

Number 532

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall,
P Mather, R Fogerty Clerk) N White (Auditor) Charles Oulton (Borough Councillor)

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

David Quartermain was in attendance to request swimming session in Pickmere Lake.

1. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Joan Webb, (Chair) welcomed Pat Mather to the Council, and Pat signed her official declaration. She was given a copy of the Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTES

Correction: Paragraph re Spinks Lane: the fifth line should read “stopped up” not “stocked”.

Correction: Also paragraph Spink Lane at end insert: Phil Gough felt action of stopping up was being taken because of antisocial element, and will have a detrimental effect in that it will prevent parking of car, for those walking down Spink Lane.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

- i. Dead Elms: Stan Jennings has now taken these down on Park Lane. RF mentioned that John Ward and Michael Watts had spent some considerable time last weekend in clearing the area. Letter to thank them (RF).
- ii. Drain: SW stated he has had several attempts, which have failed. In the past he has contacted U.U. and Council. VB to contact Jeremy Lawton and consider larger diameter pipe.
- iv. Boating on Lake: see IROS
- iii. Spink Lane: Stopping up: Letter received from CCC informing us this will cost £1500.00. Another letter received from CCC Wildlife and Countryside Act concerning lost ways in Cheshire who are looking for old rights of way not on map. Spinks Lane already used as footpath. SW stated he has no objection to it being made one. RF email letter and informative background sheet to all PC's. Also RF to contact Matthew Clayton and Simon Davies.

4. FINANCE

Nicola White (internal auditor) gave details of balances in the accounts for the end of this month. Lakeside A/C balance £10,770.80 and General A/C £8,636.49. Village Hall/Pavilion Fees are down this year. Cost of gas gone up considerably. £250 for Parish Plan Grant received and now spent. Insurance was higher this year.

RF handed NW correspondence from "Audit Commission". This company will now act as our external auditors, and not Hacker Young as previously. Jackie Bellard will be appointed as our auditor, for five year period.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101298	JW.VB	U.U. Pavillion	18.1.08	12.69
"	101299	JW.VB	U.U. Village Hall	18.1.08	16.85
"	101300	JW.VB	Scot Power VH.	23.01.08	17.25
"	101301	JW.SW	Fire Prot. Check VH	05.02.08	127.74
"	101302	JW.SW	A Fogerty: Decorate Men's toilet and repairs washbasin	05.02.08	185.97
"	101303	JW.SW	Carl Hughes Radiator	05.02.08	160.00
"	101304	JW.SW	Clerk Salary 2 months	05.02.08	253.00
"	101305	JW.SW	Clerk expenses	05.02.08	18.45
"	101306	VB.SW	J Webb VH cleaning materials	05.02.08	10.29
"	101307	JW.SW	McGrath Daff. Bulbs	05.02.08	56.40

First three cheques above signed out of meeting due to being utility bills.

RF (cheque signed by J Webb and Steve Wilkinson) transferred (by letter) £1000.00 from the General Tracker A/C to current account. This would normally be done in the monthly council meeting, but was necessary this month due to no meeting last month, and need for balance to cover this month's outgoings.

5. OPEN FORUM

David Quartermain was asked to present his request to provide swimming sessions under supervision, for one hour in Pickmere Lake from May 1st to October. He works for Manchester City Council. Channel swimmer himself. Has experience of Water sports events and triathlons. Is a sports coach. Ran sessions at Boundary Park last year, for 20-30 people. Been involved with Warrington Dolphins. Would bring along 2 coaches and have kayak safety cover. He has insurance cover. Would do risk assessments. Four buoys in place in lake. Only a little profit: this could go to charity of our choice.

VB to provide map to RF and send to DQ. He then to reply to Pickmere Council, with **full** written details of himself, plans of sessions, and very detailed cover of risk assessment and insurance. DH will then check with our insurance company. Council will then discuss further on the matter. Contact will be needed for Sale Anglers. DQ left our meeting at 8.30pm

Mr and Mrs Howe spoke of road surface, done last year, being in rough condition already. SW reported this will be redone in Summer this year. Also grass in some areas encroaching on paths. SW will contact Tony Duncalf.

