

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

**TUESDAY JUNE 3RD 2014 AT 7.30 PM**

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. **Present:** AS (Chairperson), CT (Vice-Chairperson), P Gough, S Wilkinson, S Read,  
**Apologies:** RP  
**Public:** None
2. **Minutes –**
  - 2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 6<sup>TH</sup> May, 2014 were approved and signed by AS.
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes
    - 2.2.1 Clerk reported no further volunteers for Speedwatch.
    - 2.2.2 CT reported that the container has been insulated and is now in use.
    - 2.2.3 The car that was parked at the IROS car park has now been removed.
    - 2.2.4 The clerk reported that she has contacted residents re. the hedge cuttings on the path to the Mere.
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Nil
4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
  - 4.1 No public present tonight.
  - 4.2 PCSO: Not in attendance tonight. The Clerk had received a brief report from the PCSO on incidents in May. Little new to report.
5. **Planning**
  - 5.1 Applications received during May:  
14/2001M (Resubmission following previous withdrawal)  
Fernhill Farm Frog Lane Pickmere Change of use of 2 redundant offices into 2 houses.  
Objection to this by the Parish Council: previous submissions to Local Plan and agreed by CE. Wherever possible we wish to retain opportunity for employment.
  - 5.2 PG expressed his concern at the volume of very heavy vehicles using Pickmere Lane. Clerk to contact Andy Wilson, CE, to request enforcement of weight restrictions, and increase visibility of the signs at the Windmill Pub end and Wincham end of Pickmere Lane.

## **6. Finance:**

**6.1** To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques: A B Pest Control, Nina Nitescu (cleaner). Clerk, C. Tarrant (expenses incurred for padlocks)

**6.2** PG reported on state of the audit preparation. Audit now completed. Notice has been displayed on board for requisite time: 19.5.14 to 1.6.14. The audit has now been checked by our Internal Auditor. This will now be sent to our External Auditors. PG explained the variances from last year's figures to this year's to the Council of the Account Statements. SW proposed to approve and accept the audit, seconded by CT and unanimously agreed by Council. The audit was signed by the AS and the clerk and number on these Minutes added.

**6.3** Financial up date for May. PG gave a report on this.

**6.4** Re-Investment of present 'Bond': Put on 'September agenda' ready for October to discuss re-investment.

**6.3** Payments received during last month: Nil.

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

**7.1** Multiplay' equipment at Clover Drive Playground: Area in need of attention to the woodwork: VB (absent) Clerk to email VB and request up to date records of checking and organising and exactly what is needed re. the Multiplay equipment. PG will do weekly check, of playground area if needs be. Clerk to give him check list.

**7.2** Tipping of garden waste adjacent to IROS path: Clerk has contacted residents and nothing else to report. She will observe over next month or so.

**7.3** Community Pride 2014: VB to report (absent). CT gave an update. One inspection took place last week. More will be done during next few months. Clerk gave CT letter about proposed meeting with Community Pride Committee for 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**7.4** Hedges on Park Lane and Pickmere Lane: The Clerk had contacted Andy Wilson (CE) re. the problem of hedges overhanging areas of footpaths on Park Lane and Pickmere Lane. Andy had phoned the clerk advising that unless extremely overgrown these can only be cut in September so as not to disturb wildlife. Also councillors reported at the meeting tonight that several residents have now trimmed their hedges, so 'thank you to these residents!'

## **8. HS2: No further information or meetings since last agenda.**

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

**9.1** SW updated the Council on repairs on road surfaces in our area.

**9.2** The National Planning Policy Framework now has a sub-section: The National Planning Policy Guidance.

## **10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:**

**10.1** Vacancy: AS to report. There is now formally a vacancy on the Parish Council, due to the resignation of Councillor Joan Webb at the last meeting. Clerk to start the process of advertising the vacancy and post notices to this effect on the Notice Boards.

**10.2** The use of the Lake by speedboats: SR voiced his concerns on this topic, particularly following the receipt of an email from a visitor who had emailed the Clerk. Much discussion took place amongst the Councillors. AS will pass on documents to SR relating to the initial 'Agreement' made some years ago, which concerns our ownership with other riparians. We do not have overall control of the use. SR will contact Dave Bradburn to put in next 'Pickmere Press'.

**10.3** Brief discussion on Parish Amenities – This involved the general use of the Village Hall and Pavillion.

**10.4** Trees: CT reported on a quote received from Alan James, Tree Surgeon for attention to oak tree near septic tank (not in use) and the Manchester Poplar Tree. The quotes were variable depending on amount of work done to them and the clearing of the wood. Unanimous decision to fell and remove oak tree, and have poplar felled. £755 quoted for this. SR will get obtain second quote.

**10.5** AS has ordered 2 signs, (previously decided upon at a former meeting) which will be sited at the IROS. detailing the use of the area. The cost will be £600.00 for the two.

**10.6** Racks for container etc. CT reported that the container roof has now been treated internally to prevent condensation. The Community Group equipment has been moved in. An additional number of padlocks have been added to the original one. It would be useful to have a few racks for storing smaller items of the equipment. CT proposed, seconded by SR – Unanimous decision to go ahead with this. Cost £60 each.

**10.7** CT will obtain quote for hedge cutting at Village Hall.

**10.8** Fascia boards and soffits are in need of attention at Pavillion. Quote for ‘all woodwork’ needed for next meeting. SR will obtain this.

**10.9** Clerk to email all councillors re next meeting’s attendance to be sure of a quorum.

**11. Items for next meeting’s agenda – July (there will not be a meeting in August).**

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

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