

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 592

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014

AT 7.30 PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Councillor R Pepall

Public: None

PCSO S.Emmerson attended prior to the meeting at 7.20pm, to report details from February, but could not stay. She left before the actual meeting started.

2. Minutes –

2.1 Corrections: Place ‘Number 591’ at top of ‘Minutes’.

Remove ‘for their’ from 4th line 5.1

Add ‘There will be a court hearing on 21st February’ to Item 7.3.

Add HS2 before ‘Cluster Group...’ to 9.1

9.4 to read ‘housing supply’.

The Minutes of the February 4th Meeting were then approved and signed by A Shore (Chair).

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: Nil

3. Declaration of Interests

Nil

4. Open Forum

4.1 No public

4.2 PCSO: absent

Report for last month : given by A Shore: 3 burglaries in Aston-by-Budworth/High Legh areas and a theft of 80 hens in High Legh

5. Planning

Applications/decisions of planning from Cheshire East Borough Council and other related items.

5.1 Planning Application received since last meeting: Nil

5.2.Planning decisions:13/512M IROS For container at side of Pavillion, Jacob’s Way, Pickmere: Granted

5.3 Crown Farm, Frog Lane, Pickmere – Still awaiting new planning application.

5.4 Planning application 12/4822M: Agricultural Barn and Track off Park Lane Pickmere: AS reported. The clerk has received an email from Peter Hooley. No further action needed now.

6. Finance:

6.1 To approve the payments for this month: Clerk, plus cleaning materials and stock for VH, Cleaner, repair to VH roof and drains, Pest Control, entry fee for Community Pride competition.

6.2 Financial update: PG will report. Land Asset total balance: £14,727.95. General Account: £14,981. Richard Platt's annual payment is due shortly for grass cutting.

Rates Invoice for VH received: this is paid by Direct Debit.

6.3 Payments received during last month: VAT Repayment received via BACS £2004.97.

£1,685.26 will be paid back into Land Asset Current Account. A further VAT rebate claim will be due at end of March.

6.4 Village Hall Maintenance: Report on recent repairs to roof caused by recent gales, and blocked drains: CT organised the necessary work to be done by Chris Oakes.

CT had taken several photos to show the damage caused, and councillors were shown these.

Repairs this consisted of new tiles at the gable end, over the kitchen. The drains had also been attended to due to problems of blockage by roots. The total bill was £500, £380.00 being the Insurance element of the bill. PG explained that it was best for the council to pay this rather than claim on the Insurance, due to the excess we have. The roof was inspected by Chris Oakes and is sound now and no leakages anywhere.

7. Correspondence and Reports From Councillors and to/from clerk.

7.1 Record of checks on VH and Pavillion, re. HSE etc. Risk Assessments. First Aid Box: SR explained the contents of the boxes and the need to check them. SR will check them every 3 months (clerk to put on agenda). There is a book to for the recording of accidents, - to be filled in by persons involved in the injury. Report serious injury to the clerk. Clerk will do laminated signs for the Hall, re. First Aid Box. SR collected Risk Forms from Councillors and will progress with these. The clerk reported that she had discussed Health and Safety aspects to Nina Nitescu who is the cleaner for the VH. The clerk felt that she had understood the importance of this in her cleaning duties of the Hall, and particularly the wearing of gloves when cleaning, and be aware of spray cleaners. She must report any problems to the clerk.

7.2 Spinks Lane: AS reported on this. The court hearing was due to take place on February 21st but now will be heard on 21st July, the previous date did not allow sufficient time for a full report for the judge to consider the case. AS expressed feelings on this whole situation of 'where is the Planning Process' and why is there yet another delay. AS suggested he has a meeting with Michael Jones, CE Leader of the Council, to discuss, and then depending on this to seek a meeting with George Osborne and Eric Pickles. Councillors agreed with this plan and will make arrangements for the appointment with Michael Jones.

7.3 Community Pride Comp. 2014: VB reported that CT will enter 'the Pickmere Web-site' which he has designed, as one of the individual categories of the competition. All councillors agreed on this. The cheque of £28 was signed for the entrance fee. Details for the entrance have to be complete mid April. VB suggested that SR look into the possibility of an entry for the 'Young Peoples category' for 2015.

8. HS2 Update from AS: A Meeting was organised in the Village Hall (entrance by invitation only) on the evening of February 7th, with George Osborne in attendance. This was 'a mile by mile' meeting for areas on the planned route which will be heavily affected. George Osborne re-committed his support for local communities who will be affected. AS has since contacted these local people asked them to write personally to George Osborne, stating their current personal problems, related to trying to sell their properties. Another meeting of the Parish Council HS2 Cluster Group will be arranged in the near future.

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

Two full Council meetings have been held during February, namely Budget and Local Plan.

SW was on leave and therefore not in attendance. There will not be any change to Council Tax was reported in the Budget Meeting.

He will obtain a copy of the Local Plan showing areas of planned housing in the local area.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 Decision on wording of IROS sign: AS read out a draft of the wording on the sign and slight changes were decided upon. The sign will be white and black, 2 feet by 3 feet, and there will be 2 signs; these being made of metal. One will be situated on the gate by the tarmac path down to the lake and one. Decision agreed maximum cost not be more than £600 plus VAT in total.

10.2 Clover Drive: Maintenance: CT has made an arrangement with Amos Wright to take over the annual maintenance of Clover Drive Playground area. He will cut the grass and hedges as necessary and the Council agreed to support this cost. CT will investigate with Amos the feasibility of him maintaining the footpath between Mere Lane and Clover Drive estate.

Fences were damaged in the recent gales the boundary of the 'sundial area' of Clover Drive, where it borders on the gardens of other properties. Repair and replacement panel needed. CT to ask for quote from Chris Oakes. The Parish Council had been informed that the Community Group will pay the costs of maintaining the grass outside the Pavilion and the IROS land.

10.3 Container 'preparation' – ground work, and installation of the container: CT: SW will ask John Curtin for quote to prepare land for siting of this. (The Community Group will pay for the costs of this work and the cost of the container).

11. Items for next meeting's agenda – April 2014

Dog sign

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty

25.2.2014
