

## Number 581

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson, Andrew Shore, welcomed the new co-opted Councillor, Simon Read. Simon then signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form and this was countersigned by the Chair. The clerk accepted the form and also his Declaration of Interests Form.

The meeting then progressed as per the Agenda:

1. **Present:** A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice), J Webb, V Brown, R Peppal, S Read.

**Apologies:** S Wilkinson, P Gough.

**Public:** 11 persons.

2. **Minutes:**

2.1 Approved and signed by the Chair.

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: AS referred to 8.1 in Minutes from December, confirming that he and CT will attend a meeting with CE with regard to Pickmere Parish Council's submission for the Public Inquiry Re: Spinks Lane.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

Nil

4. **Open Forum**

4.1 Several residents asked questions individually. Resident 1 asked what the council are planning to do following the announcement last week of HS2. (High Speed Phase 2 of the rail from Birmingham to Manchester). He requested that action should start before the return of Councillor S Wilkinson. The resident named his objections in relation to this line in that it will destroy homes, businesses and it would blight the complete surrounding area of Pickmere. Resident 2 wanted assurance that AS would start acting immediately and not wait for SW to return. A further resident was concerned about property prices, in that he has his property up for sale. Other issues were concerning, environmental impact, speed of the trains and noise. JW requested that AS give some explanation and assurance now, to the residents, bending the normal rule that in 'Open Forum' the public can only ask questions. AS 'brought forward' **Item 7 HS2** and proceeded to inform the public that he had tried to find out as much information as possible over the last week. Initially, there were 8 routes at the commencement of HS2 planning. AS will investigate why this one was chosen, that affects Pickmere. AS gave details on size of track, number of trains and amount of passengers He had already attended a meeting with George Osborne, MP, Michael Jones (Leader of the Cheshire East Council) and members of CWAC. This was the first opportunity anyone had of meeting with George Osborne over this proposal. AS is planning a 'Cluster Meeting' with all Chairpersons in the parishes in the 'High Legh' Ward to meet and discuss the best way forward. Rostherne parish will be included, and also Jamie Macrae, CE Councillor, Prosperity and Economic Regeneration Portfolio Holder. At a later stage, meetings will include other groups in

Cheshire. Final decisions on this will be taken on SW's return. AS is attending a meeting tomorrow night with Chalc. CT had requested to have an 'outline set of words' to be entered in 'Pickmere Press' and these have now been entered on the Parish website. AS has requested a larger set of drawings from Mike Jones; await receiving these. Questions: why is this the only route, why was this route chosen above other options. As regards housing problems there is a process in place to help in this situation but must look into this within next 3 months.

A further resident stated that where the M6-M56 link will go is not shown on the maps. VB felt that Wincham should be included in the Cluster Meeting, but AS said this would be at a later stage. CT thanked AS for all the intensive work and research he had done in the last week, since this was first announced via the press.

A further question was asked by a resident as to whether local points materially important to Pickmere, had been included in the Local Strategic Neighbourhood Plan. (clerk to send letter to resident)

#### **4.2 Questions from Public to PCSO**

Sophie Emmerson introduced herself as the new PCSO for Pickmere. She has just completed her training. She reported on incidents during the last month, several of which were in rural districts around Pickmere itself. There had been one incident of a suspicious vehicle in Pickmere Lane. Generally, it has been a good month for Pickmere.

#### **5. Police Community Support Officer**

As above.

#### **6. Finance**

**6.1** The clerk reported briefly as PG absent.

General Account Balance: £9170.25

Land Asset Account Balance: £2003.81

**6.2** To approve the payments for this month: cheques signed for clerk, pump for CH, cleaner, repairs to guttering at IROS, and Digley Assoc. (Playground check)

**6.3** Payments received during last month: £264 income from letting VH

**6.4** Lottery Fund Expenditure on Clover Drive Playground Area: VB – The Grant has now been signed off satisfactorily. There are still a few things needing attention, such as painting, to do when weather better. PG and VB have contacted Alf Evans, Welder, to repair fences. The annual report has been performed by Digley Associates, cost £54. VB suggested putting £500 aside for repairs etc. to playground. AS suggested to do this annually when report arrives. Closure now on Lottery Fund. Maybe there should be an official opening ? Easter.

#### **7. Correspondence**

**7.1** HS2 – taken forward to follow Item **4.1** because of discussing with public present tonight.

**7.2** AS reported on attending the VH on several occasions, for a period of time, to assess and investigate the functioning of the CH system. This is to try to improve the heat levels. The radiators have been 'bled'. ? get report from a Heating Engineer. Put on hold for time being.

**7.3** VB suggested that Parish Council assets should be put into 'a Trust', in perpetuity. Clerk to put on the agenda for next meeting where VB she will explain benefits in more detail.

**7.4** VH Maintenance: VB raised issue of damp proofing course. AS said this is to be discussed by the Sub-Committee.

## **8. Planning**

**8.1** No decisions last month.

**8.2** Application No. 12/4899M: Extension to 1 Royles Cottage, Pickmere Lane. Comments made by sub-committee: Extension large, relative to properties. Recommended that CE Planning take notice of what neighbours views are on this application.

Application 12/4822M: Agricultural Barn: Land off Park Lane, Pickmere. This application has been deemed to be invalid by Planning Dept. CE

**8.3** Public Inquiry Date for Spinks Lane: CT: 25.3.13

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

Nil

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

**10.1** VH: Cleaner increase in hours:AS: Majority agreement in this new arrangement, with new cleaner who started beginning of January. This will be at an increase of £5 per session. Clerk requested to have the Village Hall outside windows cleaned in Spring, as a one-off. Agreed by councillors.

**10.2** Best Kept Village and Community Pride Competition entry. VB informed the council that we will have to enter the next category as our population is over 600 now; RF to check on population number. Entries considered for 'Website' and 'Photography' for this year's competition.

**10.3** Agree Location of signs: CT and VB: Award signs. CT informed us that resident George Enion will assist with this. CT will obtain a post to mount these on. For the playground area signs CT will also obtain wood for framework, and the sign will be situated at the back of the play area. Resolved.

**10.4.** Notice Board at IROS: In need of repair. VB will refer this to George Enion.

## **11. Items for next month's agenda**

**11.1 Consider Assets being placed in 'a Trust'**

**11.2 PCSO Contract**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

## **Agenda Part B:**

Items discussed in the absence of Press and Public.

Resolution of Council so to do:

**12.** Summer Holiday break for Council: Discussed and resolved by Council

**13.** PCSO Contract: Agenda for March



