

# Number 538

## MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather, R Fogerty Clerk) N White (Auditor)

**APOLOGIES:** C Wilcox-Baker

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** Mr Kuehnle

### 1. MINUTES

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

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

SW reported on the latest re. PCSO's. The plan was to fund the cost of one PCSO by several villages contributing together, and thereby share the service. However, there are not enough villages committed to this. JW had heard it was going ahead. SW will get update for Council on present position.

RP asked re gaiting on Spinks Lane. Previous decision a few months ago that this was to be expensive and Parish Council would not do this. JW stated that D Platt in any reports re Spinks Lane is Denis Platt. A resident from Wincham has an application in for plot on Spinks Lane, to develop market gardening (see N0. 5 Planning).

Rose Bushes – VB had felt Council had not been interested in replacing these with a conifer (Xmas type), but discussion and then decision for her to contact Terry Hulley (Pickmere Perennials) to replant plot of garden adjacent to Wellfield Close.

PG reported that the path has been blocked off to Pickmere Rough on right hand side, barbed wire there and nettles overgrown. General discussion re state of public rights of way and permissive paths in the region of lakeside. RF to do letter.

### 3. FINANCE

Account	Cheque	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
Lakeside	100066	JW SW	Virginia Brown (expenses eg paint)	2.9.08	62.92
“	100067	JW SW	S Davis Painting IROS	2.9.08	90.00
General	101337	JW SW	R Fogerty Clerk	2.9.08	229.32
“	101338	JW SW	Pickmere Parish Plan	2.9.08	250.00
“	101339	JW SW	Pickmere Parish Plan	2.9.08	2505.00
“	101340	JW SW	Chalc Parish stationery	2.9.08	10.50
“	101341	SW VB	J Webb cleaning mat.	2.9.08	8.00
“	101342	JW SW	M Barlow VH cleaner	2.9.08	108.67
“	101343	Error so	Cancelled in cheque bk		
“	101344	VB SW	J Webb cleaning VH	2.9.08	5.46

N White (auditor) reported on the accounts. The Lakeside: £1620 had been spent on drainage in IROS area. Balances current: £2101 and deposit £6850. (end July figures)

The General account showed no significant movement apart from £150 received from Sale Angling Fishing Licence. £2505.00 received for the Pickmere Plan Account. The current account stands at £4,172 (inc. the Parish Plan amount) and the Deposit Account at £5,262. The cheque was made out tonight to give to the Parish Plan Account.

The Clerk reported on telephoning the Audit Commission, following sending off all paperwork re. this year's audit and was informed that the report will not be through for a couple of months yet, due to backlog of their work.

Mr Alan Fogerty (on behalf of the Clerk, Mrs Fogerty) is negotiating with British Gas readings for use at Village Hall, (estimated readings etc). Last bill not paid, withheld until sorted, and Mr Fogerty has taken readings etc. The Council thanked Mr Fogerty for dealing with this problem!

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

Mr Kuenhle endorsed the discussion reported in 'Matters Arising' re footpaths, particularly as it is only August and their condition is already poor. Any pressure we can put on to improve these will be excellent. General gleanings at this early stage of the Parish Plan Survey reveal the lakeside is used for general enjoyment, walking, jogging etc and is popular with many residents.

#### **5. PLANNING**

##### **Applications during this month:**

##### **Side and rear extension: 20 Mere Close Pickmere 08/1536P**

No objection by Council

##### **Erection of Agricultural Barn and 2NO Polytunnels: Land at Spink Lane Pickmere 08/107P**

This could be perceived as intrusion to green belt around the village. Also council concerned re access and egress from site using junction with Spinks Lane and Pickmere Lane.

##### **Garage Extension: Yew Tree Cottage Pickmere Lane 08/1720**

No objection

This application was by one of the Councillors, present at the meeting. He left the room during discussion. Also Councillor SW declared interest in this application, and did not vote.

##### **Plans consented to:**

2 Storey Side extension 19 Mere Close

##### **And:**

Alterations to Detached Garage Smithy House Frog Lane

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence handed round and inspected by council. RF will act on replies etc.

Reply to Macc. Re phone box to say we object to removal of one by Post Office.

Board Walk going to be continued on further round lake to kissing gate. **NB.** No need to send letter re. this as reported in Minutes Arising, re state of paths.

Detailed email from Angela Siddwell re her plan for market gardening on Spinks Lane.

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

VB had been in contact with joiner to ask for possible repair/alteration to main Parish Board, by old post office. He felt he could not fit doors to this. SW will contact someone

else, for further ideas. ? have some area that community can use and some for Parish council only. ? move board to area near Wellfield Close now that Post Office is closed.

## **8. IROS**

SW has done work at this area, including taking out ragwort and cutting grass. The path at the top of the field through gate and along path towards the bench needs attention.

VB to contact Jeremy Lawton.

The gates and bird-hide have been timber protected (Vic Heather has done this). Alders need dealing with and Himalayan Balsam. VB has contacted the 'tree man' re dead elms. PG felt that the sculptured bench is has deep cracks developing in it, water can get into it, and needs attention/treatment – VB will look at this.

## **9. VILLAGE HALL**

Tai Che classes continuing in Village Hall and Computer Classes start in September.

Roof needs a few new tiles and guttering repair. JW will contact Barry Eastwood at Lostock.

## **10. ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

DH has contacted Stephany Ward (Chair Parish Plan) re. information gained from questionnaire of 'Plan'. DH will deal with and fill in forms and send off.

## **11. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

Delay decisions, and put on agenda for March, ready for next year, as local government changes take place

## **12. WEB-SITE**

DH not done changes re photos yet, but otherwise up to date.

## **13. PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

This was Parish Plan Survey month, and not all questionnaires have been handed in yet. So far about 100 have been completed. Bank Account of their own now, so cheque of £2505.00 from Cheshire Community Action, having been received payable to Parish Council now been made over to Parish Plan Account. RF asked RP (Treasurer P.P) to give copy of their accounts to the Parish Council for records.

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JW reported that a couple of weeks ago that a resident near the lake had reported to her of youths drinking and leaving litter of broken glass etc, and damaging picnic benches badly. This had also taken place on Mr Platt's land. The resident and his son-in-law had cleared up much of the mess. There is an issue of 'youth problems' at the lakeside area. Topic of PCSO's, or maybe CCTV cameras, discussed.

VB spoke of the sign which went missing, from near Crofters' Close – she can replace this for £50, so this was approved by council.

JW thanked Brenda Wilkinson for all her efforts over the past years in her commitment to the Pickmere Press. Brenda has now handed this over to Dave Bradburn. RF to do letter of thanks to her from council. DH commented that information already from Parish Plan indicates how much the Pickmere Press is the main source of information to residents. DH asked for petrol expenses to be reimbursed to Councillors if they attend meetings. RF to bring details of this to next meeting.

RF had been emailing Highways re hedge opposite Red Lion, that covers the Cheshire Railings. SW had also been in touch with Simon Davis and action is likely to be taken to cut hedge down.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30PM**