

Number 550

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2009 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall, A Shore,
R Fogerty (Clerk,) N White (Auditor), PCSO Andy Dolan.

APOLOGIES:

P. Mather

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC-

Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr Kuehnle

At the commencement of the meeting, Joan Webb (Chairperson) introduced Mr Andrew Shaw, who following an interview, has been appointed as the new Councillor. She welcomed him to the Parish Council, following which he signed the Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk gave him relevant documentation.

1. MINUTES

Correction to last month's minutes: Item 8 should read :- 'VB and PG had met with representative...' Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb, Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101432	JW.SW	N White (ex gratia)	1.12.09	150.00
"	101433	JW.SW	R Fogerty expenses	1.12.09	21.07
"	101434	JW.SW	R Fogerty salary	1.12.09	229.00
"	101435	VB.SW	J Webb (item for VHall)	1.12.09	9.00
	101436	JW.SW	M Barlow (cleaner VH)	1.12.09	106.39

N White reported on the accounts. The General Account holds a balance of £3600 and the Lakeside Account holds £6275. A large amount of expenses have already been paid for this year out of the General Account. Around £500 per month is still due to be paid out, before next year's precept is received. Village Hall hire fees are down on previous years. Income will consist of Precept and Village Hall Hire. Running costs for the Council are at around £9000 for next year. The PCSO charge will be about 3,300. Council asked NW to prepare a consolidated report on the Council's expenses per annum, eg Clerk, PCSO, rates, utilities etc., for February Meeting.

JW suggested that the hire fee for the Village Hall should be increased., but no definite decision was made. Councillors all discussed increasing precept. PG proposed £12,000, seconded by DH.

Agreement was made that the clerk should be on the mandate, for both the General and Lakeside Accounts hopefully enabling her to obtain necessary information in her role as Responsible Financial Officer.

4. OPEN FORUM

Mr Kuehnle stated that now the Council are paying for the service of a PCSO. he would like assurance that the Police will stand by their commitment not to reduce the numbers of Police Officers for Cheshire. RF to do letter to David Whatton, Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary, to this effect.

5. PARISH PLAN

Richard Pepall reported that it is ninety five per cent complete now! The focus groups had met recently. It now has to be overseen by Bron Kerrigan and Kirsty Hercules. If there are no problems it will be ready to launch in February. No date as yet and venue to be confirmed

6. PCSO (Inc SPEEDWATCH)

PCSO Dolan informed council that due to illness of the Speedwatch Training Officer the planned training session earlier in November had to be cancelled, and also several of the volunteers cancelled just before it was due. Hopefully training can be re-organised early in New Year. More volunteers needed. RF has put notice in Pickmere Press. Claire Shepherd will replace Andy Dolan as our PCSO from early in the 2010, and Andy will bring her to the next meeting, and will generally introduce her to Pickmere.

He reported on an aggravated burglary in Pickmere on Saturday 28th November at 6am. Three armed men had entered the property, in which there were 3 residents. CID have got good information to follow this incident up.

RF stated that the PCSO keeps in touch by either phoning or calling when he is on duty to see if any problems etc. A monthly report on his duties in Pickmere had been received by email.

7. PLANNING

The following applications were received:

Application: 09/3417M

Proposal: Single Storey Extensions

Location: The Cottage Mereview Farm Park Lane Pickmere Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0LG

Plans seen out of Council Meeting – no objections were raised.

The following was granted:

Application No:09/2507M

Proposal: Change of use of garage to living accom. with conservatory to link existing dwelling and 2 storey extension to side of dwelling

Location: Deansland Pickmere Lane Knutsford WA16 0JP.

RF reported contacting the Planning Dept. at Cheshire East re. extension being carried out on Mere View Cottage, to which the Council have not received an application. The owners of the property are to seek retrospective planning permission, and have been advised not to go ahead with building at the moment.

Confirmation of the Recommencement of the Public Inquiry re. Spink Lane has been received, stating it will start again on Tuesday 15th December and is expected to last 3 days. Venue Macclesfield Town Hall.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant correspondence, was shown to the Council and distributed if necessary. Emails had been forwarded on during the last month.

The NW Plan Partial Review re Gypsy Accommodation: VB and AS (also members of PARG) had attended yesterday, in Manchester. The next meeting is on January 19th, re Data and the Examination in Public Meeting will be in March.

RF checked if everyone had received a copy of Wincham Word (hopefully every household) with up to date report re. planned incinerator at Wincham.

Email from Group who applied to do Dog Training on Lake. Because one riparian owner will not give up the sailing club the Dog Training Group are unable to go ahead. (Put this item on Agenda for February to discuss.)

9. INCINERATOR

Awaiting confirmation of receipt of Planning Application by Wincham Parish Council, for the Incinerator. Councillor SW declared interest in this item.

10. NOTICE BOARD AND TELEPHONE KIOSK

Steve Wilkinson (assisted by resident, Alan Fogerty) had very kindly sited the new Notice Board, which is nearly opposite Wellfield Close. One enclosed panel for PC, one enclosed for Community Group and central (not enclosed) for general public to use. Blue Tac needed for latter. DH proposed thanks to Steve and this was seconded by AS.

SW will remove board near old Post Office and arrange for possible repair, and probably re-site near Clover Drive.

RF reported on Telephone Kiosk. Although only £1 to adopt, it will cost £495 to have disconnected by Scottish Power. No further action for the time being.

11. IROS

SW had obtained 2 quotes for hedge laying, he gave details of these, both have done environmental work before, including for CCC. He will now accept one of the quotes decided by Council. This chap works locally and was the lesser of the two quotes.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Leaking radiator has caused carpet on stage to become wet. JW will contact Mr Bell tomorrow to ask him to come, urgently.

13. WEB SITE

DH reported mostly up to date, but needs updating due to change from CCC to Cheshire East.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that there is now a new 'Pickmere' sign on entering the village from Wincham end. This had been supplied 'free of charge' from Cheshire East after several emails by SW, so thank you, Steve!

NEXT MEETING SET FOR 2ND February 2010

IN THE PAVILLION

AT 7.30PM