

Number 545

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd JUNE AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall,
R Fogerty (Clerk), Councillor George Walton (arrived at 8pm)

APOLOGIES: P Mather, N White (Auditor)

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr Dulson, Mr Urry, C Carlisle, Jo Robinson,
Mr R Warner, Mr Molyneaux, Mr Tait.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2008-2009

Joan Webb opened the meeting by reporting on the past year. She informed council that it was 35 years today since she was elected on to the Parish Council of Pickmere. She went on to say that it has been a very busy year for the Council; mainly in connection with dealing with the Spink Lane Planning Application. The Council received lots support from residents both as monetary and in many other ways. She thanked all members of the Council for their support during the last year.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by JW.

3. MATTERS ARISING

RF reported on moving the village signs on Pickmere Lane. The large county sign will be lowered shortly and the small Pickmere sign that had disappeared had MBC on so was out of date. She will apply for a new one.

RF reported on no replies over her mailing Persimmon or Kathy Swindells at Cheshire East, re the state of Clover Drive Play Area. VB will visit area and connect up with RF re further action.

4. FINANCE

RF reported on this in the absence of NW. The General Current Account Balance on the Bank Statement is £2,626. The Deposit Account is £1824. Large number of outgoings last month including PCSO cost. There was no movement in the Lakeside Account.

This month's outgoings include the Insurance Policy renewal for £1,400. One of the Councillors had checked over the Insurance, as well as the Clerk. Points made were that JW is not covered as she is over 75. She is aware of not being covered. No cover on bird hide. SW suggested Council look after repair etc of that.

PG asked if Council felt that the present balances will cover outgoings, before next half of precept. RF will ask NW for a budget for next 3 months.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101397	JW/ VB	Allianz Insurance	2.6.09	1499.29
“	101398	JW/ VB	Fire Protection	2.6.09	68.09
“	101399	JW/ VB	R Fogerty Clerk	2.6.09	229.00
“	101400	JW/ VB	R Fogerty expenses	2.6.09	77.64
“	101401	JW/ VB	M Barlow Cleaner	2.6.09	140.60

5. OPEN FORUM

JW invited members of the public to speak. There had been an incident of 3 wooden picnic benches being burnt to the ground in the early hours of Monday 25th May, this being Bank Holiday, where Northwich Fire Brigade attended, on the IROS area, and during the week that followed various other incidences where youths have been at the lake, making noise and leaving litter, speeding, etc. PCSO Dolan was not on duty on 25th May. Also the call to the police was not made as a 999 call, and was just recorded as a message at Knutsford Police Station. The public addressed several questions to PCSO Dolan, and to Council. Twenty five minutes of discussion took place. PCSO Dolan explained that everyone must be responsible and ring 999 whenever there is a problem of this nature at the lakeside. By doing this it creates an Incident Number, which brings the problem higher up on the Incident List and gives it greater priority. During the time of the above problems only one such call had been made.

Discussion re. whether we should consider CCTV, took place. One resident expressed concern that the Pavilion will be damaged. CCTV could be a help in recording car number plates.

SW asked PCSO Dolan for report on his work for last month. He will send RF written report. RF to write to Sale Angling and ask them to cooperate in reporting incidences of youths around the lake at night, to the Police.

Councillor DH suggested that more people attend the Forum Meetings for the Police. Dates on Notice Board. Also, attend PCSO's Surgery Meetings to address these problems of unruly behaviour in our village.

6. PARISH PLAN

Progressing! RP hopes to have more to report on next month.

7. PCSO

Next surgery will be 11th June. 6-8pm. Otherwise see above, in Item 5.

8. REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

SW reported on a combined Knutsford Town Council and Bucklow Area Cluster Meeting. JW and RF had attended from Pickmere. One Town Councillor and one parish councillor, to represent all parishes, is needed and as part of 'Neighbourhood and Partnership'. Nominations for the latter will be invited soon. CWB had also attended a meeting re. Cheshire East.

9. PLANNING:

Erection of storage building at Springfield Nurseries Pickmere Lane:

Decision: Application invalid as an Agricultural Determination, due to size.

Notice of Appeal by Messrs. M F and T Doran against an Enforcement Notice issued by MBC in respect of change of use of land, and also an appeal against the Planning Decision. These will be rolled into one. Closing Date for sending more letters of complaint is 1st July. Anyone can write in, and anyone can attend Public Inquiry and also speak, or be represented. VB will prepare draft letter from Parish Council and email to RF to send.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

RF distributed various items of correspondence, including emails.

A resident wishes to set up geocaching in Pickmere and no objection was raised.

Other items did not require action.

11. NOTICE BOARD

The Community Group had kindly donated £100.00 towards the cost of a new notice board. A further £500 will come from the Council, together with £100.00 in kind, to site the board.

CWB will report back to Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund, on this. RF to do email to Brenda Wilkinson to thank her for donation.

12. IROS

General discussion about loss of picnic benches in fire created by vandals, as mentioned in Open Forum. These were the property of the Community Group, and hence not covered on Parish Insurance.

Drainage now been done at IROS. Speedboats on lake causing wash from them. Disturbance of wild life, particularly grebes and warblers. VB requested help from Councillor Walton at Cheshire East, explaining that Charlie Oulton had previously tried to get change in the use of the lake, in which riparian owners allow boating 6 days a week from their shores. Would like 10mph limit. Look up agreement, and VB to discuss in more detail with George Walton.

13. VILLAGE HALL

Trees outside VH are causing electricity supply to trip. RF do letter to Scottish Power. Fire equipment has been checked at VH and Pavilion, certificates to be placed in each building.

14. WEB SITE

Up to date

15. AOB

Nil

No meeting in July, we are on our summer break!!!

NEXT MEETING SET FOR 4th AUGUST IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30PM

