

## Number 534

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT:

J Webb, (Chair) P Gough, C Wilcox-Baker, S Wilkinson, D Harris, R Fogerty (Clerk), Charles Oulton (Borough Councillor)

**APOLOGIES** V Brown, R Pepall, N White (Internal Auditor)

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC**- Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr Molyneaux, Mr Kuehnle, Mr Andrew Knowles, Mr Jamie Macrae, Mr George Walton (The last 3 being three of the candidates for the Bucklow Ward in the forthcoming May election)

### 1. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed by the Chairperson, Joan Webb

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

Drain on Iros footpath: SW had met with Jeremy Walton, who will deal with this by laying another pipe under existing one and a ditch either side to aid drainage.

Village clean-up: Took place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Central Heating Problems in Village Hall: Now been attended to at cost of £185.

Spinks Lane flooding: still flooded, JW will contact Dennis Platt.

### 3. FINANCE

The Clerk reported on the end of month account balances etc. in the absence of the internal auditor, Mrs White. Balance on Lakeside Account £10,720 with only one outgoing of £50 during March, and the General Account Balance of £6919.96, with routine outgoings of Clerk's expenses, utility bills, boiler repair and membership fees.

Mrs White had asked the Council to think about the budget for 2008/9 in preparation for the audit. She had emailed some details of setting money aside for village hall car park and insulation and these were agreed by Council. (There is £375 in the General Account ready for Speedwatch, granted by MBC). Additional expenses may be involved due to changes in local government (to East Cheshire). Also set aside sum for running of Web-site. Further discussion at May meeting. VB had emailed details to RF re expenses expected for care of IROS which will come out of Lakeside – these amount to £1800.00. Discuss transfer of money at May meeting.

SW explained that money granted by Wainhomes of £7,500 is in perpetuity, for care of IROS, not just 10 years. (RF inform Mrs White on this point).

Clerk reported problems when trying to deal with Banking aspects of her work, with Barclays. Clerk will seek advice from Bank and discuss with JW on how to deal with this aspect. Barclays had failed to transfer £1000.00 early March, resulting in overdrawn amount of about £174.00. Clerk sorted this and told Council will not be charged.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101314	JW/SW	Pickmere Comm.. Group (for boiler repair by Worcester Bosch)	27.3.08	185.00
“	101315	JW/SW	Clerk salary and expenses	2.4.08	208.36
“	101316	JW/SW	Council Tax	2.4.08	425.04
“	101317	JW/SW	Chalc membership	2.4.08	145.78
“	101318	SW	Joan Webb (Acacia Florist)	2.4.08	£30.00

Cheque 101318 above awaiting being signed by VW.

Joan Webb asked Council members to review the Clerk’s hours of work, as she reported there has been a much heavier regular work load over the past year. SW suggested this be taken up at the May Meeting. Agreed by all.

#### 4. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Howe asked for information the Incinerator, SW stated this has not been put before Cheshire yet and when we get the full facts we can look into it in detail.

Mr Kuehnle asked if council had any further information on sale of land down Spinks Lane and if this would involve change of use. Nil further reported on this topic.

Mr Kuehnle stated his concerns on speeding through the village and parking problems near junctions. The speed restriction on Pickmere Lane is 40mph. SW said that Pickmere is up for review, regarding speeding. “The Bucklow Team” added that the police will target areas where there have been accidents. From May 14<sup>th</sup> MBC takes over responsibility for enforcing parking, loading and waiting restrictions from the Police. Joan Webb reported on topic of Speedwatch which Pickmere had attempted to become involved in, about 3 years ago. MBC had already awarded £375 towards this, and so far no further action has taken place, towards training volunteers etc. DH read out information from the web re parking.

RF read out reply from police community action team which she had received re. pavement parking.- there is no definite law about this, but they can issue advisory notices to the car owners and notices of fixed penalty if they are causing an obstruction.

Mr Molyneaux asked if the gypsies in Knutsford have had enforcement notice placed on them, and the “Bucklow Team” stated they have now moved on.

#### 5. PLANNING

One application during month, inspected by all members of council individually, out of Meeting.

**Application No: 08/0347P**

**Proposal: Amendment to 07/2704P Insertion of windows at ground floor level and rooflights to rear**

**Location: Mere View House 12 Jacob’s Way Pickmere WA16 0GZ**

No objection, but please take neighbours views into consideration.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

JW and PG will attend Cluster Meeting 8.8.08 being held by Mr S Wilkinson.

Charles Oulton (B.C) reported on meeting with Mrs Wallworth and Mr David Platt riparian owners of the Lake, re boating. They both want their boating rites on the lake to continue because of the income. They both feel the boating activity is more regulated than in the past. Mrs Wallworth was very fixed in her views. Mr Platt was more amenable. Mr Oulton explained to them that we wish to widen the use of the lake. Await development of Parish Plan to see if ideas are put forward for Lake.

Application for Open Water Swimming Sessions by David Quartermain: RF read out email report and communication from Allianz Cornhill Insurance. General discussion and Councillors asked their opinion by Joan Webb. Overall opinion was that the swimming sessions should be refused. RF do letter to DQ.

JW and RF had attended Planning Meeting re New Cheshire Business Park Application, to support Wincham Parish Council. SW briefed Council on this development.

SW briefed council about the Draft North West Spatial Strategy – now consulting on draft.

Charles Oulton left the meeting at 8.40pm and JW thanked him for his attendance.

## **7. IROS**

(Two items already reported: Boating and Swimming).

SW feels that exterior of Pavillion needs painting, and security lights need repair. He will contact Vic Heather re decorating. Brenda Wilkinson is contacting someone re electrics.

VB had asked DH to mention that Community Pride inspection will soon take place. Notice Board by ex Post Office is need of repair (painting and surface of board). Also Village Hall exterior needs painting. SW will mention these to Vic.as well. RF felt that more space was needed for Parish Council and Community Group notices, together with important village notices. ? another notice board. ? where to place a board now that Post Office has closed. To consult with Community Group.

## **8.VILLAGE HALL**

See above.

## **9. WEB-SITE**

Up to date

## **10. PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

CWB had been to last meeting. Questionnaire needs some more work done on it yet. No definite outcome yet.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

DH suggested Councillors taking on a particular responsibility to attend meetings eg for Licensing, Airport, Police etc. This would ensure continuity, and be easier for the Clerk with correspondence. SW suggested DH draw up list of areas to be considered for next meeting.

DH also suggested sub-committee for planning applications to be viewed on website. He is attending meeting in April re E-Planning.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30PM**

**THIS IS THE AGM**

**Also for your diaries, please note that we have arranged Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> for meeting after that, and taking “holiday” in July, so next one will be August.**