

**664**  
**MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held ONLINE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

**PART A – PUBLIC AGENDA**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** AS, AB, PD, SF, SR, CT,

**1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Council noted the decision of Cllr Shore to step down from his position as Chair of the Council. As a result, an election of a new Chairperson was held. Cllr Bold proposed Cllr Read. Cllr Tarrant seconded the proposal. A vote was held and Cllr Read was duly elected. He went on to record the Council's thanks for the longstanding work and contribution of Cllr Shore to the work of the Parish Council as Chair. The Clerk also commented, noting the many qualities of Cllr Shore as Chair, among which are his skills, integrity and conscientiousness and in addition his strategic thinking and vision for the parish.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ATTENDANCE**

<b>Apologies</b>	Nil
<b>Police</b>	PCSO E Darroch
<b>Public</b>	7-8 members of the public for much of the meeting

**3. MINUTES**

**3.1 Approval of Minutes - meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021** - The minutes were agreed.

**3.2 Matters arising - meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**      **7.2 P.A. 20/5757M – Provision of 2 Mobile homes on land at Sunnyside, Pickmere Lane** – the Clerk noted that CEC have not yet responded to the PC's request for a meeting of planning officers, PC representatives of the PC and the site's neighbours.

**8.4 Requests for memorial items** – the Clerk noted that in respect of request 1, the memorial tree had now been planted, and a small memorial plaque has been agreed but is yet to be installed. On request 2 (interpretation board) an initial discussion has been held with a family representative, and a more detailed discussion is now required to decide on the detail of the board and its implementation. CT and SF agreed to join the Clerk in continuing this discussion. CT added that the former Photographic and Local History Society, which has now ceased to exist, retains some funds which it wished to use in memory of Joe Robinson, and will explore the possibility of using them as a part of this potential project.

**8.8 Village Halls Domesday Book** – the Clerk reported that, through the work of CT an entry in relation of Pickmere Village Hall had been added to the Book. The Clerk was asked to add a link to this entry to the PC's website and Facebook page.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** AB declared a personal interest in relation to that part of item 9.2 dealing with lakeside land rear of houses on Jacob's Way.

## **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

**5.1 Public Forum** – no communications had been received.

**5.2 Report from PCSO** – The PCSO reported that over the last couple of months there had been no burglaries, thefts of or from motor vehicles, etc, in the Parish, the only theft being reported that of a set of paddleboard wheels at the IROS. The Chair asked, in view of what appeared to be more traffic, and more heavy traffic, mainly along Pickmere Lane, whether the PCSO could carry out some further speed checks, and also note any movements by vehicles over 7.5 tonnes. The Clerk was asked to consult with a resident of Pickmere Lane who had raised these issues recently as to whether there was a particular time of day when such tests were more likely to bring results.

The PCSO has received the proposed questionnaire for residents from her Sergeant, and agreed that she would endeavour to provide (c. 300 copies) by Friday this week, which would mean that they could be included for delivery to residents with Pickmere Press.

SF asked when it was hoped to arrange the proposed Zoom meeting with police representatives et al., and ED said this would happen after the questionnaire responses had been received.

The PCSO was thanked for her attendance at this evening's meeting.

## **6. REPORT FROM CEC CLLR K PARKINSON**

The Chair suggested that it would be helpful to him to arrange a joint site meeting with KP to discuss current issues in the parish. KP agreed.

KP provided the following updates:

- An online meeting is to be held next week between herself, AS, the Clerk, and a CEC officer about a possible scheme for extending yellow lines in the village.
- The proposed repainting of existing yellow lines on Park Lane is to be discussed at the Area Highways Group meeting.
- Following the site walk some weeks ago with CT, a number of highway pothole etc problems had been reported to officers. Some repairs had been taken as a result but it was agreed that in some cases, no repair had actually happened, or that where they had, the repairs were of such poor quality that the problems had not been resolved. Following discussion, it was agreed that CT would email KP with a list of current problems, to enable a further follow-up with Highways officers. CT also mentioned that if the Cheshire Show was to happen this summer, the heavy traffic associated with it would be likely to make even worse road surface conditions in Pickmere.
- HGVs are a widespread problem, on which KP is working with other parishes. It would be helpful if Pickmere could be involved in that discussion, and that was agreed.
- Lake s106 agreements – KP has requested a meeting with officers of CEC and CWAC about this issue, which is not a simple one.