Mr Kuehnle asked why the Council had two different accounts. JW explained details of the Lakeside and that under 106 Agreement £7,500 had been received to finance and maintain the IROS. Also VB had received many grants for Pickmere for specific projects/care of the IROS area. The precept is paid into the General Account for general expenses.

Mr Molyneux stated that he is in the midst of applying for certificate of lawful proposed development for his plot of Brindlewood. Request for Parish council to expedite this as he understands this takes several weeks. RF contact Beverley Wilders. Planning.

6. PLANNING

No formal applications this month.

Report received from MBC – Mere View House 12 Jacob's Way – application invalid, due to full extent of development not sufficiently clear.

Wincham Parish Clerk had sent RF copy of letter re. development of New Cheshire Business Park at Wincham Lane – concerns of traffic. RF to contact and obtain more details and email to Parish Councillors.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence since early December 2007 was passed around.

Local Govt. Reorganisation: two new unitary authorities in Cheshire – Cheshire East and Cheshire West. Steve Wilkinson, County Councillor, gave an outline description of changes this will involve, and will be fully in place by March 2009.

SW also explained letter on Validation of Planning.

8. IROS

CWB to contact Roger Warner, who has kindly offered to treat benches. Please do in Spring.

Boating: Re: Riparian owners. Charlie Oulton reported on speaking to Richard Platt today, 5.2.08. Arranged to meet next week to discuss increasing the usage of Pickmere Lake, with less access for speedboats and more for other activities. Not been able to contact Sue Walworth. Charlie asked council would they like another agreement or more understanding. Charlie will endeavour to arrange meeting with Mrs Walworth. Nil come up in Parish Plan ideas for the Lake.

9.VILLAGE HALL

JW reported there having been a leak from stage radiator, causing carpet to be soaked. Replacement radiator £160. Mr Fogerty had removed and cleared the carpet and had found several villagers to lend a hand. CWB proposed vote of thanks to these people. New carpet been fitted free of charge by Mr and Mrs Henderson. (letter of thanks)

Stairs to stage to be done shortly. No claim on insurance due to low cost and lots of help! Mould cleared off back wall, which seemed to form due to lack of ventilation.

Mr Alan Fogerty has decorated the new partition around the new gent's toilet area, repaired washbasin drain and other small jobs.

Locks had been prised off two cupboards in kitchen. Does not appear to have anything taken from cupboards. Happened after a letting.
SW not done gutters yet – will attend to shortly.

10. WEB-SITE

Nil to report on.

11. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Up and running. Steering Group set up. Now known as 3PSG. Khanikhah Guy (Chair), Brian Grinham (Vice) Phil Kuehnle (Secretary) and Richard Pepall (Treasurer).

No Account yet as no money until grant of £2,750 is applied for. Richard Pepall asked council if they could either loan the Village Hall and pay later, or if there was a possibility of use of Hall for free. SW proposed that it should be free to them as a contribution to the success of the Parish Plan. Council agreed to this proposal. Minutes were given to RF who will circulate to PC. CWB cannot be on steering committee due to other commitments, but happy to help, as is PG.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DH reported on Aundre Edwards contacting him and bringing a list of ideas for attention for the village. RF to do letter explaining these will be put to the Parish Plan Committee.

JW has received a request from Khanikhah Guy to run a Farmers' Market every Saturday at the Village Hall. 9am till 1pm. There is likely to be a problem with car parking. ? Khanikhah ask Methodist Church for help with parking. Agreement to allow her to give market a try.

RF said she had tried contacting Cathy Swindells re Clover Drive again. No success.

RF to speak to Gina re. microwave at Pavillion.

SW spoke of burglaries in Village in December and concern for old people's bungalows. SW suggested may be we look at PCSO's – maybe 3 parishes being covered by one PCSO's to share cost of £11,000. VB suggested CCTV but they would only be in one area of the village. SW to speak to Christine Morrell and invite her to meeting. Then invite Community Group to our meeting and approach them to see if they would be willing to contribute.

VB now has Community Pride Competition details for this year. Anyone interested? Also it is Cheshire Year of the Gardens. Each village can submit one garden for the Competition. Discussion took place as to which garden. VB also reported that Award Sign which was opposite Guest House, has gone missing.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR 4th MARCH 7.30PM

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IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM