’. ‘The Council can be run in an appropriate way even if they are all men!’ AS stated that the council will, in due course, be considering the process to be used in co-opting any additional members.

Resident D expressed her concern about the frequency of cars parked side by side in the car park area in close proximity to the IROS, where it was clear that they were involved in drug dealing. She has observed this ‘car parking’ on many occasions, and has reported it to the police but had no response. Clerk to do letter to Police Commissioner.

4.2 PCSO: Not in attendance and no report this month.

5. Planning

5.1 Applications received during May: 15/2241 34 Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JU. Proposed residential development of 3 units. The Planning Committee have not met yet to discuss this plan.

5.2 Decisions: 15/1812T Work to TPO Trees at 27 Clover Drive Pickmere WA16 0WF. Approved with conditions.

5.3 No decision yet: 15/1755M The Willows Mere Lane Pickmere WA16 0LB Proposed single storey front extension and associated patio. Approved with conditions.

6. Finance: To be reported on by PG:

6.1 Audit: Completion and signing of audit: PG reported that the Chairperson, AS, has already seen these audit reports. The Internal Auditor has now done her assessment, and reports that they appear to be in order. PG explained the variances for 2014/2015 from the previous year. The precept had remained the same as the previous year. He had re-assessed the assets, following comments last year from the Audit Report. These figures tie in with Insurance Valuations. Allowance have been set aside for Speedwatch cameras, contingency for VH work, Village Green (if needed for legal advice). The Audit Commission has now ceased to exist, but will ‘be acting’ until 2017. From now on we must publish cheques for £100 and over. The Clerk is to keep a record of these. PG explained to the public aspects of his report.

The audit was signed off by the Chairperson and the Clerk and the Minutes number 605 was recorded on it. This will now be sent to the External Auditors for the end

of June, and we expect the report back by end of September. Notice of the audit will appear on the website and the Notice Board.

6.2 Financial update for May: This was combined with the above.

6.3 Fishing licence: This is to be reviewed by CT and put on website, and RF to do relevant correspondence. At the moment the present licence expires early July 2015.

6.3 To approve the payments for this month. Cheques were signed for the Clerk's expenses, VH cleaner, and AB Pest Control.

6.4 Payments received during last month: Nil received.

7. Correspondence and Reports from Councillors, and to/from Clerk

7.1 Village Hall Bookings: The Council is awaiting the handing over of Documentation to the Clerk.

7.2 Community Pride Competition: CT updated Council reporting that there will be a visit from the representatives on July 2nd. The general village judging will start shortly, so please will residents all look after our village very well, so that we get full marks!

7.3 Speedboats on Lake: Update from AS: The clerk has obtained information from the Wild Life Police Officer re. the Boating Club which the riparian owners use. He will make contact with them shortly.

7.4 Spinks Lane: AS has been in contact with a senior member of CE and will be in further contact tomorrow, June 3rd.

7.5 SID's: AS reported that CE are awaiting delivery of the other 2 SID's and then they can deliver to us and site and activate them. This is expected to be in July.

8. HS2 Nil further to report on at this next meeting. There has been nothing announced since the general election.

9. Report re: Cheshire East Borough Council:

Olivia Hunter checked that we had closure of roads etc re the Cheshire Show, PG confirmed this was about to be distributed with the Pickmere Press, and that we had received an update on the Cheshire Local Plan.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 Proposal to change PPC Standing Order 3.9 from quorum of '4' to '3' to bring in line with national guidance: AS proposed to the Councillors to make this change and unanimously agreed. Clerk to make change on our records.

11. Items for next meeting's agenda – July 7th

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty

