

**MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2009
AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall, P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk) N White (Auditor) George Walton (Cheshire East Councillor) PCSO Andrew Walton

APOLOGIES: P Gough

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- Mr and Mrs Howe, Antony Molyneaux, Phil Kuehnle

Joan Webb introduced PCSO Andy Dolan and invited him to speak first. He told Council he has now been out and about for one month. He will hold 'surgeries' at the Village Hall and so far 3 of those are arranged: 30.4.09, 21.5.09 and 11.6.09. Two will be in the evening and one in the afternoon. Anyone with any issues can go along and speak to him, privately if necessary. VB reported that drug-takers have been around at the Lake. She had heard that cannabis is being grown in the nearby area.. Mr Dolan stated that they use thermal imaging from a plane and there have not been any visible signs when that was done. The bird hide was found to be boarded up.

1. MINUTES

Insertion into "CORRESPONDENCE"" to read 'to object in principle' .
Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb, Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

RF reported that she had communicated with Cheshire Community Action and United Utilities re. the huge increase in surface water charges for the Village Hall; Council will only be charged from last year onwards for surface water from the Hall itself, and not car park as that permeable surface. This reduces the amount greatly. Now had a rebate from last year of £72. Also Alan Fogerty (by permission of Joan Webb) has sent a map to United Utilities, to be considered for further reduction. Council thanked RF and Alan for work done on this.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White (auditor) reported on Accounts. She had received formal notice from the Inland revenue. There is no fine to pay, and no need to run a PAYE Scheme at this point in time. This could be necessary when there is a change in employee. This information will be sent to the Audit Commission. The Lakeside balance is £10,039 and the General Account £4251.83 (current £428.55). VB queried a grant amount in Lakeside Account – explained by NW (awaiting payment for drainage at IROS). The accounts were then accepted and signed by JW. NW will prepare final accounts for end of year and prepare audit for next meeting.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
Lakeside	100070	JW.VB	WAP Lawton	7.4.09	3991.94
General	101381		R Fogerty expenses	7.4.09	43.71
“	101382	JW.SW	R Fogerty salary	7.4.09	229.00
“	101383	JW.SW	V Brown (re. VH repair floor)	7.4.09	30.00
“	101384	JW.SW	Cheshire East Rates VH	7.4.09	446.20
“	101385	JW.SW	Methodist Ch Hall. Hire	7.4.09	10.00
“	101386	JW.SW	Chesh. Com. Action membership VH	7.4.09	335.00
	101387	JW.SW	Chalc membership	7.4.09	166.10
“	101388	Cheque prepared	But not signed, for PCSO cost.(Chesh Police)		
“	101389	JW.SW	Chesh. Comm Action PC membership	7.4.09	20.00
“	101390	JW. VB	UES. Speaker planning meeting	7.4.09	254.15
“	101391	JW. VB	Aerial photographer re Spink Lane	7.4.09	224.25

4. OPEN FORUM

Mr and Mrs Howe and Mr Molyneux thanked Council for all the work that had been done on the Spink Lane Planning Application. The application had been heard on March 23rd and been refused. MBC served an enforcement notice on the decision. This affects the site, not the lane. The gypsies have 29 days to appeal. Cheshire East will then take over from MBC with ongoing matters.

JW invited Councillor Walton to speak. He reported that Cheshire East had formally taken over from CCC and MBC on April 1st. The first Council Meeting had been held. Tatton Park Borough now has a new Mayor and a Youth Mayor. Tatton Park Borough now has a new Mayor and a Youth Mayor.

SW asked for the sign for Cheshire East to be moved as blocking exit view from nearby resident. Also Pickmere Village sign went in the process of putting up Cheshire East Sign. RF do letter to Highways re. these issues.

5. PARISH PLAN

Phil Kuehnle who is responsible for ‘hard environment’ in the ‘Plan’ reported that in the questionnaire that pavements were an important issue. It has been requested that the pavement is extended from the end of the one on Park Lane up to Frog Lane near the duck pond.

DH stated he had had a meeting with Stephanie Ward and David Bradburn (Pickmere Press) re. communication. The result was that there will be an extra ‘page’ on the website and called ‘Parish News’. SW asked about publication of the Parish Plan, RP reported that it is generally all being put together with the background information and will be published on Fun Day in August.

6. PLANNING

Application 09/0235P: Garage extension – resubmission Yew Tree Cottage, Pickmere Lane

Councillor Wilkinson declared interest. Remaining Councillors raised no objection provided it accords with Green Belt rules.

Application 09/0265P: Single storey side extension side conservatory and pitched roofs at 7 Mere Close Pickmere

No objection from Council, but please consider neighbours' comments.

Approved: Replacement dwelling at Pickmere Grange Pickmere Lane.

Planning Application for Spink Lane Development had been heard at Committee Meeting 23.3.09 MBC Offices. The application was unanimously rejected. No written report received yet.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

JW read out thank you letter received from Steve Wilkinson (Ex-Chair of Cheshire County Council).

George Walton brought letter re. Cluster meetings. JW, RP and RF will attend first one at Mobberley 23rd April.

Clover Drive Play Area. Email received during March from resident in Pickmere – constant problems in the area. VB drafted a letter to Persimmon - RF to send. RF to contact Fire Service for presentation.

8. NOTICE BOARD

CWB had applied to Manchester Airport for new notice board. They wish to come and see our present boards, on 21st April. CWB will meet them. Decision in July. SW to seek permission for siting of board.

9. IROS (inc. boating on lake)

To discuss boating when PG present. Put on May's agenda.

Drainage of Iros field being done by WAP Lawton. SW feels it will improve it a great deal. The crown part of the field cannot be drained. SW will attend to field when drainage complete. VB to give SW WAP Lawton's invoice.

10. VILLAGE HALL

RF's husband has offered to look at gas and electric prices (one provider) for Village Hall – agreed with his offer.

11. WEB-SITE

DH has changed details from CCC and MBC to 'Cheshire East' and provided new councillors names. New photographs will be put on soon.

CWB showed Dog- Brochures re 'Dog Fouling'. She will obtain more and give to the Dog Training Group who meet weekly at the Village Hall.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village tidy up Sunday 26th April. CWB has organised loan of gloves, litter pickers etc. Antony Molyneaux offered trailer to collect bags of rubbish and take to tip. RF to do notices. She will inform 'Pickmere Press'.

NEXT MEETING IS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5TH MAY

