

Number 540

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 4TH 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris,
R Fogerty (Clerk) N White (Auditor)

APOLOGIES:

P Mather, R Pepall

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

Start: Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr and Mrs Curtin; and arrived at 8pm: Mr Molyneaux

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by the Chairperson, Joan Webb

2. MATTERS ARISING:

PCSO's - no advance as yet. Path by Lake – nil further on this. 'Rose Garden' by Wellfield Close – being looked into by VB. Telephone Kiosk JW sent for relevant paper work to adopt phone.

3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101349	JW VB	Scot Power Elec. VH	4.11.08	50.00
“	101350	JW VB	Pick Meth. Ch.Hire Hall	4.11.08	42.50
“	101351	JW VB	R Fogerty Clerk	4.11.08	314.90
“	101352	JW VB	M Barlow Cleaner VH	4.11.08	82.99
“	101353	JW VB	R Elsby New Vill. Sign	4.11.08	50.00
“	101354	JW VB	Chalc fee Plann. Forum	4.11.08	25.00
Lakeside	100068	JW VB	Moorhayes Tree Services	4.11.08	665.00

Mrs White (Auditor) reported on the balances in the Accounts. The General Account at the end of October: Current £3,350.01 Deposit £5,301.87. The Fishing Licence Fee, Precept and Hall Hire Fees have been paid in to date. The Hall Hire Fees for Pavillion and Village Hall to date already exceed those of last year. Outgoing expenses as per normal for Utility, Clerk etc. Lakeside Account Current £1,948.65 and Deposit £6,909.83. Main outgoing has been for tree surgery.

The audit report has been received from the Audit Commission. Mrs White reported that from now on the Council will need to register as 'employers' with Inland Revenue. She will look into this and obtain and fill in required forms for Council.

Notification of Audit Report to be placed on Notice Board by R Fogerty.

Discussion and Agreement by Council to award Clerk an extra payment this month, due to her 'overtime secretarial hours' spent on the Spink Lane Development Issue. The Clerk was absent from the room when this decision took place, but thanked council for this award on her return.

4. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Howe spoke about the Parish Plan, on behalf of Richard Pepall (Treasurer P.P.) who was unable to be present. She updated Council and informed them that the Committee had recently been in contact with Bron Kerrigan, Parish Plans Officer. Questionnaires have now been received from residents. Phil Kuehnle has checked these. Committee members are going through a batch each, to inspect and prioritise issues raised. Further Meeting of Parish Plan later in November. The general opinion was that no-one wants any major changes, no-one wants more development, and nothing controversial was raised. 'Speeding' was mentioned on many questionnaires. Residents would like new Notice Board, situated nearer Red Lion, for general information.

Mr Howe reported seeing Road Sweeper and Pavement Sweeper on his journey back through Wincham. On reaching the Wincham/Pickmere boundary these vehicles turned back and he queried why they did not come on to Pickmere. SW explained that the highways care would be dealt with by VRBC for them.

CWB reported that a resident of Tabley (just over the boundary) has reported a number of accidents near her home, and is organising a petition to send to MBC concerning the speed of vehicle using Pickmere Lane. Forms handed out to several P C members.

SW stated there is to be a recommendation from Speed Review Cheshire County Council on speedrestriction from Windmill Pub to our own sign, of 50 mph

Mr Molyneaux stated he had not received any update on his application re. Caravan at Sunnyside. He asked could Council help expedite. He will email the Clerk who will contact Beverley Wilders at MBC Planning.

5. PLANNING

One application was received this month: (SW declared 'Interest')

Application No: 08/2274P

Proposal: Two Agricultural Buildings

Location: Roses Farm Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL

No objection

SW and PG reported on the setting up of the Steering Group to deal with the Development on Spink Lane, of which we are still awaiting the Planning Application. The Group consists of some Parish Councillors and some residents, who are actively looking into many aspects of this development. 'Pickmere Area Residents' Group' is the name of the fund to which donations can be sent, in order to fund experts. Money has already been gratefully received, but more would be very welcome. Leith Planning Consultants at Lytham St. Annes have been selected to advise us. Steering Group will meet frequently for discussion, and will update residents.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All items of correspondence received during October was made available to Council.

Items requiring reply, attendance at meetings etc. was noted.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident about the state of play-area at Clover Drive, and had referred this to Cathy Swindells, MBC, who was passing this on to the Developers. The Clerk had kept the resident informed.

7. NOTICE BOARD

In view of poor state of present Notice Board near Old Post Office, and requests mentioned in Parish Plan Questionnaire, to consider to move/replace present board with bigger board, and place near Wellfield Close. SW to look into re-siting with 'Highways'. It was noted that the Clerk needs adequate space to display relevant Council Information.

VB reported on obtaining new Village sign, to replace missing one. Await situating this.

8. IROS

RF had contacted VB during the month, re. the hedge and trees mentioned in last minutes, in front of residents' home near The Orchards. The residents felt that if these could be cut down they would have a better view of the Pavillion/lake area where youths are causing damage to picnic benches and leaving litter etc. and they would report to relevant people. Discussion took place among PC but as trees had been intentionally planted as part of IROS area these could not be cut down. The hedge will be trimmed by SW as part of general maintenance. RF to report back verbally to residents concerned.

VB felt there should be a sign to state 'No Access' to IROS area after dark, but general opinion was that little notice would be taken of this. She also had information on a Small Grants Scheme, and felt it worth applying for this, to aid improvement of drainage on IROS area. She will look into this.

PG felt that the 'No Boats' sign was not adequate wording. He will look into this.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Nil of Note.

10. WEB SITE

Up to date.

11. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Already dealt with in Open Forum.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS ON
DECEMBER 2ND 7.30pm**

