

Number 533

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2008 AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

J Webb, V Brown, C Wilcox-Baker, D Harris, R Pepall, P Mather, R Fogerty (Clerk)
N White (Internal Auditor)

APOLOGIES: Steve Wilkinson, Phil Gough, Charles Oulton.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC- 4 : Mr and Mrs Howe, Mr A Molyneaux, Mr Kuehnle.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

Drain on footpath at IROS: VB attending to this with Jeremy Lawton, and further discussion needed with SW. Cheshire County Council been to Mr Dennis Platt re. flooding on Spink Lane – ditch blocked due to fly-tipping, attended to by Mr Platt. RF reported on contact with Matthew Clayton concerning gating (stopping up) of Spink Lane, who is trying to obtain funding. Parish Council not prepared to pay towards this. RF contact him. No further contact re swimming in Lake – await contact. VB reported on Community Pride comp and garden to be entered for Cheshire Year of Gardens. The (one) garden entered for this must be fully viewable from road. Garden to be Paul Robinson's at Wall Hill Farm. Posters for Comm. Pride Comp. to go on Notice Boards and entering general section and garden this year.

3. FINANCE

Nicky White reported no movement on Lakeside Account. Balance - £10,7780.
General account- Expenditure generally included Clerk's fees, work needed following radiator leakage, and decorating gent's toilet in Village Hall. Balance £7,824.64.00. Loss of revenue now on Village Hall letting. RF to contact bank for end of March statements on all 4 accounts in preparation for audit by NW. New auditors for next five years.
Agenda for April: Preparation of Audit.
Letter signed by JW and VB to transfer £1000.00 from General Tracker to General Current to cover cheque expenses for this month.

Account	Cheque Number	Signed by 2	To whom/for	Date	Amount £
General	101308	JW VB	Alf Evans –repair sundial and railings	4.3.08	300.00
General	101309	JW VB	Chesh Comm Council membership	4.3.08	35.00
General	101310	JW VB	R Fogerty clerk salary and expenses	4.3.08	167.93
General	101311	JW VB	P.O Waste water VH	4.3.08	193.70
General	101312	JW VB	J Gracey cleaner VH	4.3.08	104.00
General	101313	JW VB	Comm.Pride Comp	4.3.08	23.00
Lakeside	100064	JW VB	RR Earl Lakeside work	4.3.08	50.00

4. OPEN FORUM

Mr Howe complained of increase in heavy traffic through village, particularly down Pickmere Lane towards Wincham. Seem to ignore weight limit signs. RF do letter to Police, MBC and Vale Royal.

CWB had been contacted by neighbour (over parish border into Tabley) and she reported two road accidents near them, and had asked this be mentioned at our meeting.

Mr Kuehnle asked Council what was the law on parking vehicles on pavements. Council admitted they were unsure. RF to check police ruling on this.

Mrs Howe asked re. work at Chapel House Farm – does not appear to be progressing and looks untidy. Joan Webb reported work has been going on.

Mr Molyneaux stated that fencing panels had been removed from open land next to his caravan. He had put cars on the land to try to block entrance to prevent travellers moving on to land. He is anxious to get progress on his planning application. See PLANNING item.

5. PLANNING

One application received this month.

Application No: 08/0198P

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the Proposed Replacement of a Static Caravan with a mobile home

Location: Land Adjacent to Meadowcroft, Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JH

Councillors raised no objection and clerk to reply stating they wish to substantiate the claim made in the application.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence via email had been received from Wincham Parish Clerk re. proposed warehouse and office at New Cheshire Business Park at Wincham Lane, early in February. RF had sought advice from SW who had made appropriate contacts and RF had emailed Council and then replied. She brought along a detailed letter from Wincham to seek our Council's views. To reply saying that vehicles leaving the premises must be prevented from coming down Church St. towards Pickmere and thus involving Wincham School. Comment that letter does not give enough attention to vehicles leaving the premises. Also is there a map available.

DH will attend Planning Seminar 17.4.08.

Remainder of correspondence seen by all members present. Nil else to report on.

7. IROS

VB awaiting discussion with SW on Drain. Village Clean Up date not yet decided on. ?
March 16th VB will contact MBC for their help in provided equipment. Then RF do posters. Meet Pavillion at 10.30am.
No further information on boating, as not heard from Charles Oulton.

8.VILLAGE HALL

Some problems with heating as boiler not responding to setting. JW will contact Mr Bell.

9. WEB-SITE

Up to date.

10. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Brian Grinham has had to leave the committee due to his work commitments.
Definitive questionnaire been sent to Bron Kerrigan, but several aspects of it need further attention. RP will email minutes from last meeting to council. Next meeting is 18.3.08

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CWB had received useful information (emailed by friend) for people who are out on their own, warning of dangerous situations. She will email to RF and to be put on notice board and send copy to John Ward.
Pickmere Post Office Close 1pm March 10th. Discussion: RF to arrange card and signing, and champagne and JW to order flowers for Gina for Closure Day of our Village Post Office. Visit Gina, as a group, with these as per discussion. Further village involvement at a later date to be discussed with Community Group.

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

AT 7.30PM