

Number 530

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2007 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, , S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall,
T Daffurn, R Fogerty (Clerk) N White (Auditor) C Wilcox-Baker (Arrived about 8pm)

APOLOGIES: Charles Oulton (Borough Councillor)

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- Mrs and Mrs Howe, Sheila Pugh, Antony Molyneaux.

Beverley Wilders, from Planning Dept. Macclesfield was also in attendance.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb, the Chairperson, and she welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- i. **Dead Elms.** SW had not received any contact from Simon Davis whom he had contacted re. the trees. SW will now contact Tony Duncalf to inspect trees and give them attention.
- ii. RF added that a resident of the village has reported Japanese Knot Weed in the vicinity of the dead elms opposite the Guest House. Been told that Jeremy Lawton will treat in spring. RF to confirm with him.
- iii. SW has obtained 4 sacks of daffodil bulbs, and one has already been planted, others awaiting planting. Check with Richard Platt, and maybe plant some on bank near Clover Drive.

Joan Webb then invited Beverley Wilders to discuss the problem related to the piece of land owned by Antony Molyneaux, known as Brindlewood. Antony would like to be able to obtain planning permission for a small brick built dwelling to be built on this land. Macclesfield Planning Department have been contacted over this some years ago, and state it comes under Green Belt. There are a few other bungalows in this small area and Antony presently has a caravan on his plot. JW reported that in 2003 a resident in this same area applied for planning permission to build a small bungalow for her parents and was refused. Antony then bought the land. Much discussion took place with Beverley, by Councillors, but she stated that except under very special circumstances, the land could not be given planning permission. Nothing has changed since 2003, when it was refused before. A similar dwelling to a caravan can be situated on it, e.g. Park Home, or log cabin. Beverley advised Antony not to even apply for planning permission, but did advise him to get a legal view from Macclesfield B C.

Beverley Wilders left the meeting after this, at 8pm.

3. FINANCE

Nicola White reported on latest changes in the accounts. Reallocation of VAT: it had been moved from General to Lakeside Current Account.

The General Account had £200 showing as a donation, but this is in fact the hire fee paid by the Community Group for use of the Pavilion.

The second half of the precept, water rate overpaid and refunded, and the fishing licence fee, and Village Hall hire fees had been paid into the General Account. Normal costs for running Hall had been paid out, plus Clerk's salary and expenses.

RF mentioned Safe Deposit Fee £5 to access Safe in addition to quarterly fee of £10 to have the safe.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101282	JW. VB	C K Bell repair to toilet VH and Gas Boiler check	7.11.07	145.00
“	101283	JW. VB	Scot Power VH (Post Office)	7.11.07	37.51
“	101284	JW. VB	Pickmere Comm. Group for Sign for Parish Plan	7.11.07	58.75
“	101285	JW. VB	Training Chalc Clerk RF	7.11.07	20.00
“	101286	JW. VB	Clerk RF Salary	7.11.07	123.38
“	101287	JW. VB	Clerk RF Expenses	7.11.07	41.98

4. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Howe thanked SW for giving attention to trees.

Mrs Howe also spoke about large piece of kerb at Flittogate Lane that had caused obstruction and damaged their cars. PG also reported damage to his car.

Mrs Howe and Ms Pugh raised the issue of problems of car parking near their homes on Pickmere Lane and reported damage to their cars. Mrs Howe reported on her daughter visiting them and had parked on the main road and had sustained damage to her car.

SW advised them to mention this in the Parish Plan initial meeting tomorrow (7th Nov.) and get more support over parking facilities near their properties.

Antony Molyneaux thanked the Parish Council for giving support over his land. Members of public left at 8.20pm.

5. PLANNING

Three Planning applications have been granted during October.

- Single and first floor rear extensions to Barrhill Pickmere Lane Pickmere
- Two storey side extension front porch and replacement detached garage/workshop at 89 Pickmere Lane Pickmere.
- Part single-storey and part two-storey rear and side extension at Chapel Farm House Pickmere Lane Pickmere.

