

# **MINUTES OF PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 PARISH OF AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

## **PRESENT**

J Webb, P Gough, P Mather, C Tarrant, V Brown, S Wilkinson

## **APOLOGIES**

R Pepall, A Shore

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 0**

The Chairperson opened the meeting by advising that RP had offered his apologies but confirmed his support in favour of acquiring the sites on the basis of the £15,000 commuted sum. She reiterated the purpose of the special meeting and asked if any Councillors had questions.

CT raised questions about the history of the sites and the Council's ability to meet the cost of maintaining the sites.

VB gave details of the costs as far as they were known together with details of the experience in Antrobus. SW provided a copy of the 106 Deed of Agreement but it was agreed that it carried little, if no weight, at this stage.

PG demonstrated that the savings made by changing insurance company this year more than covered the annual reduction in the commuted sum being offered. He also stated that he felt that it was important to acquire the land in question now and then work out the best way to maintain it. This was unanimously agreed.

SW proposed and JW seconded the resolution that

Pickmere Parish Council agreed to accept the freehold transfer of the sites, The Children's Play Area, the two open green spaces to the left and right of Clover Drive and the footpath leading to the Mere Lane track from Persimmon homes in their current state with the reduced commuted

sum of £15,000 for their maintenance. Any ongoing maintenance would be made from existing budgets, the commuted sum and any possible grants available.