

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2015 AT 7.30 PM

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1. **Present:** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), PG, SR, IK, AB, SF, DH, O Hunter (CEC)
RF (clerk) PC Mike Dawber, PCSO S. Emmerson
Apologies: Nil
Public: Nil
2. **Minutes –**
 - 2.1 Correction 7.3 2nd line to read ‘He met’. The Minutes of the last meeting held on October 6th were then approved and signed by AS.
 - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: Nil
3. **Declaration of Interests**
Nil
4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
 - 4.1 No members of the public present.
 - 4.2 PC Dawber and PCSO Sophie Emmerson.
Sophie gave a brief report on last month’s incidents last month.
Mike Dawber and Sophie showed the council a very good quality property marking kit which they recommend as a highly effective deterrent to burglaries for marking valuable items in the home. A limited number may be available at a significantly discounted cost from the police once the price, availability and eligibility criteria has been confirmed. Further details will be published in due course via the website and on noticeboards once we have confirmation of the details.
(This item was discussed 1st on tonight’s agenda, so that the police could leave our meeting after their report etc).
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1 Applications received during October: No: 15/4595M for Conservatory at Cobb Lodge, Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL: No objections have been raised by our council.
 - 5.2.1 Decisions during October:
No: 15/2665M Stables on Land between Lyncroft and Lilac Cottage Frog Lane Pickmere: Planning Permission granted subject to conditions.

5.2.2 15/2241M Proposed Residential development of three units. Location: 34 Pickmere Lane, Pickmere, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0JU: Refused: Inappropriate development of Green Belt Land.

5.3 The impact of proposed development of 1,000 houses Witton Park, Wincham. A meeting with Wincham councillors to discuss this has not yet taken place.

5.4 Spinks Lane: AS and Olivia Hunter (CEC) attended a meeting with M.Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council, in mid-October. CE are not able to make a statement at the present time.

6. Finance: Councillor Gough:

6.1 To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques for the Clerk, VH Cleaner, Chalc, and Plumber.

6.2 Financial up date: PG gave the monthly report on the General Account and Lakeside Account.

6.3 Re-investment of Bond: This is in the process of being re-invested.

6.4 Renewal of Gas/electric contract: To be dealt with shortly.

6.5 Clover Drive Playground Inspections: SR reported that he can carry out the minor repair needed. The clerk has now been in touch with the company who look after CE playgrounds, and they will do our repairs. A few of the councillors offered to form a working party to do a 'clean up job', and they will organise their own date.

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

7.1 Community Pride Competition Awards Evening and results: CT and the Clerk had attended the Presentation Ceremony. Pickmere came 4th in the Best Kept Village for its category and scored 90%. Richard Platt's Caravan Park was awarded a 'Little Gem Award', Peter Ingham was highly commended for the tremendous amount of work he has done to the IROS area hedges and verges, and the Community Group were highly commended for 'The Community Spirit Award. Well done everybody!

7.2 Repair of gate post on path to lakeside: Steve Wilkinson has agreed to do this for the council. Thanks Steve!

7.3 Tree care in IROS area. AS, CT, PG and Steve Wilkinson had met at the IROS to decide on tree management in the area. They will mark trees with coloured markings, relating to those for removal and those to preserve. Machinery will be needed to remove the heavier waste.

8. HS2: AS reported that the Consultation Review is unlikely to take place until December 2016. He felt that it might be appropriate to hold a further 'cluster meeting' with the local parishes, with a view to requesting a meeting with our MP George Osborne particularly with regard to property compensation.

- 9. Report from CE Councillor Olivia Hunter re: Cheshire East Borough Council**
Olivia checked that we had received an update on the Local Plan, which we had.
She also handed a report to the Council on Energy Measures for Vulnerable People, which the Clerk will display on the Notice Board.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 Village Hall Motion for each of the following: requested by Councillor S Read

10.1.1 The Council to investigate the costs associated with the repair and renovation of the Village Hall by seeking professional expert advice. The advice and costs should extend to both internal and external structures: AS asked for the councillors to vote in favour of this motion: Result: Unanimous in favour of this motion.

10.1.2 The Council to seek design and costs for improving the thermal efficiency of the Village Hall in order to achieve lower operating costs and usability. Vote for this Motion: Result: Unanimous in favour of this motion.

10.1.3 The Council to seek the costs of removing the stage floor and replacing with a new floor to match existing main hall: Vote for this Motion: Result: Unanimous in favour of this motion.

10.1.4 The Council seeks to establish the cost of 500m² of farm land adjacent to Village Hall and the Market Value of this building: Vote for this Motion: Result: Unanimous in favour of this motion.

10.1.5 The Council to approve the sum of £500.00 in order for the Chairperson and Clerk to expedite motions approved in **10.1.1-10.1.4** above:

DH proposed, and this was seconded by ID, that the sum of should be raised to £1,000.00. Vote for this Motion to spend up to £1,000.00: Result: Unanimous in favour of this motion.

10.2 Request to apply for Defibrillator, training kit and case (information received by Email from Chalc) SR: Discussion took place and agreement that the Clerk applies on behalf of the Council. SR is qualified as a Heartstart Trainer and will organise training sessions in the Village in due course.

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty