

Number 531

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2007 AT THE TURTON PAVILLION PICKMERE

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall,
R Fogerty Clerk) N White (Auditor). Charles Oulton (MBC)

APOLOGIES: C Wilcox-Baker,

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 3: Mr and Mrs Howe, Antony Molyneux
Mr Matthew Clayton (Environmental Enforcement Officer MBC) attended re fly tipping.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

- i) Dead elms. SW reported Simon Davis, Highways, has inspected and will order to be removed. Those which are on Mr Bloor's land will be dealt with when the sheep are off the land.
- ii) RF reported that Jeremy Lawton will deal with Japanese Knotweed in proximity to above, in the spring.
- iii) Daffodil Planting has now been done by volunteers around the village.
- iv) Drain on lakeside path still to be dealt with (SW).
- v) SW dealing with hedge laying (getting estimate for this).
- vi) Security lights at Pavillion (another one at back needs attention) PG dealing with this.
- vii) Microwave – no action as yet.
- viii) Partition in Gent's Toilet at VH now in place and bulkhead light done.
- ix) Put signs on Insurance (include theft and impact).
- x) Pat Mather had enquired re. JW about the Parish Council vacancy. Her letter of application was read out. Nominated by JW, seconded by VB. RF send her a letter.

Following this JW asked Mr Mather Clayton to speak. Explained his roll. Two incidents of fly-tipping of builders waste had been reported on Spinks Lane Pickmere, at the end of the adopted area, 130metres from road, where lane becomes footpath. He asked for suggestions on how to prevent this. JW reported also that netting fence had been taken down. SW suggested that we ask for Spinks Lane to be stopped up, gated and kissing gate place there, to prevent people with vans and trailers driving down there, but will need to turn into for farmers who do use. To do in agreement with landowners. JW will contact the latter. RF do letter to Simon Davis. Matthew Clayton can be contacted direct on 01625 504787 if further problems, and encourage people to report any incidents.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White (Internal Auditor) presented the month's financial position. The end of October balance for the Lakeside Account is £10,692.22 and the General Account is £10,929.90. No significant movement during October, but several large cheques due to go out for November. Precept requirement to be sent to MBC early in January. On the figures in the accounts. £1500 had been transferred from Tracker General to Current General in view of this.

Councillors discussed precept and agreed to keep the precept the same as 2007, i.e. £5,500. RF to fill in application form for this and send to MBC.

NW stated that the Bookings Income has dramatically reduced since we lost the Brass Band, probably about £500 next year. We have about £1100 reliable income. Continue allowance for Car Park. Allow £8,740 as average expenditure.

VB mentioned much larger bill for Gas. NW will send bills for Gas for VB to see. Clerk reported increase in her salary (this month includes back pay to April).

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101289	JW/VB	N White (ex gratia) finance.	4.12.07	150.00
"	101290	JW/VB	M Whittaker. Partition Toilet VH	4.12.07	508.71
"	101291	SW/VB	J Webb. Cleaning Materials VH	4.12.07	10.02
"	101292	JW/VB	R Fogerty Salary Clerk	4.12.07	152.00
"	101293	JW/VB	R Fogerty expenses	4.12.07	159.43
"	101294	JW/VB	J Gracey Cleaner	4.12.07	72.00
"	101295	JW/VB	R Harris (website)	4.12.07	600.00
"	101296	JW/VB	Philip Clarke gardener.	4.12.07	140.00
"	101297	JW/VB	Richard Pepall. Parish Plan expenses from grant.	4.12.07	101.00

4. OPEN FORUM

Antony Molyneux told Council that he had submitted architect drawings for a building on Brindlewood land. Asked Council for their support. Residents around this are aware and he was advised to make sure he had their support for the plan. VB asked for copy of the plan.

5. PLANNING

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Insertion of Rooflights in rear elevation and insertion of 2 ground floor windows in side elevation.

Mere View House, 12 Jacob's Way, Pickmere

Plans seen out of council during October, due to date required for return. No objection provided close neighbours do not object.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A List of October correspondence was given to Council by RF.

RF reply re Cheshire Peaks and Plains.

DH to deal with letter/form re Waste Management Services.

Possible Criminal Records Checks. RF already replied on this saying not needed for our Council.

Cheshire Petting Zoo – RP took this, may be considered by Community Group.

Chalc News Letter, What's On, gritting routes distributed.

7. BOATING ON LAKE

Charles Oulton (Macclesfield Borough Councillor) opened the discussion on this topic. Councillors are concerned re. power boating on the Lake. The lake is under split authorities: Macclesfield and Vale Royal. Access for this is via riparian owners land - David Platt and Sue Walworth. (Vale Royal) and is available 6 days a week. Decision to pursue allowing it one day per week. Concern for wildlife and noise it creates. DH proposed, seconded by PG to wait and see if Parish Plan develops, what residents really want. If no progress, Charles Oulton suggests legal route. Charles will arrange to meet David Platt and Sue Walworth. Lake seasonally closed at moment.

8. IROS

SW will attend to drain pipe during December.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Partition in Gents Toilet now done. SW attended to cleaning gutters. Need repairing, leaking etc. SW will organise – if around £200 will go ahead. Outside needs painting. Put on March Agenda.

10. WEB-SITE

Now launched (7th November). David Harris will receive instruction from his son Richard, on how to operate it.

11. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

RP reported reasonable turn out to 2 initial meetings. 29 people offered to help. Next Meeting 17th December 7.30pm Village Hall. Bron Kerrigan coming. Now used the £250.00 grant money on expenses to kick-start and arrange so far.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RF reported on recent meeting with Tony Snelson (Service Delivery Manager MBC) re Fire Prevention. JW attended also. Campaign to get every household to have home assessment and update smoke alarms. Open to everyone to apply. Over 65's, mobility problem people, families with children take priority, but everyone apply now! Obtain form from PO or apply by phone – 01606 868454. Forms will also go out with this month's Pickmere Press. RF to arrange with Brenda Wilkinson.

Local Government Review was due to make announcement early December, postponed for a week.

SW has passed on information to Brenda Wilkinson (Pickmere Press) re Web-site and Rural Watch.

RF had received phone call and detailed email from David Quartermain re wishing to organise a supervised swimming group on Pickmere Lake during the summer. RF to contact him and invite him to come to February 5th Meeting and meet Council and discuss with them.

No meeting January due to New Years Day being the Tuesday normally held on.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR 5th FEBRUARY
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM**

