

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013 IN THE MEETING ROOM PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. Mrs G. Boyle Vice Chairwoman, E. Aze, Mrs Lori-Anne Button nee Scantlebury, Mrs L. English, P.J. Green, Mrs J. Hawkins, M.C. Smith, M.S. Watson.

Cllr Boyle chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and opened with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. R. Symons Chairman.

Stephen Reade & Ben Stokes Councillors for Boyd Valley.

NO 2. The minutes of the meeting dated 17th April previously circulated and amended were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK13/1068/RVC variation of conditions 2,3 & 6 attached to PK09/0668/F to allow the use of the premises by Willowbank Care Ltd for use of the facilities by adults with learning difficulties to allow the keeping of 4no ponies/horses & 5no donkeys on site and to allow the stationing of a portable building as staff facility and summerhouse. Retrospective – Greatwood, Coxgrove Hill, Pucklechurch. Councillors considered the conditions attached to the original application still applied and objected to the application on the grounds of road safety as it is a single track road to the premises and to the porta cabin which was considered detrimental to the visual amenity of the green belt.

PK13/0907/F consultation letter reference alterations to roofline of detached garage to form first floor and facilitate conversion to residential annexe. 51 Oaktree Avenue. Cllr Button declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. Following discussion Councillors agreed their objection to the original application still applied.

NO 5. FINANCE. The accounts to the 31st March 2013 were agreed and Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return completed and signed. Cllr Watson asked for clarification that the Internal Auditor had undertaken an audit of the Councils procedures. The clerk confirmed he had and that there were no adverse comments made. Clerk confirmed the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights is on display to inform the electorate they can inspect the accounts between 2nd and 31st May.

A letter from P.C.A. confirming they have agreed to allow free use of the meeting room for the Youth Club for one night a week until their AGM on the 13th May 2013 was noted.

NO 6. REPORTS. Cllr Symons report on the re-rolling of HMP Ashfield has been circulated and was noted.

Cllr Ben Stokes sent the following written report. The Area Forum will be considering the speed limit on Castle Road at the May meeting. The Boyd Valley Councillors have met with Street Care on site to highlight residents' concerns. To give extra weight to the scheme members of the public can attend the meeting and under Public Participation draw it to the attention of the Committee.

NO 7. AGENDA ITEMS. Emergency Planning Update. Cllr Hawkins & Cllr Smith had attended a meeting with Hayley Brazier they discussed the amendments and suggestions that

had been put forward for the plan and a further meeting has been arranged. Cllr Hawkins suggested that it was time to start thinking about recruiting a team of volunteers to be responsible for implementing the plan. It was suggested it could be useful to have a stand at Revel to draw attention to the scheme. It was agreed the possibility of reserving a stand at Revel would be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting to allow Councillors to decide if the stand should be for Parish Council business or restricted to the Emergency Planning proposal.

Information on Training Opportunities. Cllr Watson advised the A.L.C.A. Training Group has agreed dates for publication. Some ½ day courses for Clerks and Councillors within their areas is included. A.L.C.A. is discussing with the Unitary Authority introducing recognition between Parish/Town Councils with Quality and Non Quality status.

Action following Arboricultural Survey. Following discussion it was agreed clerk would obtain quotations for recommendations marked urgent and essential. It was agreed any trees that required felling should be re-planted.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotations for tree work.

Letter reference speed limit in village. A letter was received from a local resident asking the Council to consider introducing a 20mph speed limit in the village. It was agreed the clerk should confirm the Council has already requested a meeting with S.G.C. to discuss what can be done to reduce speed and improve safety but confirm that ultimately the decision will rest with the Highway Authority.

Action: Clerk to send letter in reply to resident.

There being no further business Cllr Boyle declared the meeting closed.

Date of next meeting. A.G.M. 15th May at 7pm.

4th May Parish Council Drop In – Cllr Button & Cllr Hawkins to host until 11am Clerk to chaperon Cllr Button until 12 o'clock.