

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH MAY 2011
AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, R Pepall, A Shore,
P.Mather, C.Tarrant, R Fogerty Clerk) N White (Auditor)

APOLOGIES: -

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 1 (Arrived at 7.50pm)

At the commencement of the Meeting the Councillors (8) signed their 'Declaration of Office', these being witnessed by the Clerk. All councillors had also completed a 'Registration of Interest' form. These forms will now be copied and sent to Cheshire East, and originals held by Clerk

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR 2010-2011

Ms Joan Webb, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Local elections had been held on May 5th. Councillor David Harris had resigned from the Council. She welcomed Chris Tarrant, as the new Councillor. JW went on to thank VB for all her hard work, particularly concerning Speed Boats on the Lake and the Clover Drive Play Area, during the last year. Discussions have taken place for the building of a new Village Hall on the IROS and these are ongoing. No action as yet has taken place on the Spink Lane Caravan Site. She thanked Councillors for their contributions during the year and their attendances at meetings and the Clerk for her work with the Council.

SW expressed thanks to Joan Webb for her service as Chairperson.

RF then asked for the present Chair and Vice Chair to 'vacate their seats' and invited nominations for Chairperson for the next year.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joan Webb was re-elected as Chairperson by VB and this was seconded by RP. There were 2 nominations for Vice Chairperson. A Paper-vote was carried out and the PCSO was asked to count the votes, these being checked by the Clerk. The overall vote was for Councillor Shore.

SW thanked VB for all her contributions in the past years as Vice Chairperson.

Nicky White was proposed by SW as Internal Auditor and seconded by JW.

AS asked if the time was appropriate to introduce changes in the organisation of certain aspects of the Council, particularly relating to setting up sub-committees. These will be discussed at the next meeting (put on Agenda). SW proposed this and PG seconded.

3. MINUTES

Insert into 'Finance' - Line 3 to read ...'statements as from April 2011 onwards'.

Minutes were then accepted and signed by Chairperson, Joan Webb.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Nil

5. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
Lakeside	100079	JW.VB	A Sidwell Owl Carving	9.5. 11	250.00
General	101511	JW.VB	R Fogerty	9.5. 11	199.20
“	101512	JW.VB	R Fogerty (expenses)	9.5.11	64.46
	101513		Cancelled		
“	101514	JW.VB	Chalc Standing Order BK	9.5.11	25.00

Councillor PG reported on the following:

The Parish Council has now commenced setting up a PAYE scheme. This is in early stages. Running costs of Village Hall – he will look into net costs.

The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to see our accounts. PG would like to put monthly Finance Sheets on website. AS stated that the sheet does not state budget figures for the year and the expenditure relating to them. PG will look into this, commencing with April 2011. Proposed by AS and seconded by RP.

Clerk asked to check PCSO contract details and bring to next meeting.

Audit and Finance Sheets signed by Chairperson and Clerk and returned to Nicky White.

Insurance premium due with AON on 1st June, - PG looking into this and is awaiting quote from another company.

The Clerk reported that first half of the precept had been received into the General Account. She reported that she had been in contact with United Utilities re. the Village Hall, as they had overestimated the usage, causing increase in direct debit. Hopefully this is now sorted. Balances at 31st March 2011 – General Account £3,183.09 and Lakeside £4,350.94.

The Clerk will apply for revised edition of Standing Orders, from Chalc. SW proposed that AS, PG and CT review these and produce new-up-to-date Standing Orders for our council. Itemise on the Agenda for June Meeting.

6. OPEN FORUM

The member of the public expressed thanks to all Councillors for their contribution to the Council, noting that this is voluntary. He asked for them to come up with a plan, as to how they see the Parish will develop over the next few years, and due to restrictive financing they will need to be more self-supporting.

He also mentioned the footpath to Earles Lane (discuss in Item 8. Parish Plan).

Also, he felt that the Cheshire Show caused a lot of disruption to the residents of Pickmere, particularly with traffic. He felt that it would be reasonable that the residents benefitted in some way, perhaps with reduction in price of ticket entrance to the Show.

7. PCSO

The PCSO had received complaints of several cars parked down Mere Lane. On visiting the area, these were no longer present.

She has received a complaint from residents of noise from the generator at the caravans on Spink lane. They were advised to report this to Environmental Health.

She will deliver 2 Speedwatch signs to one of the Councillors shortly. These will require siting.

8. PARISH PLAN

RP reported that the Committee are still trying to get everything implemented. He praised Phil Kuehnle for the work he has done. The 30 mph limit has been achieved. He went on to report that CWAC and CE have funding available for upgrading the surface of the footpath from Mere Lane to Earles Lane being improved to become a more suitable path for children to be taken to school. The surface will be suitable for use of pushchairs and wheelchairs. The cost of this will be about £12,000. CWAC and CE would like contributions from Pickmere and Wincham Parish Councils. A dog bin will be required.

9. PLANNING

The Clerk reported that VB, AS, CT and herself had attended the Planning Committee Meeting at which the following application was heard and rejected by the Committee

Application No: 11/0333M
Proposal: Proposed Stables including Retention of Hardstanding
Location: Land at Spink Lane Pickmere

The following applications were received:

Application No: 11/1016M
Proposal: First floor extension to Side Elevation
Location: 28 The Orchards Pickmere WA16 0LS

No objection, and given the extenuating circumstance of the application, provided close neighbours are taken into consideration. Councillor S Wilkinson declared interest.

PG requested an update on the Spink Lane Caravan Site. AS stated that they are expecting CE to act on the Enforcement Order, but has no further information.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Mainly this was in the form of electronic mail, and sent round to Councillors and action taken where necessary.

Clerk was requested to produce list of Councillors' Addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Clerk to email Wincham Clerk re assistance from their residents to help clear rubbish at the end of Board Walk on Pickmere Lake.

VB and PG given information on Meeting they are attending at Middlewich for June 4th.

11. IROS

The carving of the 'Barn Owl' done in wood from recent felled Elm Tress, by Angela Sidwell of Wincham, is now in place. VB suggested that she carve her initials in this and 'PPC 2011' – agreed by councillors.

PG felt that the 'Rabbit' carved seat was drying out and in need of attention. Agreed by councillors.

A detailed report of the meeting re. 'Speedboats on the Lake' held at Pavillion, on April 18th had been received by email from Geoffrey Budenberg, of CPRE. VB had attended for the Pickmere Council, Steve Wilkinson represented CE and Cheshire Wildlife, CPRE and Cheshire Wildlife Trust were all represented. CE and CWAC have re-stated terms and condition to the two riparian owners.

In this report it was stated that legally CE nor CWAC can pursue action as they cannot provide systematic monitoring for the undertaking. It requires keener observation ; the need for identification of boat, date and time, and which jetty it has been launched from..Buying out of the licence would be very expensive.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Discussion on the progression of plans for a New Village Hall took place. Suggestions by SW that not enough detail was presented to the residents by way of the flier , and decision to have an ‘artist’s impression drawing’ available at the ‘Fun Day’ would be useful.

13. WEB-SITE

To put ‘Teas at Lake’ on – clerk will contact DH. Also she will find out about CE website for DH.

14. AOB

VB reported no further movement on the Clover Drive Playground Area, in that she had not been able to pursue with Persimmon, despite several phone calls. SW has kindly cut the grass in the Open Space areas. Decision to go ahead and renew Insurance for the general needs of the Parish Council, and discuss Insurance for Clover Drive Playground at a later date, if it is taken over.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR JUNE 7th IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30PM

***** No meeting in July, meeting as usual 2nd August 2011**