

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2
OCTOBER 2013, 7:30pm, IN THE MEETING ROOM PUCKLECHURCH
COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.**

PRESENT. R. Symons Chairman, Mrs G. Boyle Vice Chairwoman, Mrs L. English, P.J. Green, Mrs J. Hawkins, M.S. Watson.
S Reade, South Gloucestershire Councillor for Boyd Valley

Debra Duke (Clerk)

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aze, Green and Smith

NO 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

**NO.3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18
SEPTEMBER 2013**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

NO.4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NO.5. FINANCE

No.5a.To RECEIVE budget update

A meeting of the finance working group would be arranged to start the work for the 2014/15 budget and precept requirement.

NO.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No.6a. PK13/3437/F; Ash Lodge Shortwood Road Pucklechurch; Demolition of existing side extension and outbuildings. Erection of two storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation.

The proposal related to a property that was outside of the conservation area. There was currently a one storey side extension. It was proposed to demolish this and replace it with a two storey extension. Councillors were concerned at the size of the extension in relation to the original property and felt that the extension's roofline was not subservient enough to the main dwelling.

RESOLVED: To object to the proposal due to the scale and massing of the proposed extension in relation to the original dwelling. The proposed extension was not felt to be subservient to the original dwelling, with the extension roofline not being that much lower than the main house. The volume of the extension was clearly more than 30 per cent of the original property.

No.6b. To NOTE planning application results received.

None circulated.

NO.7. REPORTS

No.7a. Parish Councillors written reports

The New Homes Bonus funding could be released for the work to the allotments.

RESOLVED: To issue order to South Gloucestershire Council to release the funding and the preferred contractor to commence work. **DD**

No.7b. report from Boyd Valley Councillors.

Councillor Reade said that he had attended the bus service meeting on 1 October and had been pleased with the comments made. He would request that demonstrable proof be provided to SGC that the service had improved when the retender exercise was undertaken in 2014. Complaints about the bus service would be taken into account during this process.

He reported that he would be able to circulate more information about enforcement activities and he would circulate a synopsis of details as well as the enforcement newsletter.

No.7c. Verbal report from the Clerk

The clerk reported that contact had been made with enforcement officers at SGC about 85a Parkfield. No action was currently being taken because a planning application was expected within the next couple of weeks.

Draft notes from the bus meeting on 1 October had been circulated and would be more widely distributed once checked. The meeting had been attended by approximately 60 members of the public. A note was made that the current Public Transport Forum that was run by SGC was held in Thornbury at 7pm.

A report from the NALC conference attended last week would be produced.

NO.8. AGENDA ITEMS

No.8a. To DISCUSS and AGREE a response to the South Gloucestershire Council Policies Sites and Places Plan Questionnaire

Councillors Hawkins and Watson reported that they had had a good response to a simple questionnaire that was distributed at the PCA open day on 28 September. They had received 70 replies which were in line with the findings within the Community Plan. This was not a formal consultation but had been a quick method of checking general views of residents.

Councillors worked through the document questions. Responses could be linked to actions within the Community Plan.

RESOLVED: To approve the final response at the meeting on 16 October **DD**

No.8b. To DISCUSS and AGREE a response to the changes to the Streetcare contract

The working group had met to discuss the changes to charges for litter and dog bin collections and cutting amenity grass. It was proposed to accept the extra charges and these would be incorporated into the budget for 2014/15.

A question needed to be asked about the charge for litter and dog bins because it seemed that the two were included within one price. Currently the parish council paid for 8 dog bins to be collected which cost £1200 per year. The cost for all bins was £3305, for the additional 10 litter bins and 9 dog bins. This seemed to be a relatively high amount. The council would look at a later date about the provision of litter bins and dog bins now that dog waste could be collected with normal waste.

RESOLVED: To reply to SGC that the parish council will accept the charges to maintain the same level of service, but wishes to know more details about the litter and dog bin charges.

NO.9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 October 2013, at 7:00pm.