Planning applications applied for during October are as follows:

- i. 07/2605P
Rear Orangery
15 Wellfield Close Pickmere WA16 0LW
No objection provided close neighbours comments are taken into consideration.
- ii. 07/2616P
Replacement rear conservatory
Dove Cottage Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL
No objection.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. JW reported letter re. next poll. May 1st 2008. 7am – 10pm.
- ii. Tim Daffurn (Councillor) handed a letter to JW to inform her and Council of his resignation, due to moving from the village. He had thought this was a temporary move, but it has become permanent. JW thanked him for his attention and time he has given to the Council. RF to place Notification of Vacancy on the Council on the Parish Notice Board.
- iii. VB reported on Community Pride Competition. (Detailed report received).
Pickmere had come 9th out of 12- lower than previously). The inspectors had been impressed with the Lakeside area.
- iv. RF stated no further contact from Cathy Swindells re. land around Clover Drive. RF had phoned her after last meeting to ask her to expedite sending us details of work needed to be done there.
Joan Webb reported on the very sad news the Pickmere Post Office will be closed down next February.

Grant cheque for £250 received from Bron Kerrigan for started grant for Parish Plan.
Form signed by JW and RP.

7. IROS

Security lights still awaiting attention. PG handed in request note from Pickmere Community Group to use a microwave, which they will buy, in the Pavilion. SW will ask Brenda to check with Environmental Health if one can be used in the Pavilion. SW has not dealt with drain near path at IROS area, but will do so. SW asked VB if she had booked anyone to do hedge laying. SW will make enquiries re. getting this done. Just do stretch below pavilion building to start with.

8. BOATING ON LAKE

Put this item on hold until Charlie Oulton can attend meeting – RF to check this out for December meeting. All Councillors to read the email he sent. RF sends to everyone again to ensure all got information.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Door on gent's toilet not sorted yet, but being dealt with! Bulkhead light needs new bulb – SW will deal with this.

10. WEB-SITE

David Harris reported that all ready to go live tomorrow! CWB proposed vote of thanks, seconded by all, to David and his son, Richard who have done all the brilliant work on this. RF do letter to Richard. The web site will be

www.pickmereparishcouncil.com Links have been checked. SW to contact CCC to link with them. DH and JW to visit RF tomorrow to look at/print some pages on her computer, in preparation for Parish Plan meeting tomorrow evening.

11. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

First public meeting, tomorrow evening, November 7th. Setting out room etc discussed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RF to organise Cheque for NW for next meeting.

RF reported on some aspects of her course at Chalc in October (for new Councillors and Clerks). Some recommendations of how the Agenda is set out were suggested on the course. Council unanimously agreed to keep format of Agenda the same, but detail actions points from last meeting in Matters Arising.

PG had attended the 4th Cluster Meeting arranged by Steve Wilkinson (meeting for his Bucklow electoral division, as a County Councillor). PG thought it was very good and effective to get Councillors to meet and discuss. Etc. Police liaison officers and Macclesfield Fire Service were present and spoke of their involvement etc. PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Julia Short outlined her role as a PCSO. PC Mike Dawber highlighted the 'Rural Watch' initiative being set up to deal with problems outside the actual villages, such as fly-tipping, theft from barns, damage etc. and hoped Local Councils would sign-up to the scheme, point of contact for this is Jane Thirsk. Christine Morrall(Cheshire Police) had outlined her area of responsibility around Rural Policing. Tony Snelson (Fire) stated the Fire Service had become more proactive. SW reported that questions had been asked re. speed indicator devices – looking into it. Damage to village signs – discussed. RF to check Insurance details re this. Next Cluster Meeting April 2008.

SW asked JW if there was any progression with Speedwatch. JW stated she had made 14 phone calls re. this. She will try contacting Inspector Christine Morrall, Cheshire Police.

In future we will receive the minutes from the Cluster Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR 4th DECEMBER IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

AT 7.30PM

