

Number 527

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 7TH 2007 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Fogerty Clerk)
N White (Auditor)

APOLOGIES: R Pepall, T Daffurn, Charles Oulton

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None present

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting and accepted signed by Joan Webb (Chair)

2. MATTERS ARISING

VB reported on phoning Cathy Swindells re adoption of open spaces in Clover Drive area. The 106 agreement had only covered the playing field area. SW asked for RF to do letter to MBC asking for report on what needed to be done to the area around Clover Drive in order that they would adopt it. Perhaps it would be possible, on seeing the report, for Pickmere Parish Council to contribute to getting the area up to the right standard so that it can be adopted.

CWB had been in touch with Alf and he will be dropping the invoice in to CWB shortly re. the repair sundial and railings (check on latter in due course). Sundial now back in rightful place.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White reported on Accounts to end of June. She asked if the new format she is now presenting them in is easier to understand for Council – agreed!

Lakeside Account has balance of £10,360.77, and to date £260 has been spent on tree surgery and £66 interest obtained on the account. There has not been any hire money for the Pavillion. JW stated that the Community Group pay their hire fee in one lump sum at the end of the year.

General Account has balance of £8,707.13 to date, the main outgoing being Insurance of £1,323.19 and the Clerk's salary and expenses being £568.59.

All forms etc have now been completed by Nicky and forwarded to the external auditors, Hacker Young, for annual inspection and we await their report.

Joan Webb reported receiving letter from Mereside Brass Band, who have hired the Village Hall for some time now, on a regular basis. They informed her they are moving to new premises, due to the band now being too large for their group in our Hall, and this also this presents difficulties in parking. They have now cleared all their belongings, including filing cabinet. RF had done letter to band group to acknowledge this. The income from the hire of the Hall by the band represented 25% of income for hire last year.

Sale Moor Angling Club had paid their annual fishing licence fee of £150.00. Mr Davis, from Sale Moor Angling, reported to Joan Webb that while they were fishing they saw some youths just before dark, who had gin, vodka bottles, making a noise. Mr Davis asked them to move the rubbish. He was verbally abused, and the rubbish was left. Mr Ingham and Mr Robinson, from the village, cleared the mess. Later 2 picnic tables had to be repaired, and some hooks that hold the Pavillion doors back, had to be repaired as they had been snapped off.

Sale Moor Angling Club had asked for a key to be placed in a locked box near Pavillion, to contain a key to the gate, to enable disabled fishermen to drive down to Lake, leave tackle, and go up and park car. Discussion on this by Council, would present problems leaving keys, one hoped that disabled person would have helper. Also there is disabled access through small gate at side of large gates, suitable for wheelchair users. Council decided no. JW will contact Mr Davis re. this.

Incidents in vicinity of Lake re. taking off chains on gates. Attachments on gates have been unscrewed etc. SW done repairs. RF do letter/phone call to Mike Nash, police to ask them to observe area.

FINANCE CONT.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101260	JW SW	Chalc course CWB	19.6.07	20.00
“	101261	JW SW	Gas VH	22.6.07	118.40
“	101262	JW SW	R Fogerty Clerk Salary	2.7.07	123.38
“	101263	JW.SW	U U. Pavillion	17.7.07	23.62
“	101264	JW SW	U.U. V Hall	17.7.07	38.46
“	101265	JW SW	P. Clarke Gardener	17.7.07	110.00
“	101266	JW SW	Chalc. T Daffurn	19.7.07	20.00
“	101267	JW SW	R Fogerty Clerk salary	07.8.07	123.38
“	101268	JW SW	R Fogerty Expenses	07.8.07	58.60
“	101269	JW SW	Scot Power Elec. V Hall	07.8.07	47.58
“	101270	VB SW	J Webb for cleaning materials VH	07.8.07	13.26
“	101271	JW SW	J Gracey cleaner VH	07.08.07	112.00

4. **OPEN FORUM**

DH had been asked to speak on behalf of Brian and Jean Howe and John Ward re. the trees opposite Crofters Close, in that several appear dead. (Dutch Elm). Could cause serious problems in village if they fell across road. SW said possibly 8-10 affected. Steve will look into this with Macclesfield Highways.

5. **PLANNING**

Application No: 07/1369P

Proposal: Front conservatory

Location: Moss View Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ

No objection provided close neighbours do not object (these plans were viewed by 3 Councillors near end of June, due to there not being a meeting in July).

