

Number 526

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2007 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, R Pepall, T Daffurn, R Fogerty Clerk)

P Gough arrived at 8.15pm, S Wilkinson at 8.40pm

APOLOGIES

Dave Harris, N White

Members of public- 2 - Mr and Mrs B Howe

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb (Chair).

2. MATTERS ARISING

CWB reported that the sundial had been repaired and was now back in place.

3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101258	JW/SW	R Fogerty Clerk Salary	4.6.07	123.38
“	101259	JW/VB	R Fogerty expenses	4.6.07	16.96
Cheque cancelled during May as account in credit	Received cheque for same amount as overpaid.				162.97 returned
“	101251	JW/SW	Post office United Util.	01.05.07	162.97

In Nicky White's absence the Clerk distributed the report on analysis details of 2006/07. Various items were discussed i.e. Calendar Sales. It was not clearly understood on the income/year of the calendars by members of Council.. RF will discuss these points/dates with Nicky White and report back at August Meeting.

The clerk reported that the balance for the General Current Account stands at £1,813.83 and Lakeside Current at £799.07 at the end of May statement received on 4th June. ? to move some from General Current; discuss in August meeting when all cheques from this month have gone out.

Clerk reported on cancelling cheque for United Utilities as account had been overpaid during last year, and therefore £162.97 had been returned. (Water meter has recently been replaced) Thanks go to DH for reading the meter so that it was all sorted!

4. OPEN FORUM

Mr and Mrs Howe asked questions re Speedwatch. JW reported no further progress. She stated that we have had a grant towards this but no further information on training etc.

PG arrived at the meeting during this item. The Howes asked for details re Cheshire Showground. PG said there are no more plans for further events at the moment other than the ones announced in Pickmere Press. Last one is in August.

5. PLANNING

The following applications were received during May.

a) Application No: 07/089P

Proposal: Side Extension to existing stables and formation of manege

Location: Church Farm School Lane Pickmere WA160JF

Comment: No objection provided close neighbours' views are taken into consideration and there must not be any unsuitable lighting.

b) Application No: 07/0871P

Proposal: Rear Conservatory

Location: 1 Crofters Close Pickmere Knutsford WA16 0LU

Comment: No objection provided close neighbours views are taken into consideration.

c) Application No: 07/0396P

Proposal: Retention of Bicycle store to front of property (Retrospective)

Location: 6 Beaver Close Pickmere WA16 0YA

Comment: No objection. Council surprised that this requires planning permission. Could this not be sorted out amicably between neighbours?

d) Application No: 07/1131P

Proposal: Extension and Conversion of Existing Detached Barn to form Ancillary Accommodation (Resubmission)

Location: Smithy House Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ

Comment: No objection provided close neighbours views are taken into consideration.

Granted: Three New Windows Swallows Court Frog Lane

RF reported no reply from D Garratt, (Macc.Planning) re Antony Molyneux's land. RF to another letter, this time to come from Joan Webb, asking yet again for a reply to our original letter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Received during May

1. Proposed Local Govt. Reorganisation – from Chalc. Re Meeting Winsford 11th June.
No-one going due to our own arranged meeting.
2. Borough of Crewe and Nantwich re Local Govt in Cheshire. Brochure attached.
3. Cheshire Matters Community Pride Comp. Application.
4. Vale Royal B C
5. Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West.
6. Notice of Meetings of the Council Committees.
7. Mersey Basin Campaign.
8. Chalc – Forms to fill in.
9. Land Registry Certificate – from Solicitors. **JW took this**
10. MBC Parish Council Conference 29.11.07 **RP and PG will go**
11. Email re Clover Drive

RF reported on the phone call from Cathy Swindells (Landscape Officer MBC) re adoption of open spaces land on Clover Drive. Discussion took place re the problem that Persimmon (who took over from Westbury Homes) are not completing the work needed and that MBC will not adopt it in its present state, eg railings need repair etc. VB to do letter to Macc and RF to send. Ask just what needs to be done in order for them to take it over; identify standards.

7. IROS

VB discussed maintenance work that needs to be done around rose garden (Christmas Tree plot!) the sundial area and frontage of IROS, as part of the grant given for these areas to be created. Need someone to control/care for it. JW will ask Philip Clark if he will do this.

RF reported message from Joe Robinson that residents in first house in Jacob's Way were complaining about youths being able to climb onto black control box by black gates on pathway, and then they could climb wall into their garden. In the past these residents have had a theft. Can the black box be removed. Discussion. JW will look into. RF report back to Joe Robinson.

The geyser in the pavilion has been leaking. Too expensive to repair. JW will contact electrician.

8. VILLAGE HALL

RF had tried to get an update on Reels on Wheels from Sheila Malley but had not heard from her.

Mr Massey to do partition etc around new gent's toilet.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE

Nil this month

10. WEBSITE

RF reported on email received recently from Dave Harris. (Absent due to holiday). He is still working on website and hopefully will have it ready for August meeting.

11. PARISH PLAN

RP is still working on involving a member from any group known in Pickmere, to form a basis for first stages of development of Parish Plan.

VB felt that Headings in the Community Pride Competition were a guide to work on for the Parish Plan. She reported that we had been short listed for the Community Spirit Award.

There is a meeting with the Community Cheshire Council involving talking about the Community Group and Pickmere Press, which have been listed as one of the village group/activities for the Pride competition, on Monday July 16th. Brenda Wilkinson is invited to attend this. SW to inform!

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) CWB reported she had been on course organised by Chalc. “Community Engagement” and found it helpful and informative.
- ii) The pipelines (maps looked at last month) were discussed. Apparently there will be two pipelines – gas and water. At the time of receiving those we were told no comments were needed yet. SW reported that no planning has been applied for yet. Likely to be next spring before that happens.
- iii) CWB mentioned calendars for next year. Suggested that it is announced in Pickmere Press that entries for these be handed in at Pickmere Fun Day, and even let people do their entry at the Fun Day. Judge will be needed? Andrea Gough. Originally was to be a Children’s Competition for the calendar, but now make it open to all. Need someone to organise this on the Fun Day for those doing it there. PG says we do need to get on and order in good time for selling the calendar. Any subject. A4 size.
- iv) Joan Webb is in a group called “Pickmere Players” which has recently been formed in the village by Andrea Gough. The group need others to join. They are putting on an event in February, consisting of sketches, narratives etc. (small groups). Will need helpers for back stage etc. Joan asked, as part of the group, re. using the Parish Hall for practicing. (?free or subsidised). SW suggested 4 free evenings at the moment, seconded by Council. PG will let Andrea know.
- v) A couple taking their dog for a walk had reported on tyres being tipped in Spinks Lane . Further reports on rubbish and tyres in Milly Lane and Hall Lane. RF to do letter to Street Cleansing Environment asking can they help.
- vi) RP mentioned the Pickmere Party by the Lake. Help needed for the event.

- vii) PG reported on Showground Committee looking into security for Cheshire Show and other activities. They have contracts with people concerned for all events. The caravan event is not on this year. Subject of right turn onto A556 from Flittogate Lane discussed. SW reported that generally no reason why this should be permanent, but just for Show events at Cheshire Showground. Since traffic lights have been in action at “Smoker Pub” this has controlled traffic on A556, creating gaps in the traffic flow. Cheshire Agricultural Society would put in traffic management plans for all the events on showground. Further meetings to take place with police.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR 7th AUGUST IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

AT 7.30PM

NB The council are “on holiday” for July –enjoy it! Hope the weather is lovely.