

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

## IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1. **Present:** A Shore (Chairperson), C Tarrant (Vice Chairperson), P Gough, R Peppal, S Read, V Brown, R Fogerty (Clerk).  
**Apologies:** SW  
**Public:** 1
2. **Minutes –**
  - 2.1 The Minutes of the meeting on February 3rd 2015 were approved and signed by A Shore (Chairperson).
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: Nil.
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Nil
4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
  - 4.1 NIL
  - 4.2 PCSO: (Absent) The Clerk had received a short report from her, stating she will do a Police Surgery on March 11<sup>th</sup>. She reported briefly on incidences of theft from motor vehicles in areas near Pickmere.
5. **Planning**
  - 5.1 Applications received during February:  
15/0192M Erection of stables block in paddock at Crown Farm Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LL. Awaiting report from our Planning Committee.
  - 5.2.1 Applications decided upon during February:  
15/0060M Amendments to 14/1966M, proposed rear extension and 1<sup>st</sup> floor balcony with internal alterations 10 Jacob's Way Pickmere WA16 0GZ. Approved.
  - 5.2.2 14/5306M Extension of internal service roads on Cheshire Showground Clayhouse Farm Flittogate Lane Tabley. Approved.
6. **Finance: Councillor Gough absent: Clerk will update:**
  - 6.1 To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques: Pest Control, Clerk's expenses, Cleaner VH, C Tarrant expenses, Community Pride entry fee.
  - 6.2 Financial up date: PG reported on Gas DD payment being raised, and an

Electricity DD reduction.

The balances at the end of February are: General account £17,338.66 and Land Asset Account £13,313.74 (inc. Bond investment).

**6.3** Payments received from lettings during last month: VB reported on £372 being received for the last couple of months of 2014, and £572 from January 2015, some of this income includes payments in advance by regular hirers of the VH.

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

**7.1** Neighbourhood Planning: AS reported that Cheshire East Council have suggested that our Parish Council produces its own Neighbourhood Plan. A start was made in developing this tonight and the Parish Council will communicate fully at a later date.

**7.2** Bookings for Village Hall, including using Hire Agreement Forms:

AS reported that Councillor VB will take over the 'Bookings of the Village Hall' from Joan Webb. PG suggested that payments for the use of the Hall should be taken in the form of 'cheques' and not cash, thereby reducing the risk that this involves.

From now on the new Booking Form will be used. The Clerk, RF, stated that she and her husband, Alan, will carry out the bookings/heating duty if VB is away. Alan will explain the heating controls to VB, together with passing on the 'time sheet' that he uses for the regular daily heating times. These times appear to have worked well during this winter season, and particularly since the new boiler was fitted.

CT will add these changes in booking the VH etc. to our web-site.

**7.3** Manhole cover IROS: The Clerk has reported this incident in need of attention to United Utilities.

**8. HS2:** Nil further to report on this item.

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

SW not present tonight.

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

**10.1** SID's: AS stated that there has been a problem of 'speeding' through the village for years and this was mentioned when the 'Parish Plan' first came into being. AS has observed that if there are 'slow down signs' around then motorists do seem to take notice. Agreement was reached to go ahead and purchase two solar powered SID's.

Olivia Hunter, CE councillor, present at this meeting, informed the council that if Pickmere Council go ahead and purchase two SID's then CE will fund a third one.

Councillor Hunter will email the clerk on further details. Cheshire East will advise

on where they should be situated and they will then fit them.

The cost of one SID is £1500.

**10.2.1** Council and Clerk's 'holiday' month: Decision that the Council will take their 'summer break' during August and therefore a Parish Council will not be held during that month. The Clerk was granted her holiday request.

**10.2. 2** (Additional agenda item) The Clerk informed the council on the forthcoming Parish Elections of Cheshire East which will be held in addition to the General Election, on May 5<sup>th</sup>. She gave each councillor a nomination form which they must complete if they wish to be nominated again. She will hand deliver their forms if they wish, to CE on March 30<sup>th</sup>. If they so wish they can hand deliver their own.

**10.3** Community Pride Competition: 'The Best Kept Village' entry part of the competition must be completed by the end of next week – a cheque of £28 was signed tonight for the entrance fee. Further categories can be entered for later this month. CT is dealing with these.

**10.4** Maintenance of Play area: Amos has cut the hedges at the Play Area.

**10.5** Agreement re : the 'Painting' which has been donated as a gift to the PC from Helen Myers, whose father painted the picture. It is of the Lakeside area when the funfair was situated there. CT has framed the painting together with some 'old photos' also given to us by the family. These will now be hung in the Pavillion and Helen is delighted with this arrangement and the way that CT has framed them.

## **11. Items for next meeting's agenda – April 2015**

SID's

Heartstart and Defibrillator

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

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