

## Number 536

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th JUNE 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

## **PRESENT:**

J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather,  
R Fogerty (Clerk)

## **APOLOGIES**

S Wilkinson, P Gough, N White (Auditor)

PC C Body was expected to attend the meeting, as was reported on the agenda, but was not present.

## **MEMBERS OF PUBLIC-** Mr and Mrs Howe

### **1. MINUTES**

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

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

Iros Path: Land too dry to attend to this, but will be dealt with.

Spinks Lane: Still flooded.

PCSO's: 4 villages to be involved in this: Pickmere, Mere, Mobberley, and Great Warford. Awaiting final decision from Mere. All will contribute to the total cost of £11,000, Pickmere's being £3000.00 Community Group will contribute £1,500 for this year, but cannot commit for each year after this.. It is a 3 year commitment. Likely to start around September of this year.

CWB asked if this could not be tried for one year instead of commitment for 3 years.

General discussion re. commitment, cost, and the work the PCSO will do in the village and when, particularly with regard to "policing" the Iros area. Councillors who were not at last meeting (CWB, DH, VB) feel unsure about commitment, would like further information etc.

RF to do email to SW re further discussion before finalising paperwork for PCSO.

### **3. FINANCE**

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101325	JW.VB	Allianz	12.05.08	1391.04
"	101326	Cancelled	-----	----	----
"	101327	JW.VB	Bosch (Boiler)	15.05.08	185.00
"	101328	JW.VB	R Fogerty Clerk	10.06.08	321.18
"	101329	JW.VB	J Gracey Cleaner	10.05.08	104.00
	101330	JW.VB	Pickmere Comm. Gp (Painting in Village)	10.5.08	267.00

The Clerk updated Council on May Accounts, in the absence of Nicky White (Auditor). The Lakeside Account total balance stands at £10,792.01 and remains unchanged for the last 3 months. The General Current Account stands at £960.26 and the tracker account at £6219.90 giving a balance of £7180.16 at the end of May. The outgoings during May included the insurance, clerk's fees, and boiler repair in Village Hall.

JW reported on painting done by Vic Heather, including Pavillion, benches, railings and bus shelter. £400 labour and £134 paint and materials. The Community Group had paid so far. CWB proposed Council pay half, seconded by RP.

The Clerk reported that Nicky White had prepared for the audit. A notice will be placed on the Village Notice Board (by old Post Office) giving 2 weeks notice prior to Accounts being able to be inspected for 28 days from 3.7.08 to 31.07.08.

Age Concern are now running various classes in the Village Hall, and this will provide some income from the letting of the Hall for these. Classes are for computing and Tai Chi.

VB expressed concern over large Gas Bill last month (£224.21) for Village Hall. RF commented heating had been left on for long period, due to leak from radiator, and need to dry out curtains etc. RF to check with NW whether estimated or actual reading and compare to last year same period.

Cheques for this month signed.

#### **4. OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Howe thanked the Council for contribution to Community Group for the painting.

#### **5. PLANNING**

The following **applications** were received this month:

**Application No: 08/0751P**

**Proposal: Covered Smoking Shelter to rear of public house**

**Location: The Elms Park Lane Pickmere WA16 0JX**

No objection, adequate measures in place to control noise nuisance.

**Application No: 08/0732P**

**Proposal: Alteration to existing outbuilding to form leisure room and garage**

**Location: Dove cottage Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16**

No objection provided it complies with green belt status.

**Granted:**

**Conversion of exiting garage at Oaklands, Pickmere Lane**

**And**

**Two Storey Side Extension at 7 The Orchards, Pickmere**

RF had received (via email) information from Wincham Clerk re. temporary change of use of land at Witton Albion Football Ground, and asking for Pickmere Council support re. their concerns over heavy traffic. RF to obtain planning maps etc, and send to DH to inspect etc.

RF had received an email complaint from a resident re. estate agent sign (Marshalls) advertising house on Buttercup Drive, the sign being on corner of Clover Drive/Park Lane. This is not Parish Council Land. RF to contact Derek Ward, MBC Planning.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received during month made available to council.

RF to arrange for DH and VB to attend Astbury (Chalc Meeting) re Local Govt. Org.

## **7. NOTICE BOARDS**

Discussion re poor condition of surfaces etc on board by old Post Office. In need of repair and ?doors. VB will contact a joiner and look into this.

## **8. IROS**

VB reported path will be done when suitable weather conditions.

Birdhide needs repair and painting. VB will ask Vic Heather.

VB thanked SW for care of the field, commenting on it looking very attractive.

RF had received a complaint from a resident re. damage to his mother's jacket at 'Teas' session at pavilion, when she sat on a picnic bench and the jacket now has paint marks on it. He wished to be reimbursed for the cost of this. General discussion: the picnic benches are not owned by Council, but by Community Group – RF to contact resident.

## **9. VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall cleaner, June Gracey, has resigned and Muriel Barlow has been taken on.

## **10. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

Delay until August meeting.

## **11. WEB-SITE**

Up to date

## **12. PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

Nil to report on.

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JW reported that one of the phone boxes in the village is to go. Voted to keep the old one by the old post office.

Also, likely that Wincham Post Office (in the Spar Store) will close. Public Meeting 10.15 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June on Car Park, to protest, and MP, George Osborne, will be present. RF put on Notice Board.

Pat Mather had informed Joan Webb over information obtained from the Web-site, and had been in touch with Nigel Evan of the Show Ground, re plans for an event on farm land near Windmill Pub. Probably Tabley Parish. (? Which farm) to be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 3am, for young people's disco. Pat had contacted Kate Kahn, Legal Officer, Macclesfield. SW had spoken to Christine Morrell, Police. It is not on the Showground. No further details can be confirmed at the moment. RF email SW over concerns and to tell Council if he hears of more details.

**NEXT MEETING AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM VILLAGE HALL**

**No July meeting!**