

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2009
AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: S Wilkinson, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, R Pepall, R Fogerty Clerk)
N White (Auditor)

APOLOGIES: J Webb (Chair) P Mather, V. Brown, D Harris, PCSO Dolan

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- Mr and Mrs Howe

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR 2008-2009

Due to the absence of the Chairperson, Joan Webb, this item was cancelled and will appear on the June Agenda.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Councillor Steve Wilkinson acted as Chair for the meeting. He welcomed everyone and both he, and everyone present, expressed their sadness for Joan Webb and that their thoughts were with her.

RF then asked for the present Chair and Vice Chair to 'vacate their seats' and invited nominations for Chairperson for the next year. SW nominated Joan Webb and this was seconded by the other Councillors. (No other nomination put forward). RF then invited nominations for Vice Chair and RP proposed VB and this was seconded by CWB.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes accepted and signed by SW.

4. MATTERS ARISING

RF reported on sending a letter from the Chairperson, and a reminder from herself as Clerk, to Persimmon and Leisure Services at East Cheshire, re. Condition of Play Area at Clover Drive. She reported she had not received a reply. SW suggested she continued the contact and pressure on Persimmon.

5. FINANCE

Nicola White (Internal Auditor) reported that a draft set of final accounts had been set up for the last meeting. These have now been finalised and require signing. Steve Wilkinson signed the set of accounts due to Chair being absent. RF and JW to sign the Audit and return to Nicola White. RF and NW will liaise and put 'Public Notice' on Board for the benefit of the residents. The Final Audit papers will then be sent to the Audit Commission for their inspection. The first half of the precept (£3000) was received this month. The Community Group very kindly donated £1500 from their funds towards the funding of a PCSO.

Andrew Dolan has been allocated to the village. RF mentioned that she had thanked the Community Group for their generous donation, on behalf of the Council. Mrs White will also send off the claim for rebate of VAT. The Council expressed their thanks to Nicola White for her work in preparing the accounts for audit.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101388	SW	Chesh.Police Authority	05.05.09	3000.00
	101392	SW	R Fogerty Clerk	05.05.09	229.00
“	101393	SW	Expenses Clerk	05.05.09	25.60
“	101394	SW	United Utilities Pavillion	05.05.09	12.51
“	101395	SW	United Utilities VH	05.05.09	17.03
“	101396	SW	Scot. Power Elec. VH	05.05.09	36.70

Due to absence of councillors who are signatories for the cheque signing, the above cheques could only be signed by one person at the meeting. Agreement to allow RF to get 2nd signature out of council for this month. Do cheque for forthcoming Allianz Insurance at next meeting, and ask Councillor Harris to check details please of policy for Council.

6. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Howe asked if there was any update on missing ‘Village Sign’. SW will contact Highway, and also look into the repositioning of ‘Cheshire East’ sign.

Mrs Howe also asked if there was any further update on Spink Lane Development. SW stated that an enforcement order had been put on the Refusal Decision by MBC and then this was carried forward when Cheshire East took over. The gypsies have now appealed against that decision. Mrs Howe also mentioned that there was considerable noise from the generators on the site, at night. This is particularly disturbing for wild-life.

SW asked for RF to contact Environmental Health re. this.

PG mentioned the Open Air concert held in the afternoon at the Red Lion Pub, on May 4th (Bank Holiday). He felt the noise was excessive. RF to report this also to Environmental Health.

7. PARISH PLAN

RP reported on this. Three quarters prepared now. A couple of things recently have caused a bit of delay.

8. PLANNING

Refused:

Application for change of use of land at Spinks Lane Pickmere

for the Stationing of 3 mobile homes and 3 touring caravans to accommodate 3 gypsy families.

Granted:

Single Storey Side extension, side conservatory and pitched roofs at 7 Mere Close Pickmere.

Granted:

Erection of Garden Store at 32 Pickmere Lane, Pickmere.

Applications received this month:

09/0801M: Erection of Storage Building at Springfield Nurseries Pickmere Lane

No objections. (This is classed as an Agricultural Development)

09/0578M: Single Storey Rear Extension, Proposed Attached Garage, Conversion Existing Garage to Lounge and Extension to Utility room and New Chimney at 11 Jacob's Way.

No objections from Council provided neighbours do not object.

09/0458M: Pitched Roof over Kitchen and Conservatory and Garden Wall Relocation at 21 Wellfield Close Pickmere.

No objection from Council, provided neighbours do not object.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Our 3 Cheshire East Councillors had thanks parishes for attending the last meeting on 23rd April. There will be a further Cluster Meeting on May 21st. RF will try to attend. Councillor George Walton has now been allocated as our dedicated Cheshire East Councillor and will attend regular Parish Council Meetings.

JW and RF have now signed agreement for PCSO. SW suggested that item 'PCSO' on every agenda, and RF to contact Andy Dolan to send report each month.

Mobile Library is to attend fortnightly to Pickmere (based at Alsager) and first visit will be on 15th May. Notices will be put up in Village, and RF has sent details of it to Pickmere Press.

10. NOTICE BOARD

CWB had met with a representative of the Community Trust Fund (Manchester Airport) re. Council's application for a grant to fund a new notice board for the village. He had seen the present board, which is now in a poor state! CWB explained the reason for needing a board of this size and design. He felt that the trustees would want 'the Council' to provide some match- funding. The siting would be undertaken by the Council. Discussed and RP proposed £500 from the Council, seconded by PG, and request a small donation from the Community Group. PG will deal with the latter. SW has approached Simon Davies (Cheshire East) re siting it in the village.

11. IROS (inc. boating on lake)

CWB reported an good clean-up morning for the village on 26th April. 11 people attended. Jackets and litter pickers had been provided by the Council and there seemed to be less rubbish this year. Antony Molyneaux kindly collected the rubbish at the end and disposed of it. Council gave thanks to CWB for organising it.

PG referred to past boating problems which VB and Charlie Oulton (MBC Councillor) had tried to sort out. Part of the Lake now falls in Cheshire West and part in Cheshire East. PG will liaise with VB before next meeting.

RF had received email from a resident of Wincham re power boat engaged in water skiing had been on lake at the weekend. RF do reply to him.

PG concerned that we are losing the vista of the lake. Alders need to be removed. To be brought up at next meeting.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Nil of note.

13. WEB-SITE

DH absent so no report. Library details sent to DH by RF to be put on.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 7.30PM