AS asked about KP's advice to the newly-formed Pickmere Residents Association. KP responded that she had not given advice about the mechanics of setting up a residents' association, but that she welcomed the opportunity for the RA and the Parish Council to work together.

## **7. FINANCE**

### **7.1 Monthly Financial Summary** – noted

### **7.2 New Payments** – schedule agreed

### **7.3 Covid Business Grant Funds** – following a discussion of the issues involved, Council:

- Noted the receipt of the funds, and confirmed its eligibility to receive them
- Agreed that the funds should be retained by the Council.

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **8.1 Update on planning applications** – Members noted the update and agreed to the following representations:

- 20/4381M – Appeal – retention of shed in front garden – 6 Park lane – that the statement on behalf of the appellants did not provide sufficient justification for the proposal, and that the comments made in relation to the planning application should be submitted in respect of the appeal.
- 21/0705M – Former Pickmere Garden Centre – Erection of 2 dwellings -Variations to proposal and submission of various details of the scheme – no comments made.

## **9. REPORTS FROM CLERK AND FROM COUNCILLORS**

### **9.1 Resignation of Cllr Shaul** – Cllr Shaul's resignation was noted and the Clerk was asked to thank the former councillor for her work for the Council and in particular for her contribution to environmental enhancement in the village. In addition, members agreed:

- That the necessary steps be taken in respect of the filling of the vacant position;
- That the Clerk be authorised to remove Ms Shaul's name for the list of PC cheque signatories, and further that in the light of the election of Cllr Read as Chair, that his name be added to the list of signatories.

### **9.2 Asset Maintenance** – following discussion of the priority list, including reference to the Cheshire railings at the corner of Park Lane and Pickmere Lane, the finger post near the lake, and the lakeside land r/o houses on Jacob's Way, it was agreed that the schedule be brought back to the next meeting. In addition, it was agreed that PD would henceforth take the lead as a focus for suggestions from councillors as to maintenance, repair or asset enhancement items, and that he would report back regularly to Council on these matters.

- 9.3 Neighbourhood Plan** – It was agreed that CT, SF and AB would take the lead on progressing the Plan, and that, to this end, they would now liaise with the appointed consultant and report back to Council on a regular basis.
- 9.4 HS2** – the report was noted. There was agreement that the Council should respond to HS2 in relation to the paucity of information provided by HS2. SF was asked to draft a response in conjunction with the Clerk.
- 9.5 Use of Village Hall as Polling Station** – the report was noted, and members agreed to remove the phrase referred to from the Clerk’s response to CEC.
- 9.6 Consultation - Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant** – SF pointed out the concern in surrounding councils about this project and the proposed increase in HGV movements that is now being proposed. Members agreed to SF’s proposal that Council should support Lostock Council’s opposition to the proposal, and SF and AS were asked to draft a representation on behalf of the Council, in conjunction with the Clerk.
- 9.7 Formation of Pickmere Residents Association** – the report was noted, as was the Chair’s reflection that the objectives of the Association were generally shared by the Council.
- 9.8 Communication from Vispa.net re Full fibre broadband** – report noted. AS noted that this information was provided by a commercial venture, but that any resident who might be interested in taking up the offer of a Government grant toward such work should survey the market before selecting a provider.
- 9.9 Resolution to exclude the public** - Members made such a resolution to enable the discussion of matters which were confidential.

## **PART B – PRIVATE AGENDA**

### **10. SALE MOOR ANGLING CLUB**

The Clerk made a correction to the amount paid by the Club for the past 5 years, and agreed to accept the figure proposed by the Club for the year to come, subject to the conditions previously proposed.

### **11. SPINKS LANE**

Following discussion of the merits of seeking Counsel’s opinion on CEC’s stated position, members agreed to the suggestion of AS that a further communication be sent to CEC, again pressing for action to resolve the problem, but specifically referring to CEC’s actions in relation to the recent similar problem at Mobberley, and making clear that PPC was closely watching how CEC are dealing with that problem, and that the PC is looking at least for parity in terms of how CEC proceed to deal with the Spinks Lane problem.

**The meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.**