

Number 563

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH APRIL 2011 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, P Gough, S Wilkinson, R Pepall, A Shore, P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk),
N White (Int.Auditor) PCSO C. Shepherd

APOLOGIES: V Brown, D Harris, CE. Councillor G. Walton.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 2

Also Mr Bob Vass, Rural Housing Enabler attended the meeting, to report to the Council on the recent survey on the need for affordable housing in Pickmere. There was a 38% response, showing there is a small need for affordable housing in our area.

The Chairperson, Joan Webb, announced that one of the Councillors, Mr David Harris, had informed her that he would not be standing for re-election, in the forthcoming Parish elections, on May 5th. In the absence of David, she thanked him for his valuable contribution in his years as a member of the Council. He will, for the time being, continue to run the Pickmere Web-site. Clerk to do formal thank you to David.

1. MINUTES

Last line in table of cheques, Item 3 Finance, should state Cheque No. 101499 (not 101498)

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb, Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Around 50 residents supported the Tree Planting session, of native, young trees obtained by Simon Read, a resident, from Woodland Trust. This event took place on 27th March on the IROS. It was well supported by residents of all ages, with a real feeling of community spirit. The Community Group provided refreshments, and several children helped to take these round, as well as helping to plant. Our PCSO, Clare, also helped. Clerk will place 'Thank You Notice' on board.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White was present, checked that there were no questions, and then had to leave. She will be preparing the Audit for the last 12 months. She has met up with Councillor Phil Gough who will now prepare end of months statements as from April 2011 onwards. NW will organise the PAYE scheme, now required for Clerks, early in the new financial year, 2011/12.

The Balance on the General Account shows £2,936.09 and on the Lakeside Account £4,447.57. These are as at 20.3.11. We are awaiting end of year statements from the Bank.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101500	JW. SW	U.Utilities (waste w)	29.4.11	40.03
“	101501	JW. SW	R Fogerty clerk	5.4.11	249.00
“	101502	JW. SW	R Fogerty Clerk	5.4.11	74.68
“	101503	Error so	Cheque cancelled	---	---
“	101504	JW. SW	Chesh. Com Action	5.4.11	20.00
“	101505	JW.SW	Cheshire East Rates	5.4.11	398.36
“	101506	JW.SW	CPRE (course for VB)	5.4.11	12.50
“	101507	JW.SW	Simply Signs (Trees)	5.4.11	66.00
“	101508	JW.SW	Chalc	5.4.11	185.70
“	101509	JW.SW	Digley (for inspect. Clover Drive Play G	5.4.11	54.00
Lakeside	100076	JW.SW	Transfer to General Ac. (paid in to wrong account originally)	29.3.11	97.00
“	100077	Error	Cancelled	---	---

4. OPEN FORUM

A member of the public stated that there was an error on the Cheques Table shown in the March Minutes – see correction statement in ‘1. Minutes’.

He also wished to know why numbers of cheques in December 2010 Minutes did not follow on consecutively. Clerk replied she would check those Minutes and reply to him. He also requested details of the gross and net costs of the Village Hall, and the costs of a new Village Hall. PG will look into the former, but no costings of a new Village Hall, no plans for this have yet been done. He queried last month’s Minutes that reported that a local farmer will be using a patch of land at the top of the IROS area for his cattle. Explanation of this by JW and SW.

5. PCSO

Clare Shepherd reported on last month being a good one – peaceful! She had done a ‘Speedwatch’ session with one of our volunteers and 18 people were stopped and will be sent warning letters. The speed was 37 + mph. JW reported that our street lights have now been repaired. Clare has obtained 2 ‘Community Speedwatch Area’ signs which SW will site in the village. One as you enter Pickmere, from Pickmere Lane and one on the white railings, on Mere Lane bend. She informed us that Sgt. Adam Moreton and Inspector Kate Woods have now left Knutsford. Steve Griffiths and Sgt. Andrew Miller have taken over, the latter being the Sgt. in charge of PCSOs. There were no incidences of ASB this month. It has been reported that several tree saplings have been dug up and either thrown down, or gone missing. Clare will investigate. There had been a burglary at Aston and one of the Councillors reported a stranger in their yard, whom she reported to the Police.

6. PLANNING

The following applications were received:

Application No: 11/0635M
Proposal: Porch Extension
Location: 21 Wellfield Close Pickmere WA16 0LW

No objection by councillors.

Application No: 11/0333M
Proposal: Proposed Stables including Retention of Hardstanding
Location: Land at Spink Lane Pickmere

Objections raised by Council, taking into account the decisions decided upon at the Public Inquiry on the above site, in May 2010.

Application No. 10/3650M
Demolition and rebuild of Detached Garage
Smithy House Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ

Approved with conditions.

And for:
Application 10/3495M
Single Storey Extension
The Bungalow Mereview Farm Park lane Pickmere WA16 0LG

Approved with conditions:

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Items informed by the Clerk and passed around. Most of this month's letters had been emailed.

PG wishes to attend the Planning and Localism Seminar, along with VB – Clerk to arrange.

8. GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS AND VILLAGE HALL

VH: JW reported that the Village Hall had been left in a badly organised state after letting to a family for a children's party at the weekend. JW getting in contact with person who hired the Hall This had caused great inconvenience to the next user, in that he had had to sort out before his meeting. JW getting in contact with person who hired the Hall

Discussion on proposal for new Village Hall – PG proposed that at the Fun Day in the summer there should be Councillors available to discuss with residents more information on the proposal. Residents could ask questions, etc. AS seconded this.

In the meantime, SW will contact Crown Estates to enquire of the possibility of obtaining more land around the present Village Hall.

CLOVER DRIVE PLAYGROUND AREA: VB had organised an inspection of the area by Digley Associates to assess what needs doing to bring up to standard. Report

received by Clerk. Council been offered a commuted sum of £20,000 to playground and greens. SW has communicated with Cheshire East (Kathy Swindells) over the annual cost of running this for some years to come. Discussion and decision that VB should go back to Persimmon and try to negotiate increase on the original offer. JW proposed to move forward on this and this was seconded by SW.

9. IROS

A member of CPRE had made contact with SW re boating speeds on lake. A meeting will take place at the Pavillion around mid-April between some of Pickmere PC and Wincham, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and members of both Unitary Authorities. Clerk will inform VB (absent from meeting tonight).

SW and AS had installed chesnut paling in areas of the IROS, particularly those gaps where the Dutch Elm Trees had been felled.

JW reported that a resident had very kindly painted the Notice Board at the Pavillion and expressed thanks to him.

Permissive Path around lake- Notice not to be placed on Notice Board, as the path is not owned by the Council.

10. REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS LAST MONTH

JW, VB, AS and the Clerk had attended a talk given by Chris Allman, Project Manager for Local Service Delivery. This was also attended by SW, who declared interest. Mr Allman briefed us on forthcoming Local Service Deliver by Cheshire East. Await further information.

11. WEB-SITE

David Harris has updated this and will continue to do this for the time being. Clerk to contact him if any changes or additions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on changes in Meeting times for near future. The May meeting (AGM) will take place on Monday May 9th at the Pavillion, - change due to forthcoming Parish Elections, and there will not be a meeting in July, but as normal on Tuesday August 2nd.

Local elections due to take place on Thursday May 5th. They will comprise of AV Referendum, Local Parish and Borough elections. Councillor Steve Wilkinson he has been elected unopposed as our new Cheshire East Councillor for High Legh Ward.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY MAY 9TH

**AT 7.30PM
IN THE PAVILLION**

