

Number 549

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2009 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: J Webb, S Wilkinson, R Pepall, P Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: V Brown, D Harris, P Gough, George Walton (Chesh. East Cncll.) PCSO Dolan.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr Kuehnle, Mrs Henderson, Mr Shore, Also Linda Moss and Christine Patterson, both being Wincham Parish Councillors and members of 'SID'.

1. MINUTES

Correction to Minutes: In 'Members of Public' 3rd line 1st page, 'Mrs J Robinson' should read 'Mrs J Henderson'. Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by Joan Webb, Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The two residents who had contacted the Clerk re. the vacancy on the Council, had sent letters of confirmation, that they would officially like to apply. Interviews to be arranged. Clerk is in process of contact with BT re telephone kiosk adoption. Clerk has contacted Scottish Power to 'remind' them of trees needing cutting back on Village Hall Car Park.

A letter has been sent to Manchester Airport Trust Fund to thank them for cheque they donated towards new Notice Board and receipts of proof of purchase of this were enclosed.

3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101430	JW.SW	R Fogerty Clerk	3.11.09	229.00
"	101431	JW.SW	R Fogerty expenses	3.11.09	81.24

Apologies having been received from N.White (Int. Auditor), the Clerk reported on the Finance. The General Account shows a balance of £3,862. The Lakeside Account shows a balance of £6,275.00. The Direct Debit Account for payment of British Gas Business Rate Account (for Gas and Electric) is now up and running. The Gas DD is £60.00, and Electric £25.00, estimated on last year's respective totals. Clerk to ask N White for budget for next year, in preparation for precept application. Account signed by Chairperson.

4. OPEN FORUM

Linda Moss and Christine Patterson, both members of SID (Stop Incinerators in Disguise) reported on the plan by RRS (part of united Utilities) to build an incinerator in Wincham. Committee set up to fight this called 'SID'. They have recently met George Osborne, who is now Honorary President of SID. He was very impressed with the action being taken and

will attend fund raising events if possible. SID have been on local radio. They asked if local Parishes can go to their Planning Application Hearing. The Incinerator will involve around 200 extra vehicle movements a day of HGV's. The chimney will be 55 metres high. Serious concerns over fallout of pollution. Waste will be 'imported' from west, east and south Cheshire. The Planning Application is expected shortly. SID will most likely require expert in Planning matters to assist – thus the need for raising funds to deal with it. Members of the public asked questions, in particular what alternative, and pollution risks. It is expected that copies of 'Wincham Word' paper will be delivered to all Pickmere residents, with further information on this, shortly.

Councillor Steve Wilkinson declared interest, as a Cheshire East Councillor, and took no part in the discussion on the above.

Mrs Howe thanked everyone for their involvement in the Spink Lane Inquiry, which commenced on October 20th. The Inquiry had to be adjourned due to the illness on the Appellants' side and will resume in mid-December. Date and venue to be confirmed.

5. PARISH PLAN

RP reported that the 'Plan' is almost complete. He passed around several draft copies for the Council and members of the public to see. (These were then collected!) It will probably be launched in the New Year. One of the public mentioned the walkway on the edge of the lakeside being very slippery. She regularly walks along there. Advised to contact Cheshire East on website.

6. PCSO

'Speed Indicating Devices' are now in operation along Pickmere Lane and Park Lane. Date now set for Speedwatch Training, - 12.11.09. No ASB's this month and only crime reported was a burglary but nothing stolen. PCSO Dolan had sent his monthly report and this was forwarded on by email to Councillors. Also 6 monthly report from Insp. Kate Woods (Knutsford) informing us of latest Police News.

7. PLANNING

The following applications were received:

Application No. 09/3103M

Proposal: Change of use of garage to living accom. with conservatory to link existing dwelling and 2 storey extension to side of dwelling

Location: Deansland Pickmere Lane Knutsford WA16 0JP

This was a re-submission application. Clerk checked with Planning Department - no changes in plan from before, it had to be withdrawn due to technical issues).

Replied as before: No objection as long as it complies with Green Belt rules.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

VB had met with a representative from Persimmon Homes and Cathy Swindells from Leisure, Cheshire East, on Clover Drive Play Area on 21.10.09. She had sent report to Councillors on this meeting. VB suggests waiting until New Year for further developments.

Various items of correspondence received during last month was made available for the Councillors to inspect.

9. INCINERATOR

Dealt with already in 'Open Forum'

10. NOTICE BOARD

SW to speak to residents who are in close proximity to proposed siting of the Board, and then hopes to have it in position by early December.

11. IROS

SW in process of obtaining quotes for hedge laying.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Heating now on, due to season! Cupboard locks which were damaged, now replaced with new ones. PCSO Dolan given key to premises, for when he uses the Hall for his 'surgeries'. Awaiting repair of radiator on stage.

13. WEB-SITE

DH absent, nil further to report.

14. REPORTS ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

RP had attended the Manchester Airport Meeting last month.

JW and RF had attended Public Meeting held by Wincham Parish Council on proposal of Incinerator at Wincham.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the public who were present left the meeting at this stage. The Council then continued the meeting 'in camera'. Discussion then took place re. the 2 applicants for the vacancy of Councillor.

Application letters read and one reference. A sub-committee of 3 was formed, and they will interview the applicants. They were delegated the power to appoint the new councillor following interviews.

The applicants were contacted by telephone before the meeting closed, and date and time arranged for interview. RF to obtain references.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 1ST

IN THE VILLAGE HALL