

Number 548
MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2009
AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, R Fogerty (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather, N White (Auditor)

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- Mr A Shore, Mrs J Henderson, Mr and Mrs Howe, Christine Wilcox –Baker, Mr and Mrs Broughton (from Canine Dogs)

Joan Webb (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

VB updated the Council re.Clover Drive. She has a meeting arranged at 9.30am on Wednesday 21st October at Clover Drive with a representative from Persimmon Homes and Roy Lowndes from Cheshire East. PG will also attend this meeting.

RF informed Council of the Public Meeting re proposed Incinerator at Wincham. It will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm at Northwich Victoria Stadium. Notices will be displayed in our village and it is expected that every household in Pickmere will receive a flyer.

The Clerk has been in contact with Cheshire East re.'Elderly Persons' Crossing'. This is to be done shortly. Clerk to reply to resident who requested this to assure her.

The Clerk reported that 2 residents had contacted her re. the vacancy for a Councillor. They had been invited to attend this meeting, to meet and see the general running of a Council Meeting. She welcomed them to the meeting. They will then send a letter to the Clerk if they are still interested.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White (Auditor) had sent apologies, and Clerk reported on state of Accounts. Balance on General Account £4,508 and Lakeside Account £6,275. The usual outgoings took place during September, and in addition the Council received a clear audit report for last year, and their fee has been settled at this meeting. RF to display notice on general notice board, offering the opportunity for residents to see the Annual Return.

The Clerk is expects that British Gas Business will take over 'Gas' and 'Electric' as provider for the Village Hall and it is expected the first Direct Debit will take place during October. Amounts have been agreed and these will be reviewed in 3 months. Readings are up to date on meters, and also readings for water.

FINANCE CONT.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101419	JW.SW	Signs of Chesh. For new notice board	22.9.09	745.00
“	101420	JW.SW	Scot Power Elec. VH	2.10.09	20.21
“	101421	JW.SW	Salary Clerk	6.10.09	229.00
“	101422	JW.SW	Expenses Clerk	6.10.09	25.68
“	101423	JW.SW	Chalc for notices for meetings	6.10.09	10.50
“	101424	JW.SW	Pickmere Methodist Church Meeting re Spink Lane	6.10.09	7.50
“	101425	JW.SW	Reimburse clerk for online payment for Speed Gun (Onsite Tools)	6.10.09	179.34
“	101426	--	Error so cheque cancelled	---	-----
“	101427	JW.SW	Audit Commission	6.10.09	155.25
“	101428	JW.SW	United Utilities (Pavillion)	6.10.09	21.77
“	101429	JW.SW	United Utilities (Village Hall)	6.10.09	14.61

4. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Howe reported on the Parish Plan nearing completion stage She thanked Joan Webb for her contribution.. A copy of the plan at this stage is to be sent to Bron Kerrigan, who will inspect it. There will be a meeting for everyone who has contributed to it. It will then finally be printed.

Joan Webb thanked Mr and Mrs Howe (who have recently moved out of Pickmere) for all they have done for the village, including teas, making cakes, Parish Plan, and their regular attendance at Parish Council Meetings.

Christine Wilcox-Baker was attending as a member of the public, having recently resigned from the Council. Joan thanked her for all her contribution both on the Parish Council and in other ways for the village.

Two representatives, Mr and Mrs Broughton, were in attendance, on behalf of ‘Canis Major’ a Newfoundland Dog Training Group. They had come to inform and ask to permission to use the lake for training. They gave a very detailed account of their group and aims. They already go to many different lake areas, and also involve themselves in Charity Events. They are covered on their own insurance. Information on boats, and speeds was given. They would wish to do about 2-3 events a year, March to September, on Saturday or Sundays. The dogs can bark a lot, due to their excitement of going in the water! Joan Webb informed them that 2 riparian owners have a licence for the lake and would need to be consulted, as they use the lake at weekends for boating. Mr and Mrs Broughton will now go and discuss with those people. Await hearing from them, and need to discuss with all Parish Council then.

5. PARISH PLAN

Already discussed in Open Forum. Launch due soon now. RP absent tonight so nil further to report.

6. PCSO (INC. SPEEDWATCH)

Andy Dolan, PCSO, informed Council that he had sent us his Performance Framework for September, which detailed his work in Pickmere. Unfortunately, the clerk had not received this in time for this meeting. He will send this monthly now. He reported that SIDs are now in place in the village in the hopes that this will bring more attention to

speed of vehicles travelling through village. SW suggested that as numbers for his surgery are low that perhaps driving around and seeing people in his car may help. He was not in favour of this, due to possible bad weather, and people waiting around to see him over confidential matters. He reported only one ASB during the month. He was encouraged to walk around the village so that as many residents see him as possible. RF had obtained the Speed Gun, and Andy will now arrange training for the volunteers, in the near future for 'Speedwatch' scheme.

JW SW and RF had attended a meeting re. PCSO's. Discussion took place on the work they are involved in the villages. It was said that the Council would like a monthly report to account for their presence in the villages. The cost is to rise in April to £11,800 (shared pro rata between Mobberley, Pickmere and Great Warford). This would equate to an increase of £933. being a total cost of £3,933.

7. PLANNING

The following application was received during the month and seen out of meeting due to date allowed for reply.

Application No:09/2507M

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

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

The applicants later withdrew their application.

The following applications were granted:

Application: No:09/2269M

Proposal: Re-Submission of replacement outbuilding

Location: Dove Cottage Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL

Application No:09/1705M

Proposal: Demolition and rebuild single storey rear extension

Location: Roses Farm Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL

Steve Wilkinson gave an up to date report on the forthcoming Public Inquiry re. Spink Lane Development. All proofs of evidence are now complete. PARG Steering Group will present evidence as well as other individuals. The Inquiry will be held starting on Tuesday October 20th and is expected to take up to 4 days.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received by the Clerk, from a resident in Pickmere, expressing concern over the sale of the field, on Park Lane, and the incinerator planned for Wincham. Discussion on these topics took place. RF to email resident.

Reply received from George Osborne, MP, re EDM on Sustainable Communities Act. LSP Assembly will take place 23rd October at Tatton.

BT letter inviting Council to adopt Telephone kiosk – Clerk reply saying yes.

Three nominations were put forward for representatives in the parishes on the LAP committee. SW had suggested that all three be taken on.

Other items seen by Council.

9. NOTICE BOARD

The new board has now been delivered to SW, who has met with Andy Wilson, Cheshire East, re positioning this on Park Lane opposite Wellfield Close. SW will visit neighbours of that area, to agree this. It will be placed on edge of footpath.

10. IROS

Email received from resident in vicinity of lake, re her concern dense growth of trees in lakeside area near her home.. SW will deal with this and seek help from Pete Jackson (Community Gardener). The area involves 'thinning out' of overgrowth. VB also mentioned the dead elms in that area. SW reported he had cleaned the path on the IROS area. PG stated that the birdhide is getting 'lost' in the undergrowth. ? move birdhide. SW is awaiting a price for hedge-laying in IROS area.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Alan Fogerty had repaired locks on kitchen cupboards. The Clerk reported metre readings are up to date and will soon commence Direct Debit for gas/electric. PCSO now has key to obtain access for surgeries.

12. WEB SITE

DH absent tonight, so nil further to report on web-site.

13. REPORTS ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

See earlier report on PCSO Meeting. RP had attended Airport Meeting, but absent tonight.

PG informed Council that Nigel Evans informs him of Cheshire Showground Activities. Would help to be informed earlier of forthcoming events.

14. AOB

Nil

NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30PM

