

Number 562

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, D Harris, R Pepall, A Shore, P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk) , N White (Auditor), Police Sgt. Adam Moreton, PCSO C Shepherd.

APOLOGIES: S Wilkinson, G Walton.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 1

SPEAKER: Resident of Pickmere, Simon Read – Information on Tree Planting.

Ms Joan Webb opened the meeting and introduced Mr Simon Read. As a Member of Woodland Trust he had had the opportunity to apply for ‘free trees’. He had applied for native trees, which will help to replace recent lost trees, and enhance and encourage wildlife, and shortly 427 saplings about 2feet high will be delivered to one of the Councillors. The Woodland Trust like some feedback and photos, and it helps to involve the ‘press’ to let people know what they are doing. There will be 2 bulk areas for planting, replacing where necessary, and a selection of single trees to residents in Pickmere to plant in their gardens. Suggestions were that it starts at the Pavillion. Date of planting is Sunday March 27th 10am. Simon will organise flier to go out early next week. Banner to be organised for display in village. RF to communicate with Simon. DH to be sent copy of flier to go on web-site.

1. MINUTES

Item 5. ‘PCSO’ correction: to read ‘incident of Anti-Social Behaviour’
Minutes of the last meeting then accepted and signed by Chairperson, J Webb.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk reported that she had discussed the problem of blistering on the Notice Board with the suppliers of the board. This has been caused by a member of the public fixing a sticky backed notice to the board. The suppliers attempted to remove the sticky back, but cannot. Decision was made to leave as it is, as new vinyl surface will cost £100.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White reported on the Accounts. Little movement had taken place. Lakeside Account stands at £4350. £1900.00 was paid out of this account during last month for Tree Felling at the Lakeside area. Routine expenses only were paid out from General Account which has a balance of £3452.00. The financial end of year is end of March. PAYE to be checked re. the clerk salary. JW thanked Nicky for all her contribution to the Council. She will meet with PG who will take over from her, to do the monthly finance sheets.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
Lakeside	100075	JW.VB	SDJ Contracting (Dutch Elm felling at Lakeside)	11.02.11	1900.00
General	101497	JW VB	R Fogerty (clerk)	01.03.11	249.00
“	101498	JW VB	R Fogerty	01.03.11	49.00
“	101499	JW VB	M Barlow (cleaner)	01.03.11	101.32

4. OPEN FORUM

A resident expressed his concerns re. Clover Drive Playground area. He wondered how this area can be improved and was willing to do a sponsorship event to help. VB explained that she is presently (and has been for several months) attempting to get this area sorted out with the present owners (Persimmon) and may be the council take it over. There is a delay at the moment with negotiations.

He also expressed concern at sold/for sale signs on houses, in that he felt they should only be on the property involved.

He requested that the 40 mph sign on leaving Mere Close be updated to 30 mph to avoid confusion. Council felt that as changes have only recently taken place, that this sign will eventually be done anyway.

5. PCSO

Clare Shepherd reported on February being a good month. The sign for 40 mph has been reported to Cheshire East. She had received reports from residents about the street lighting being off along Pickmere Lane. JW confirmed this and has been in touch with Highways Department. Problem needs to be sorted by the electricity provider and is in hand.

Clare had been told about a fallen willow tree to the left of the lake. PG will look at this.

Sgt. Adam Moreton told us that reported crimes in Knutsford were down from 100 to 75 last month. He stated that Inspector Kate Woods at Knutsford will be leaving in April, and Inspector Steve Griffiths will be taking her place. Changes will not involve Clare. Inspector Moreton praised Clare for her diligence and high level of attention as a PCSO and this was agreed by all the Councillors.

6. PLANNING

The following application was received:

Application No: 11/0360M

Proposal: Change of use from Land from Last use in Agriculture to use for Dog Agility Training

Location: Land adjacent to the Old Post Office, Park lane, Pickmere.

The Parish Council has no objections to this change of use providing that it remains for domestic use, that there is no hardstanding involved and close neighbours do not object.

Councillor Gough declared interest in this (his wife's application) and the Clerk, who lives opposite, did so too, and both remained out of the meeting room whilst the application was being discussed. VB will do the reply on behalf of the Council.

7. REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS LAST MONTH

VB and AS had attended a meeting on Community Asset Transfer organised by Chalc. It did not meet expectations and organisation of meeting generally poor. Clerk to report to Chalc that Council are not prepared to pay for the councillors who attended. Discussion on membership of Chalc – decision to stay as a member.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Items received during month distributed and discussed. No action required on items. As many items now received by email, and these are forwarded on the Councillors.

9. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

General discussion re. the change in speed restrictions, from the Black Greyhound pub to J. Lawton Business premises, from 40 mph to 30mph during last month. The emails that were exchanged between councils had been seen by our Councillors. General agreement that 'Cheshire West and Chester' had not communicated well with 'Cheshire East' nor had they communicated with the Parish Council. VB to do letter to Erika Wenzell, Chief Executive of Cheshire East, re. 'communications'

10. IROS

Chesnut paling fencing required to fill gaps in the area, suggested by VB. Cost will be about £250.00. PG to consult SW on this.

11. VILLAGE HALL AND UPDATE ON ? NEW VILLAGE HALL

Discussion generally re ?new hall, and decision to raise at next meeting, allowing more time.

12. WEB-SITE

Up to date, apart from February's PCSO report. RF to send 'flier' re trees to DH to add to web-site.

13. AOB

VB updated the council members on her information re Clover Drive Playground. She has received an offer of £20,000 (a commuted sum if the Parish take this over). She has discussed with local farmer re. grass cutting. She presented the Councillors with a list of figures, to give some idea of costs to run the playground and open spaces. Councillors to consider these and discuss next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY 5TH APRIL IN THE VILLAGE
HALL**

AT 7.30PM

