

Number 572

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2012 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

- 1. Present:** Councillors J Webb (chair) A Shore (Vice Chair), V Brown, P Gough,
R Peppal, C Tarrant, R Fogerty (clerk), PCSO Clare Shepherd

Apologies: S Wilkinson

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2. Minutes –

2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 7TH February, 2012. were approved and signed. by the Chairperson Joan Webb

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes

3. Declaration of Interests

Nil

4. Open Forum

Darren Sayle, Tenant/Licensee of the Red Lion introduced himself, and that he was attending our meeting to inform us of the forthcoming alterations and refurbishment due to take place at the Red Lion Inn. The work involved is bigger than first anticipated. The Inn is now closed and will remain so until the work is completed, probably end June/early July. The windows are now shuttered. The car park will be closed off, and will be in use for vehicles of the contractors.

5. Police Community Support Officer

Clare gave the report for February. It had been a good month and little to report about. Rural Watch reported a theft of York Stone, in Mobberley, very recently.

6. Finance

6.1 The Financial update was given by Phil Gough .

General Account Total: £6,741.71

Lakeside Account: £3,877.12

It has been a good year, and the accounts are healthy as the year draws to end. The Lottery Grant of £9840 for improvements to Clover Drive Open Spaces Area applied for by VB has been received (not yet showing in above balance) and placed in the Lakeside Account. Discussion re. change of name eventually for Lakeside Account – decision later when other finance is received from Persimmon.

Rebate of tax paid for 3 months on Clerk's salary has not been refunded yet.

Phil is in the process of making a change to mandate. He has now arranged the Direct Debit for the Clerk's salary and this should now be in operation, monthly.

- 6.2 To approve the payments for this month. Cheques were signed for outgoings this month, for clerk's expenses and gardening/tidying at the Village Hall.
- 6.3 Payments received during last month. This amounts to £202.00 received and paid in to the General current account, it being the money from hire of the Village Hall.
- 6.4 Decision taken that clerk will update councillors each month with details of cheques signed each month.

7. Correspondence and Reports

7.1 Cheshire Community Action: Buildings Network : meeting at Manley – PG attended this. Guy Morris, Team Leader Licensing Process was the guest speaker. Different licenses are needed for events and circumstances. 12 licences are allowed each year. More than that it is necessary to have a permanent licence. Many villages do not have their own Village Hall, but use the Community Hall in their area, and pay the hire charges.

7.2 Jubilee Celebrations update: AS updated the council members with a report on the recent Jubilee Meetings. A resident of the village, Simon Read, is leading a group of volunteers to organise the event. Planning is now underway for the event to be held on Saturday 2nd June, with a procession (theme of fancy dress – Jubilee and Royalty) starting at 2pm down Park Lane to the IROS, where marquees will have been set up, and families can picnic, representing one big Street Party! A children's entertainer will be in attendance during the afternoon, together with music. The Pavillion will be open for 'Teas'. There will be a fancy dress prize. It is hoped that there will be a ceiledah run by the PTA at Wincham School, in the evening. Simon Read will also organise this event. AS suggested that the Parish Council do something for the children to commemorate the day, such as an engraved medal as a keepsake. Agreed by all councillors. AS will look into cost and number of children.

7.3 Clover Drive and Open Spaces:

As stated in Finance the Lottery Grant has been received, which will go towards equipment for the Playground Area on Clover Drive. The Fund cannot be used until the final hand-over from Persimmon has taken place. There are still some anomalies with the legalities of this and our solicitor is clarifying these. VB intends to proceed with the process of getting the area sorted out as soon as possible after the legal hand-over.

The footpath across the open spaces area at the end of Clover Drive, is not a public right of way and the lockable post will be kept locked to prevent access to vehicles.

7.4 CT stated that the signs on some of the roads were in need of replacement: Merehaven Close, Mere Lane and Wellfield Close. Clerk to report to Highways.

8. Planning

8.1 Decisions made by Cheshire East Borough Council:

11/4563M Red Lion Park Lane Approved with conditions.2.2.12

8.2 No applications received last month

8.3 Neighbourhood Development Planning: AS raised this topic and Planning Committee will arrange their own meeting to discuss this.

9. Report from CE Councillor Steve Wilkinson re: Cheshire East Borough Council Nil – Steve Wilkinson unable to be at the meeting

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners

10.1 Web site: CT updated the Councillors has been developing the framework of the new web-site for Pickmere. He has given permission that information can be lifted from the old site to the new one (new Host). He detailed many of the items that will be present on it, including meetings of the Parish Council, days of activities in the village, eg Santa and Fun Day, and the history of Pickmere, including old post cards. The agenda for the Council meetings will also be on the site. Once this has been completed the Councillors will be able to agree on it, before it is finally set up.

10.2 Spinks Lane: CT

10.2.1 Highways Issues: CT reported recent correspondence via email concerning Spinks Lane receiving Highways input for repair. Because it is adopted it has to be attended to at least a minimum standard. This aspect will be addressed at a later date: give priority at the moment to the enforcement aspect.

10.2.2 CT reported that he had received an email today, from Caroline Simpson, Head of Regeneration, with whom AS, VB, CT and PG had met with 6 weeks ago. Caroline had informed them that she would be back in contact with information in the next 4 weeks. Decision: Clerk to contact Caroline Simpson asking for further meeting to gain update.

10.3 Red Lion Car Park:AS – Dealt with in Open Forum

10.4 Village Hall: Discussion/Decision for forthcoming meeting:

11 Items for next meeting's agenda –

11.1 Timetable for co-opt councillor

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd April
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**R Fogerty
Clerk to Pickmere Parish Council**

