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## MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, R Pepall, R Fogerty (Clerk) N White (Auditor)

**APOLOGIES:** S Wilkinson, David Harris, P.Mather, Councillor George Walton

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC-** Mr and Mrs Howe, Anthony Molyneaux, Phil Kuehnle

### 1. MINUTES

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

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

Nil

### 3. FINANCE

Nicola White, Internal Auditor, informed Council that she will prepare the Audit for 2009 in April and bring the paperwork for signing to the May Meeting, to adopt this. The information for the Parish Council to operate as 'PAYE employers' is in hand and Joan Webb, Chair, will receive the details shortly from Inland Revenue.

The General Account balance at end of January is £6589.04 and the Lakeside Account £8031.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101363	JW.SW	Payment rec. from resident to PC and then paid on to Comm. Group	18.12.08	100.00
"	101364	JW.VB	Clerk's Salary	6.1.09	220.13
"	101365	JW.VB	Clerk's expenses	6.1.09	48.16
"	101366	JW.VB	Brit. Gas VH	6.1.09	143.87
"	101367	cancelled	-----		
"	101368	JW.VB	United Util. VH	3.2.09	19.12
"	101369	JW.VB	" " Pavilion	3.2.09	15.92
"	101370	JW.VB	Clerk's expenses	3.2.09	102.61
"	101371	JW.VB	Clerk's Salary	3.2.09	220.13
"	101372	JW.VB	M Barlow cleaner	3.2.09	111.01
"	101373	JW.VB	Leith Planning (Spink Lane)	3.2.09	5608.03
"	101374	JW.VB	United Env. Services (Spink Lane Ecology Survey	3.2.09	865.50

The Clerk reported that the printer/copier she uses, (Parish Council provided) had broken, and Council agreed on replacement - too expensive to warrant repair.) (shown in this month's expenses).

Several cheques signed. Money transferred during month from General Deposit to General Current to cover cost of payment to Leith Planning (Spink Lane Development), and United Environmental Services (Ecology Study Invoice (money received into a/c also from 'Pickmere Area Residents Group towards these). Letter signed to transfer money from Lakeside Deposit to Current to cover paying J.Lawton for drainage work at IROS. This money can be claimed on a Grant but need to settle a/c first. Permission from Council present to have this cheque signed out of Council during February if necessary. VB dealing with these arrangements.

A short Finance Meeting had been held in January for the purpose of setting the Precept. (We did not hold a normal Parish Council Meeting). SW proposed and VB seconded precept for £6,000). It was agreed by Council that the invoice for the Planning Experts (Leith) and the Ecology Study (all related to Spink Lane Planning Application) would be dealt with by the Parish Council, and the PARG Steering Group would give cheque to the Council to cover these.

#### **4. OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Howe asked for an update on Spink Lane Development. VB, representing the PC on the Steering Group, had attended meeting last night. She reported that the Planning Committee at MBC are scheduling the Spink Lane hearing for 2<sup>nd</sup> March, (the next date after that being 23<sup>rd</sup> March, and not likely to be later because MBC cease to exist after end March. Residents encouraged to attend.

Phil Kuenlie reported on a Focus Groups being set up within the Parish Plan Group, and one aspect will be concerning roads, pathways etc. He will contact the RF to ascertain any report in the Minutes over the last few years of work being done, or work requested to be done. He passed over a News Release Sheet from CCC showing that MBC have received £529.00 from them for repair of roads and pavements. He asked if we had been approached for needs of repairs.

#### **5. PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

Councillor Pepall (Parish Plan Committee member) reported that the Questionnaire has now been analysed. They had a meeting 2 weeks ago and Phil Kuenlie had identified 6 main focus groups, two of those being hard and soft environment. Need now to see what has gone on so far by the Parish Council in the past.

#### **6. PLANNING**

Two sets of plans had been viewed out of Council during December and January when there were no meetings. No objection had been raised to these and they have now been **approved** as follows:

**Application 08/2360P**

Erection of Studio/Workshop Frog Lane Cottage, Frog Lane Pickmere

**Application 08/2274P**

Two Agricultural Buildings Roses Farm Pickmere

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported on the correspondence (inc. emails) received during last couple of months.

Email request from person at Trafford BC for canoeists on the lake – RF reply saying we do not allow this from Pickmere Shore.

Email report from Persimmon (sent via MBC) saying they are to carry out a maintenance visit to Clover Drive and instruct a landscape contractor to carry out

regular maintenance visits through the year. Message forwarded to resident in village who has been complaining about Clover Drive play area, and she replied thanking us).  
Impact Day – Police and Fire Services will be in Pickmere (Red Lion) area 18<sup>th</sup> March early, watching for motorists on mobile phones, not wearing seat belts, speeding etc.  
Issues Log reminder to Cheshire East – nil further.  
Clerk to reply re United Utilities Water Rates for Village Hall (VB to email clerk)

## **8. NOTICE BOARDS**

Decision to site new board opposite Wellfield Close. CWB looking into obtaining new board. Plan to get one with lockable glass panel in centre for Parish Council use and one panel either side for general use for villagers. Clerk suggested having a box attached so that she can put information leaflets in for people to help themselves to. (Lack of provision for this in the village now that Post Office closed!) RP to contact Manchester Airport for funding for this and installation.

## **9. IROS**

VB is expecting J. Lawton to do drainage in Iros area soon. When finalised VB can obtain grant for work done.

## **10. VILLAGE HALL**

Floor board in hall in need of repair. VB to contact Vic Heather (joiner) to do this. Clerk to obtain 'Post Box' for Village Hall, and Alan Fogerty will fit this on wall.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JW and RF reported on attending an 'East Cheshire' Developmental Workshop in Knutsford, led by Councillor David Brown. They had reported that any funding already committed will continue for the time being. The East Cheshire area will be divided up into 8 separate areas, and will be run by a Local Area Partnerships boundaries subject to consultation at the moment. There will be Police, Health, and Fire Services involved in each area.

VB brought along the Draft NW Region policy for gypsies/travellers up to 2016. Discussion took place on this and VB to do draft reply and when comments passed to send off.

JW read out letter from resident, together with newspaper article re. gypsies on site in Essex.

Pat Mather had been contacted by a resident to report tipping of 'rubble' in field next to bungalow, which is next to Style Matters. RF to contact MBC Enforcement Officer.

VB had received forms to enter for Best Kept Village Competition. Vote by Council not to enter this year.

VB had been emailed regarding United Utilities method of charging for water for business premises, eg Village Hall. RF to respond to email re this.

JW, SW and Clerk will attend meeting with Kate Woods, Police Officer, on 18<sup>th</sup> February re. progressing Pickmere having a PCSO. This meeting is with other villages involved in sharing the PCSO with us.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 7.30PM**

