

Number 561

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, , D Harris, P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk)
N White (Int..Auditor), PCSO C Shepherd, Cllr. G Walton

APOLOGIES: P Gough, S Wilkinson, A.Shore, R Pepall.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 1

1. MINUTES

Joan Webb, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Parish Council in 2011. Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by her.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a.** VB has tried on several occasions to make contact with Persimmon, re: Clover Drive Playground area. So far this has been unsuccessful. She will continue to telephone them for further information.

The clerk had contacted AON re. details of insurance that will be necessary if the Council take over the playground area. Liability would be included in the present cover. Further details, i.e. regular inspections, eg monthly and an official inspection annually would be necessary. Equipment will be assessed and charged accordingly.

- b.** VB has been in contact with CPRE re: boating on the lake. She considers a better track to try to reduce the speed of boating on the lake would be to consult with CPRE, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, and Wincham Parish Council and see if an agreement can be reached with all of these, to agree to a 10mph limit on the lake and then contact CE and CWAC to say that 'this is what we want' for the boats on the lake. DH proposed this and seconded by JW.

Cllr George Walton reported that Adrian Fisher Head of Planning for CE, has contacted his counterpart at CWAC re. boating on lake.

- c.** Joan Webb reported that all regular users of the Village Hall have been informed by letter that the hiring fee for the Village Hall will rise from £5 to £6 from April 1st.
- d.** VB reported that the sculpture of an owl, will be ready at Easter, cost £250.00 This will be carved from recently felled elms at the Lakeside.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White reported on the Accounts to end of December. Balance on General Account shows £4006, and on the Lakeside £6,250. There has been little movement within the accounts recently, except for utilities and Clerk's fees. Nicky will connect up with PG and he will take over the monthly reporting on accounts, from end of next month, and she will continue to do the preparation of the annual external audit.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101492	JW.VB	R. Fogerty	1.2.11	480.00
“	101493	JW.VB	R. Fogerty	1.2.11	82.98
“	101494	JW.VB	S.Wilkinson (repair gate at IROS	1.2.11	52.93
“	101495	JW.VB	P. Thompson (clerk's computer following scam)	1.2.11	30.00
“	101496	JW.VB	Pickmere Community Fund	1.2.11	35.00

4. OPEN FORUM

A resident expressed her objections to the proposal of a new Village Hall. JW replied to these by saying the reason for doing a Questionnaire was to find out the views of the residents, and obviously there would be those ‘for’ and ‘against’. JW said that as 4 of the councillors were unable to attend tonight’s meeting, there would not be any further discussion on this topic tonight as it was inappropriate in their absence.

5. PCSO

PCSO Shepherd reported that there had only been one incident of anti social behaviour over the last month.

She referred to Community Speed Watch signs in Mobberley and she was investigating the cost of these and suggested to the Council that they consider purchasing two of these.

6. PLANNING

No applications received over the last 2 months.

7. REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

AS had attended the meeting on Local Development Core Strategy on 13.1.11 – he had emailed the Clerk with his comments on this. Discussed and delayed until March, as AS absent.

AS also had attended the M/C Airport meeting, which was essentially re CAA maximising air traffic routes. He feels due to economic climate that this will not have great impact on Pickmere within next 5 years.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(inc. emails and phone messages)

The Clerk has received the up to date Electoral Register.

Email from Bob Vass received re Rural Housing Needs’ Survey (questionnaire) which he is doing in Tabley, and wishes to include Pickmere as it is the neighbouring parish. Discussion amongst councillors, clerk to email Bob Vass and Adrian Fisher stating no request for affordable housing in PPP Questionnaire.

Discussion re Local Development Framework – see ‘7’ above.

Val Burlison – phone call- to request to come to inform Councillors re Local Service Delivery. Meeting to be held at Village Hall at 2pm on 11.3.11, with some of the Councillors and Clerk present.

Emails had been exchanged between a resident of Pickmere and Cllr.George Walton re reducing speed from corner of Park Lane/Pickmere Lane to Wincham. Clerk to email Highways Area Manager at CWAC and copy to CE.

9. IROS

VB reported that there are stretches of missing fencing in the IROS area, amounting to about 30 metres. She offered to look into this and get it repaired. Generally agreed.

DH stated that the path around the lake is very boggy in places. He will put together a notice to this effect, and this will be displayed on Notice Boards advising the public.

10. VILLAGE HALL

Due to absence of sufficient councillors tonight no further discussion on proposal of new Village Hall. Clerk had received a few more replies following second flyer being sent round with December Press. Update in March.

11. WEB-SITE

DH reported that this is generally up to date, and he will add latest PCSO report, and notice re path around lake.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that some of public who display their notices in the centre of the main notice board in the village are using sticky paper instead of Blu-Tack. In one area this has blistered the surface. She is hoping to meet with the suppliers of the board and discuss. She has put a 'Please do not use anything other than Blu-Tack' on the Board.

VB had the Entry Forms for this year's Community Pride competition. No decision was agreed as to whether Pickmere enters this year.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR

TUESDAY MARCH 1ST IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30PM