The following have been granted

Formation of Manege at Church Farm, School Lane Pickmere

Rear conservatory 1 Crofters Close Pickmere

Bicycle Store, Front of Property (restrospective) 6 Beaver Close Pickmere

Side Conservatory Moss View Frog Lane Pickmere

Refused

Extension and conversion of existing detached barn to form ancillary accommodation (resubmission) at Smithy House Frog Lane Pickmere.

JW reported activity at Chapel House Farm re skips, workmen, work knocking down parts of building. Council not been sent any correspondence re application etc. RF to telephone Planning at MBC and enquire if any plans have been submitted.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE (JUNE AND JULY 2007)**

1. Code of Conduct to be adopted (**action in Item 7 agenda**)
2. Community Pride Comp **Reply needed (VB took this)**
3. Local Govt. Reorg._letter and attachments. (**PC sent letter by email**)
(**RF reply**)
4. **Questionnaire** re CCTV (was brought up at last meeting and said to bring again)
(filled in to send)
5. Macclesfield and Trafford Meeting 7th August. Minutes to last meeting attached.
6. MBC form filled in for inspection of premises for polling station.
7. Chalc Bulleting re highlights form June Exec. Committee.
8. What's on leaflets
9. Bus Pass for over 60's – put on notice board
10. Mereside Brass moving to Plumley – RF replied from Joan Webb.
11. Police Forum newsletter and further leaflets etc
12. Playing fields – CCC
13. Manchester Airport Invitation – Member of PC to attend 4th Sept.
14. CCC Community Support Centre Consultation (JW took this)

Correspondence cont.

15. MBC reply from Beverley Wilders Principal Planning Officer replying on behalf of David Garratt – nil further from her! (RF to reply)
16. Henbury Parish Council re unitary structure
17. Tools for litter leaflet
18. Card from Macc. Re will look into flytipping
19. Cheshire Matters
20. Cheshire Rural View
21. Cheshire Village Halls Newsletter
22. MBC Notice of Meetings

RF had followed up by phone with Sheila Malley , re “Reels on Wheels”. Not possible in our village hall due to size etc. RF contact Andree Edwards who requested this in the village.

SW briefed the Council on Item 3 in correspondence re Local Govt. reorganisation. He stated that regarding the proposed single unitary versus the two unitary areas of East and West Cheshire the Secretary of State came out with the statement that she was “minded” to go for the 2 unitary proposal, but there are risks to this achieving the outcomes specified by the affordability criterion.in Cheshire; but this is not a final decision. She is now writing to Chester City Council to ask them to put forward a third submission to see whether a convincing financial case is to be made. If not, the indications are that the single unitary solution proposed by the County Council will be implemented, which meets all criteria. Final decision next year. RF to do letter in support of single unitary.

7. ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

SW proposed adoption of the Code of Conduct, including Paragraph 12.2. This was unanimously agreed by Council.

8. IROS – SUBCOMMITTEE

No Meetings held. Next meeting Tuesday 14th August at 10 am. Pavillion.
PG mentioned trees around lake have grown so large that impossible to view the lake from certain areas. Discuss at meeting formerly mentioned.

9. VILLAGE HALL

JW/RF had installed necessary “No smoking” signs in Hall and toilets to comply with latest law on “No smoking” in public buildings.

10. PARISH PLAN

RP had asked CWB to report in his absence. She reported that RP had shown Bron Kerrigan the plan so far. She had stated we are jumping the gun to start with a questionnaire at this stage. We need to have a Public Meeting first. There is funding available for the initial stage.

SW replied saying need to get on with initial stages and suggest RP, CWB and TD come up with initial plan/stage at Sept 4th Meeting. CWB to ask RP to send Bron’s reply to all Councillors. RF to give copies to JW and VB

11.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Web-Site

SW thanked DH for the work so far and stated he is doing a brilliant job, on developing the Pickmere Parish Council site. Presentation etc. looks really good. Dave had emailed everyone with attachments to view so far. He brought lap-top to meeting so all could view, who had not seen so far!

Cheshire Showground

PG reported that he had had an apology from Nigel Evans, Cheshire Showground over the 6 hour delay/queues in the area, from the June Cheshire Show. PG to do letter concerning this.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR

4TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.30PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL