



**A MEETING OF PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL (693)  
WILL BE HELD ON**

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**Time:** 7.30 pm  
**Venue:** Pickmere Village Hall, Pickmere Lane, WA16 0JP

**Members of the Council are summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out in the agenda.**

*Amanda Riley*

**Signed: A Riley – Clerk to the Council**

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**AGENDA PART A – PUBLIC**

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
- 2. Procedural matters**
  - 2.1 To approve and authorise the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**
  - 2.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**
  - 2.3 Update on action list from the Chairman.**
- 3. Declaration of Interests** To provide an opportunity for members to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in relation to any item on the Agenda.
- 4. Public forum**

Members of the public may normally ask a question or make a comment regarding any item that is on the meeting agenda. (A total of 3 minutes is normally allocated for each member of the public wishing to speak, limited to 15 minutes in all. The decision on the time allocated to each topic rests with the meeting chairperson. Advice as to other means of raising matters with the Parish Council or commenting can be found on the Council's website.)
- 5. Report from Police**
- 6. Report from CE Cllr K Parkinson re Cheshire East Council matters**

## **7. Finance**

- 7.1 To note current financial position (see monthly summary and reserves balance)**
- 7.2 To note, approve or authorise new payments (see schedule)**
- 7.3 To remove the previous Clerk from the Unity Bank Account and to add new Clerk's details.**
- 7.4 To retrospectively agree to the payment of £60 for an emergency repair to the Village Hall roof**

## **8. Planning matters**

- 8.1 To note and consider update on planning applications received and other planning matters (see update note)**

## **9. Reports from Clerk and from Councillors**

### **9.1 To adopt the General Power of Competence**

The Council meets the requirements of adoption which are that the number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected, whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election, is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council;

(b)the clerk to the parish council holds—(i)the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Report includes information from the Local Government Association.

### **9.2 To consider revised Cheshire East Council Code of Conduct**

To consider adopting the updated version.

### **9.3 Request from Pickmere Neighbourhood Watch for grant to purchase signs**

The request is for the Parish Council to fund 8 signs at a cost of £6.00 each plus postage. Total £51.80. Signs to be placed on lampposts at various points of entry into and around the village. Formal permission is not required to fit new signs.

Report includes additional information about the group.

### **9.4 To consider energy providers for the Village Hall – Cllr P Knights**

Report includes options available.

### **9.5 To consider installing wi-fi at the Village Hall – Cllr E Campbell**

To consider the options available

### **9.6 To consider rental fees for Village Hall hire – Cllr L Marshall**

To charge all users of the hall £6.00 per hour until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 the hourly rate to be increased to £8.00.

Arrangements for booking the hall to be delegated to Cllr L Marshall and the Clerk.

To agree to a Macmillan Coffee Morning being held at the Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with no charge for use of the hall.

To agree to the Wednesday coffee mornings being held at the Village Hall with no charge for the rest of the financial year.

**9.7 To accept the quote from Hiscox Insurance Company Ltd to provide Community Insurance with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at a cost of £2,083.77**

**9.8 To note update re HS2 AP2 petition process and to consider the working group structure for the future – Cllr N Greenwood**

Report includes copies of submitted petition (15<sup>th</sup> August 2023) and submitted objection (31<sup>st</sup> August 2023).

The current working group includes members of the public and Cllr N Greenwood. To discuss whether a different format would be appropriate for future submissions.

**9.9 To note the feedback from the initial Knutsford Area Parishes forum**

Report from Cllr A Knights

**9.10 To discuss the feedback about possible parking measures at the IROS**

**9.11 To consider increasing the ‘Training for Councillors’ budget – Cllr L Marshall**

To increase the Councillor Training budget by £200. To delegate the budget to the Clerk in agreement with Cllr L Marshall.

**9.12 To discuss the option of holding a Christmas Fair in December 2023 – Cllr L Marshall**

To allocate a budget of £250 for Christmas Events, to be delegated to the Clerk in agreement with Cllr L Marshall.

**9.13 To consider delegating the function to apply for grants for the Neighbourhood Plan to the Clerk and Cllr A Knights.**

**10. To consider a resolution to exclude the public and press.**



## **AGENDA PART B – PRIVATE**

**11. To discuss staffing issues**

**12. To discuss contracts**