

## Number 547

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** J Webb, V Brown, P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk), N White (Auditor), Chesh. East Cnll. G Walton

**APOLOGIES:** PCSO Andy Dolan

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC-** Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr Kuehnle

### 1. MINUTES

Correction to minutes.

- a. In 'Present' and 'Open Forum' "Duncan" should be "Dolan".
- b. 'Parish Plan' – correct to read 'probably not ready to launch at 'Fun Day', more likely to be October.
- c. 'Correspondence' – Addition – 'Councillor P Mather had reported the landing of a helicopter at 'Style Matters', causing livestock to become distressed. She had sent a letter to 'Style Matters' and Civil Aviation Authority

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk (RF) had reported on Scottish Power assessing trees on Village Hall Car Park Area, and these will be attended to in October.

RF to follow up request for Elderly Persons' Crossing near Pensioners' bungalows.

New picnic benches have been donated by the Community Group to the Parish Council, and confirmation received from Allianz that they are covered on PC Insurance now.

VB had attended meeting with appropriate Cheshire East staff, to discuss problems in Play Area at Clover Drive. Cheshire East cannot control this area as rules within 'Agreement 106' were not complied with, when that area was originally completed. The area was not up to standard. The person who was dealing with the problem at 'Persimmon' has left and VB will pursue the matter in a couple of weeks when the new person is established. She plans to arrange a meeting with Persimmon, together with 2 of our Councillors and 2 Cheshire East Councillors.

SW reported that Cheshire East sign will be lowered eventually. He will obtain a price for 'Village Sign', as unlikely to be provided with one!

### 3. FINANCE

Nicky White (Auditor) reported on state of Accounts.

General Account balance £5553. Second half of precept received. Accounts show £500.00 from Airport Fund, in readiness to pay for new Notice Board and deposit paid for this is £750.00.

Gas and Electric being changed to one provider, British Gas, paying be direct debit. Being sorted at moment, by clerk, and readings for metres up to date. Cheque signed for £283.50, being the VAT claimed back and now owing to Lakeside Account. Balance Lakeside Account £6041.18.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101413	JW SW	Notice Board deposit	24.8.09	750.00
“	101414	JW.VB	R Fogerty expenses & repair materials at IROS	01.09.09	82.98
“	101415	JW.VB	R Fogerty Clerk’s salary	01.09.09	229.00
“	101416	JW.VB	British Gas (Village Hall)	01.09.09	10.82
“	101417	JW.VB	Muriel Barlow (Cleaner VH)	01.09.09	118.94
“	101418	JW.VB	To Lakeside a/c (VAT transfer)	01.09.09	283.50

#### 4. OPEN FORUM

Mr Kuehnle was concerned about the proposed recycling/incinerator on the old salt works site at Wincham, in that this will greatly increase lorries using local roads. SW had attended a meeting and it was hoped that traffic would exit the area by going past the ‘Slow and Easy Pub’. It is important for our Council to respond when the Planning Application is received by Wincham P C. (RF to contact clerk at Wincham)

#### 5. PARISH PLAN

RP reported that draft of the ‘Plan’ is nearing final stages, and will then be seen by Bron Kerrigan, and then finally to ‘print’. RP asked JW (Chair) to give write a contribution for the ‘Plan’.

A copy will go to every household. George Walton offered to discuss with RP the ‘launching’ of the plan.

#### 6. PCSO

An email had been received from Police Inspector Kate Woods informing Council that from next year the cost of a PCSO will rise, from £11,000 to £12,500 which will be divided up by the 3 villages pro-rata. This will prove very expensive for Pickmere out of the present precept. Much discussion over the benefits of having a PCSO. A meeting due to be held, later in September, which JW, SW and RF will attend, at Mobberley, to discuss with Police. The Police have been emailed over our concerns of the increase.

RF has given names of Volunteers for ‘Speedwatch’ to PCSO Andy Dolan, and is awaiting further information re equipment and training.

RF felt that not many residents were attending the PCSO surgeries, and Council suggested that maybe parking in his car would make people more aware of his presence.

Councillor Walton had emailed the speed review proposals for the B5391 in lowering the existing 40 mph to 30 mph, and reducing the remaining derestricted section up to the A556 to 50mph but this would be in Phase 9 of their programme, which is some way off yet.

#### 7. PLANNING:

The following has been granted:

**Application No: 09/1705M**

**Proposal: Demolition and rebuild single storey rear extension**

**Location: Roses Farm Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

JW read out letter from Cnll. CWB informing Council that she wishes to resign from the Council, due to personal commitments. JW and rest of Council expressed their regrets at this news. JW thanked her for nearly 10 years of commitment, both to the Council and Village eg. Designing sun dial, lakeside wrought iron gate, and recent work spent on obtaining notice board.

RF to do Advertisement of vacancy on Council, for Notice Board.

Letters and emails passed around for Council to see. Replies noted by the Clerk.

Cnll. Mather had sent further letter to Style Matters, re landing of helicopter, and stating it was breaching CAA rules. Copy received by Council.

Following on the request of a group to do dog training for rescuing people, on the lake, RF had received details of boats they would use. She will make contact and ask them to attend a PC Meeting.

Clerk will send letter of support re. Sustainable Communities Act.

Offer from Manchester Airport of 2 tickets for Bridgewater Hall concerts – Overall decision to offer these to CWB as a reward for her commitment. RF will do reply to M/C Airport.

## **9. NOTICE BOARD**

Deposit now been paid, and CWB brought final details to show to Council, including sample of wording, particularly the support groups who have contributed.

## **10. IROS**

SW stated that he felt that the recent drainage work on the field had improved the site. He has recently cut the long grass, and will make enquiries re. layering hedge to left of gate as one enters the field. SW will check outside light on Pavilion.

Alan Fogerty had repaired wood main Pavilion door.

## **11. VILLAGE HALL**

JW had received note from group who had hired the hall, to say they had found a leak on surface of stage radiator. They had kindly managed to patch this over with some 'first aid material' and Mr Fogerty had then shut off the water supply. JW has contacted plumber to repair.

## **12. WEB-SITE**

Up to date.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

DH commented on the 'Geo-caching' set up on the web-site, by a resident in Pickmere. This is in the vicinity of the lakeside,. He stated that the information is well presented and should be of interest to both residents and visitors. He recommended that all the councillors take a look at this on the web-site.

Discussion on state of permissive path round lake – very marshy. SW will make contact with land owner to see if anything can be done.

RP informed council that both 'Party by the Lake' and the following 'Fun Day', both events having been organised by the Community Group, had been a great success in being attended well, enjoyed by many people, and financially had been good for the group.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30PM**