

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2010 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall, A Shore,
P.Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk), Police Inspector Kate Woods, PCSO Clare Shepherd, Cnllr.
George Walton.

Also Guest Speaker: Mr James Robinson, Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team.

APOLOGIES: N White (Auditor)

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 1

Joan Webb, Chairperson, opened the meeting, and introduced James Robinson from Cheshire East, who had come to inform us on setting up a Community Resilience Emergency Plan. He did a 'Power Point' presentation and talk, detailing situations where this may be required. Information sheets were handed out also.(Follow up: discussion took place during 'Correspondence').

Following this the meeting followed on as per Agenda:

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

3. FINANCE

In the absence of Nicky White, the clerk reported on the Finance. Nicky had provided the Finance Report sheets, as per usual. The Balance on the General Account shows £5023.94. The Lakeside Account shows £6,276.85. It is expected that the precept figure for next year will need to be discussed in the December meeting.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101481	JW.VB	R Fogerty Clerk	2.11.10	240.00
"	101482	JW.VB	R Fogerty Expenses	2.11.10	50.48
Lakeside	100073	JW.VB	S Wilkinson expenses in repair of gate at IROS	2.11.10	27.02
"	100074	JW.VB	Transfer to General A/c (error: paid into Lakeside initially)	2.11.10	138.00

4. OPEN FORUM

A question was raised re. the speed limit along Pickmere Lane from the Windmill Pub through to Wincham. This topic will be on the Agenda early in the New Year to discuss, and contact Cheshire East with a request to have this actioned.

5. POLICE

Police Inspector Kate Woods addressed the criticism aimed at the Police response to an incident down Pickmere Lane in September. (Pat Mather explained that she had raised this at the last meeting, not actually criticising, but wished to have an explanation) Kate explained that calls are graded 1, 2 or 3. In this case it had been a Grade 2, which she felt was correct, but due to a problem at Crewe there had been a delay in response to the normal time.

PCSO Clare Shepherd reported on local incidences in the villages during October. As usual, Clare had sent a report via email, detailing her work to the Clerk and a notice for the general public. She had preceded this meeting by holding a PCSO Surgery in the Village Hall.

SW asked re. would the allocation of police likely to stay the same, and Kate informed Council she had recently lost 2 members, but not likely to change now.

AS referred to theft of 'small' items eg. Gardening implements, and Kate has organised PCSO Dolan to co-ordinate this problem as a rural aspect creative response.

6. PLANNING

The following applications were received:

Application No: 10/3650M

Proposal: Demolition and rebuild of detached garage

Location: Smithy House Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ

The council inspected the above plans. No objections were raised.

AS had attended a meeting on 'Transformation of Local Services', on 13th October, at Knutsford, which George Walton also attended. AS felt that, overall, the attendees were not in favour.

A large majority of Parishes were not in attendance and had not replied. There was no explanation as to how it would be better. He could not ascertain what Cheshire East would do if we did not take up the offer. Cheshire East did not have individual costs to present, and not enough detail to explain to those present. AS felt that it is mainly Town Councils 'buying' into this. The 'window' for this plan has now been extended from 3 months to 15 months. AS to do draft letter and send to clerk, inviting representative to come to Council Meeting with more information.

A reply had been received from Debbie Kirk to Joan Webb (via email) re. the Council's concerns re. caravans at Spinks Lane. VB was concerned that Cheshire East are not doing any follow up at the moment and that the 'injunction' has holes in it. Generally, the caravan residents have not contravened anything yet. AS felt that we are entitled to more vigorous action for the enforcement, including more site visits, generally that Cheshire East could be more pro-active. A meeting has been arranged between CE and the Environmental Agency. VB to do draft letter to CE, email to all Councillors, the Clerk to finalise.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been sent by the Clerk to the relevant departments, re Brunner Mond Application for an incinerator. Reply received from Department of Energy and Climate Control, acknowledging our objection.

All correspondence reported on and passed around at meeting.:

Local Transport Plan (no comments from Council) – place on Notice Boards.
Cheshire Village Halls Newsletter – 2 copies given out.

RSN survey/questionnaire on ‘The Big Society’ – filled in by SW, sent by email.

Email from Marylyn Kerby, re. Local Emergency Plans – See details at beginning of these Minutes re James Robinson’s Talk. It was discussed by Council that generally, there are sufficient people available to help in situations that are likely to occur in Pickmere, and that the Village Hall would be the meeting place that would cover most eventualities.

Cheshire East – Homecoming Parades Mercian Regiment. – venues: Crewe, Macclesfield, and Congleton. Clerk to reply.

8. IROS

Action for tree felling at lake not yet dealt with, but VB will get 3 quotes during November.

SW will attend to gate stump.

Clerk to do item to Pickmere Press to inform residents about need to fell trees, due to Dutch Elm disease, in IROS area.

9. PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Discussion took place on the creation of a public footpath between Frog Lane and the Village. PG will look into this.

10. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk brought the replies she had received from the flyer which was sent to residents, re. ‘a new village hall’. AS reported on these. Flyer to go out again with the Pickmere Press in December, and clerk to edit it, opening it with ‘Thank you to all of you who have replied to this flyer. If you have not responded, and wish to do so, please reply by end of December 2010!’ Also flyer will show correction to clerk’s email address.

11. WEB-SITE

Up to date.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RP had attended a meeting at Manchester Airport. Included in this was a tour of Terminal 2, and the new security system now in place.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 7.30PM

