

Number 540

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 2ND 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, D Harris, R Pepall, P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk) N White (Auditor)

APOLOGIES: S Wilkinson, P Gough

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

1. MINUTES

Correction to Minutes: Page 2, Line 1 should read 'an extra' not 'and', and also Item 4 Line 4 should be 'received'. Minutes of the last meeting then accepted and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

CWB referred to last month's Open Forum re. resident in Tabley organising petition on speeding. Resident in touch with Stephanie Ward, and going to attend Parish Plan Meeting to discuss further.

3. FINANCE

Nicola White (Auditor) reported little movement this month.

Balances: General Current Account: £2738.00 and Deposit £5301.79

Balances: Lakeside Current Account: £1283.65 and Deposit £6909.83

The Audit for this year is now complete and cheque signed for Audit Commissioner's Fee. The Parish Council must now be registered with the Inland Revenue. Nicola White is dealing with necessary forms for this, along with the Clerk.

The Clerk reported on attending a Clerks' Forum Meeting, where discussion had taken place on precepts. (Also on PCSO's) Nicola will prepare plan for 2009 precept during next few weeks. There may be a Chalc Meeting during December re. PCSO's which RF said 2 councillors would be invited to attend.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101355	JW.VB	B Gas Village Hall	18.11.08	29.01
"	101356	JW.VB	R Fogerty (salary)	2.12.08	271.02
"	101357	JW.VB	R Fogerty (extra pay)	2.12.08	200.00
"	101358	JW.VB	N White (auditor)	2.12.08	150.00
"	101359	JW.VB	Audit Commission	2.12.08	158.63
"	101360	JW.VB	C Bell (Boiler VH)	2.12.08	80.00
"	101361	JW.VB	P Clarke (Garden VH)	2.12.08	125.00
	101362	JW.VB	R Fogerty Expenses	2.12.08	27.15

JW said there would be a need for more money in the fund to fight the development issue on Spink Lane. She asked council to consider £500 donation from the Council to the Pickmere Area Residents Group. VB proposed this go ahead, and seconded by RP. Money to be on hold for the present time, in our accounts.

4. OPEN FORUM

Mr Molyneaux thanked the Clerk for expediting the Certificate for his land.

Mrs Howe requested that Item 'Parish Plan' on the monthly Agenda, be brought forward to follow 'Open Forum', so that the 'public' could be in attendance for that item. JW granted request, Clerk noted to take effect next meeting onwards. (For tonight, Parish Plan Item to follow this, but reported as in No. 11. in these Minutes)

5. PLANNING

Received:

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development for Mr A. Molyneaux re. land adjacent to Meadowcroft, Pickmere Lane.

Application Received:

No. 08/2196P

Change of Use of Land from Agricultural to Domestic Use for the Stationing of 3 Mobile Homes and 3 Touring Caravans

Location: The Caravans, Spink Lane, Pickmere Knutsford CW9 6EB

Objection by Council to this development.

The Councillors had already had a copy of the plans a week previously, but inspected the drawings of the area during the meeting, as did members of the public. A draft letter was planned during the meeting, and points of objection agreed on by all councillors present. Mention of various points, eg. Proximity to Cheshire Show Ground, ecology, environment, highways, no evidence of having looked for brown field sites, barn owls, VB to 'finalise' the draft letter and email to Clerk, to send officially from Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from resident re Clover Drive Playground – she has complained to developers. RF to email also to back up the residents. (Email also received from MBC saying they are in touch with the developers)

2 Emails during month complaining of signage at 'Red Lion Pub'. RF to do letter asking them to remove all not on their land.

Other correspondence seen by councillors, no further actions.

7. NOTICE BOARDS

Nil to report as SW not present tonight.

8. IROS

VB reported that 2 elm trees have been cut down on the track, so expect invoice shortly. There is a grant that can be applied for, maximum £2000.00. VB suggested applying for this and putting towards drainage of land on IROS. Quote from J Lawton £3,500 for this. Work needs to be completed by 31.03.09 to comply with grant. VB to go ahead with application.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Nil to report

10. WEB-SITE

Nil to report

11. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

RP reported on a 52% return of completed application forms, which is apparently a good response. About 6 themes were identified, such as communications, speeding, hard and soft environment, green issues, sports and social leisure. Next meeting 10.01.09. Trying to get more volunteers and form teams to take forward. On track to launch on Pickmere Family Fun Day next August. Phil Kuehnle said he is trying to circulate some information on aspects of communication. VB asked re. speeding concerns, and asked if they could access the information obtained to support the objection to the development on Spink Lane. (This item will be No 5 on the Agenda in future so that members of the public can remain for it after Open Forum).

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DH had attended a Chalc Meeting at Astbury re. East Cheshire Council. It is said they are keen to listen to parish councils and appreciate that parishes will have different needs. Local area partnerships, concerning police, fire etc will be set up. There will be 8 areas, called super output areas. More details as time goes on. 3 Workshops meetings in January.

RP had attended Manchester Airport Meeting. He reported on there being a fund available for parishes to apply for small projects/equipment. Decision to apply for funding new notice boards. CWB will look up equipment. The airport police are to set up integrated units funded by the Home Office and seek to establish relations with parishes. This will not be part of local police force. Possible to have someone attend P C Meeting to talk on this. Airport hope to be carbon neutral by 2015.

Await date of next main meeting, may need to discuss Precept at short meeting in January, and then meet normally in February.