

## Number 539

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008 AT METHODIST CHURCH HALL

**PRESENT:** J Webb, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather,  
R Fogerty (Clerk)  
Charlie Oulton (Borough Councillor)

**APOLOGIES:** V. Brown, S Wilkinson, N White (Auditor)

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC-** Approximately 140 residents of Pickmere, and surrounding area eg. Wincham. and Tabley, and Wincham Parish Council Representatives.

Mr John Knight, Corporate Manager Planning and Development and Cllr.Hilda Gaddum, Chairman of Planning were in attendance from Macclesfield Borough Council, to inform us and answer questions on the 'Development' currently taking place in Spinks Lane.

Joan Webb (Chair) commenced the meeting and introduced the visitors from MBC, Charlie Oulton and the Parish Council to the public. She stated that Item 4 on the Agenda (Open Forum) would be brought forward to after Item 1.  
(Reported in order of how they appeared on the Agenda)

### 1. MINUTES

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

### 2. MATTERS ARISING:

PCSO's (SW had updated RF as he was not present) Awaiting confirmation that Mere Parish Council complete their financial share of the cost of the facility. If this takes place then 'we can go ahead' and start the process of one for our area, along with others reported on before. We will be able to have ready-trained one, so will be quicker.

VB not present, therefore no update planting near Wellfield Close.

DH reported on completing Accessibility Strategy Form, having gained the information from the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

SW still to check path far side of lake.

### 3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101345	JW.SW	Un. Ut.Water. Pavil.	7.10.08	30.37
"	101346	JW.SW	Un. Ut.Water.V.H	7.10.08	14.16
"	101347	JW.SW	Eastwood Const.Roof Rep VH	7.10.08	535.80
"	101348	JW.SW	R Fogerty Clerk	7.10.08	236.61

The cheques were signed out of the meeting by SW as he was unable to attend.

RF reported on the accounts, (NW had sent apologies):

Balances shown on accounts for end September –

General Account Deposit: £5,301.87, current £3,704.95

Lakeside Account Deposit: £6,909.83, current £1,945.65

The gas bill remains outstanding, Mr Fogerty is assisting us on sorting this and is in communication with Gas Board, and awaiting meter being re-read. M

#### **4. OPEN FORUM**

See attachment to Minutes, referred to as ‘Open Forum - Spinks Lane’

#### **5. PLANNING**

No new applications this month.

The following reports received:

**Garage extension at Yew Tree Cottage Pickmere Lane.** Informed withdrawn application.

**Side and rear extension @ 20 Mere Close Pickmere** Approved.

**Erection of Agricultural Barn and Polytunnels Spink Lane.** Approved

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Re: Telephone Kiosk ? Keep it. JW will continue to look into this.

Other items mainly routine, and will be dealt with by Clerk and due to shorter time available can be dealt with at next meeting.

#### **7. NOTICE BOARDS**

No update on this. Await report next month

#### **8. IROS AND VILLAGE SECURITY**

Seats and benches getting damaged and have been placed under security lights, but to be taken away for winter storage, to another premises for protection.

RF reported call from resident in close proximity to Lake who asked to have bushes cut down, giving better view of Lake, and he would ‘keep an eye’ on what is going on with youths, drinking, etc. RF visited him, and discussed. IROS sub-committee to look into and report back.

#### **9. VILLAGE HALL**

A resident had requested hiring Hall for use of dog-training classes. Together with other classes, eg computer, Tai Chi, this will bring in more income.

#### **10. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

DH had been unable to attend one and had emailed to ask for outcome, but not got a reply.

#### **11. WEB-SITE**

DH will update this.

## **12. PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

154 Replies so far, amounting to 51% response; committee pleased. There is not a lot of criticism of the village! There is concern re. footpaths. Information being collated and due to launch middle of 2009.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JW reported on plans of Spink Lane path from information from farmer who owns land in that area. She will obtain copies and send to relevant people.

**Extra PC Meeting: IROS @ 7.30pm 13.10.08 to decide on expertise to call on and way forward, re Spinks Lane Development.**

**NEXT MEETING IS ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**