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MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held ONLINE

3rd November 2020

AGENDA - PART A – PUBLIC AGENDA

1. ATTENDANCE

Present	AS (Chair), AB, PD, SF, SR,
Apologies	HS, CT
Did not attend	Cllr K Parkinson (CEC)
Police	Nil
Public	11 members of the public for most of the meeting

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – 6.2** - SR wished that his comment about the regrettable need to expend precept moneys on replacing locks removed or broken at the play area and the IROS by unknown members of the public be incorporated into the minutes. With such an addition the minutes of the meeting of 6th October 2020 were agreed.

- 2.2 Matters arising from Minutes – 2.2 – Planning Matters** – the Clerk noted that Cheshire East Council had not yet responded to the Parish Council's letter about the Spinks Lane situation.

6.1 – Current financial position (VAT) – the Clerk noted that a VAT claim had now been submitted.

8.2 – Community policing – the Clerk noted that the PCSO had now supplied an email address for the Police Constable who with the PCSO is focussed on supporting Pickmere.

8.4 – Reopening of Village Hall – AB noted that most of the works required preparatory to reopening the Hall (when Government Covid regulations permit) have now been implemented.

8.5 – Maintenance of Council assets – the Clerk noted that the gutter at the Pavilion had now been replaced. In addition the Clerk was asked to contact councillors with a view to forming the sub-group mentioned. PD asked had a second quotation been received for the erection of new lighting near the lower parking spaces at the IROS; the Clerk confirmed that it had, and that they would be reported to Council at its December meeting. The Clerk noted that quotations had not yet been received for the replacement of the Pavilion external doors.

- 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** SF declared a personal interest in the planning application 20/3593M, in that the site adjoins her house.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Public Forum No public forum communications had been received.

4.2 Report from PCSO No communication had been received from the PCSO. AS noted that the PCSO had carried out vehicle speed checks on Sunday 1st November. The Clerk was asked to request the results of the vehicle speed checking that was carried out on this occasion.

5. REPORT FROM CEC CLLR K PARKINSON No communication had been received from Cllr Parkinson. Several points were raised by members:

- The issue of speedboats on the Lake not complying with the relevant rules had recently arisen again, especially since many more wild swimmers were using the lake; the rules are a part of the legal agreement that involved Cheshire East (the Parish Council was not a party to the agreement); it was suggested that Cllr Parkinson be asked to pursue enforcement of this legal agreement with officers of CEC.
- Could Cllr Parkinson be asked for confirmation that CEC have now agreed to renew the existing faded yellow lines in the village?
- Could Cllr Parkinson be asked to submit a short report on outstanding matters if unable to attend a Parish Council?

The Clerk was asked to contact KP in these respects.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Current financial position The report was noted.

6.2 New payments The schedule was agreed, together with the payment to J Moore Builders of £250 plus VAT in respect of replacement of guttering at the Pavilion.

6.3 Budget and precept for 2021-22 Council resolved that the report and the attached working paper be noted, and that an informal working group session of council members be held during November, leading to a further report to, and formal consideration of, budget proposals and of the precept for 2021-22 at the December Council meeting.

7. Planning update

7.1 The update schedule was noted.

8. REPORTS FROM CLERK AND FROM COUNCILLORS

8.1 Request for donation to Knutsford TC re Citizens Advice Following discussion, members agreed not to make a donation.

8.2 HS2b Further consultation and notification

The Clerk summarised the recent HS2 notifications/consultations:

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- In general terms the current consultations did not directly affect land in the parish;
- The recent notification of amendments to the HS2 proposals in the parish showed changes to the proposals for instance for the crossing of Pickmere Lane by the new railway. Paper plans showing these changes were still awaited, but in any case these amended proposals were not the subject of consultation – in fact they will form part of the proposed Hybrid Bill which is due to go before Parliament in early 2022, at which stage it will be possible for the public or the Parish Council to submit further representations.

SF commented that it is evident that Pickmere will be impacted by the proposals under consultation, even if the proposals themselves do not lie inside the parish boundary. She proposed that HS2 be requested to confirm whether there is any change in the proposed land take of the project in Pickmere, compared to previous draft proposals, and in addition, since the recently proposed changes to the scheme will require increased expenditure e.g. at the Airport, in Crewe, and at Manchester Piccadilly, that HS2 be requested to supply the latest business case and return on investment for the scheme. This was agreed.

8.3 Cheshire East Local Plan (Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document) Revised proposals The report was noted.

At this point Council resolved that members of the public leave the meeting so that confidential matters may be considered.

AGENDA - PART B – PRIVATE AGENDA

9.1 Renewal of Angling Licence Following discussion, members agreed to licence the Sale Moor Angling Club to fish in Pickmere Lake from the Council's land for a period of three years starting on 1st December 2020, at a fee of £600 per annum, such fee to be paid at or before the commencement of that period and the renewal dates in 2021 and 2022, all subject to the range of conditions discussed, including that there shall be no angling from the Council's land between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m.

9.2 Appointment of Pest Control contractor Members resolved that Rid-O-Pest be appointed to carry out 8 inspections per annum of the Village Hall in relation to pests, on the basis of a charge of £200 per annum including VAT, including materials.