

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd May 2022

AGENDA ITEM 7.4 ESTABLISHMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL AIMS

1. REPORT

- 1.1 Council adopted this time last year a set of Parish Council Aims for the year. Your Chair has reviewed these and proposes that the Aims be amended as shown in the Appendix (proposed revised wording shown in brown italics).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That members consider the adoption of the appended Draft Council Aims.

Jack Steel

Clerk to the Parish Council

APPENDIX

PARISH COUNCIL AIMS 2021 – 2022

These aims are in no particular order of priority and cover many of the areas we, as a Parish council, deal with on a regular basis.

The aims also include items that are specific to the Council itself.

This is very much a summary and an overview of the areas we as a council aim to maintain and pursue over the year (in addition to our standard duties).

1. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

To continue to hold meetings as per the published agreed annual schedule, to encourage resident attendance either in person or online (depending on National Guidance) and to continue to publish Parish council meeting minutes as required.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To facilitate and support the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in developing the Neighbourhood Plan over the next year. To work towards a Neighbourhood Plan that is acceptable to the Parish and that will help protect Pickmere village and form a clear vision for its future, where planning issues are to be considered in line with UK and Cheshire East policies.

3. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

The Council working group will continue working on a plan to refurbish/redevelop the play area on Clover Drive. The group will look to engage the local community in this task and will explore ways of funding any proposed development.

4. ROAD REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

To continue monitoring, reporting and working with our Ward Councillor Kate Parkinson to address the worsening state of the roads in and around Pickmere. To challenge CE to improve the roads in a sustainable way so that the area is safe for all road users around Pickmere. This includes monitoring use of the roads by unsuitable vehicles.

5. HS2

To maintain our stance of objecting to the development of HS2 and the impact it will have on Pickmere and the wider community. To continue to monitor developments and attend the relevant meetings and challenge the development of HS2. To work with other councils on this process where possible.

6. SPINKS LANE

To continue to challenge the unlawful development in the Green Belt surrounding Pickmere through a variety of means.

7. ASSET MAINTENANCE

To continue monitoring the various Council property assets around Pickmere, to continue with maintenance schedules already in place and develop new schedules as required. To resolve urgent asset repairs as required.

8. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

To monitor the buildings (Village Hall and IROS pavilion) within the control of the Parish Council and maintain these buildings (inside and out) through cleaning and via repairs if required and renovation where desirable. *To make a decision as to the future of the Village Hall and Pavilion in order to be able to decide on appropriate strategies for their maintenance and the enhancement of the Council's built assets.*

9. NEW VILLAGE SIGNAGE

To ~~look at~~ *make a decision as to the provision of* new signage for the village, bringing a sense of pride to the village and potentially to use the signage as a form of traffic calming.

10. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

To *continue* developing and training a Community Speedwatch team that will regularly monitor traffic flow through village speeding hotspots and to liaise with the Cheshire Police and our PCSO to facilitate this training.

11. CAR PARKING AND ROAD MARKING

To continue to liaise with Cheshire Police, our PCSO, our Ward Councillor Kate Parkinson, Cheshire East and West, Wincham PC and local landowners over the issues related to parking and congestion at the IROS field and in and around the village during peak times. To look for solutions to these issues and to continue to liaise with residents about the development of such solutions.

12. PLANNING

To review planning applications and comment to Cheshire East where necessary.

13. LIAISING WITH LOCAL BUSINESS.

To develop a dialogue with local businesses to see how best the Parish Council can support them and how they, in turn, can support the local rural economy and other village developments (such as the emerging Neighbourhood Plan).

14. LIAISING WITH RESIDENTS VILLAGE GROUPS

~~To maintain an open and constructive dialogue with residents and village groups, through a variety of methods (for example, through face-to-face engagement, emails, tabled Parish Council meeting questions etc) and encourage positive and mutually beneficial joint working on village projects such as asset maintenance and the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.~~

To meet with and develop further community links and to seek to engage residents' groups in specific projects in and around the village.

**S Read,
Chair, Pickmere Parish Council**