

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2013 IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.**

**PRESENT.** R. Symons Chairman, Mrs G Boyle Vice Chairwoman, E. Aze, P.J. Green, Mrs J. Hawkins, Ms Lori-Anne Scantlebury, M.S. Watson.

Steve Reade Councillor for Boyd Valley.

**NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mrs. L. English, MC. Smith.

Ben Stokes Councillor for Boyd Valley.

**NO 2. TO SIGN THE MINUTES.** The signing of the minutes of the meetings held 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March were deferred until next month to allow Councillors time to confirm amendments.

**NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

**NO 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered and observations made. PK13/0838/O erection of 1 detached dwelling, 22 Hill View. Councillors object to this application on the following grounds: Concern about the close proximity of the proposed dwelling to others in the locality as well as the potential impact on the local street scene as currently there are no houses which sit at road level along this stretch of Feltham Road. Concern about possible issues relating to drainage as a result of further excavation of the garden.

PK13/0782/TCA works to reduce by 40% 1 Leylandii, crown reduce by 25% 1 Laurel, crown thin 20% 4 Apple trees and remove 2 Leylandii trees. The Old School, Parkfield Road. No objection.

PK13/0907/F alterations to roof line of detached garage to form first floor and facilitate conversion to residential annexe. 51 Oaktree Avenue. Cllr Scantlebury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. Councillors objected on the following grounds: concern that the proposal amounted to the replacement of a garage with a two bedroom property in very close proximity to the original dwelling which may constitute overdevelopment. The block plan supplied did not reflect the correct dimensions or floor plan of the main dwelling as there appears to be a double storey addition on the Oaktree Avenue side of the house which is not shown. The use of panelling on the vertical faces of the proposed alteration is not in keeping with the design of other buildings in the area.

Cllr Watson advised that the date for comments reference the re-determine of the appeal Sloes Well Paddock, Westerleigh Road has been extended until 8<sup>th</sup> April as S.G.C. could not access the High Court Judgement. Cllr Boyle agreed to draft and circulate comments.

**Action: Cllr Boyle to draft and circulate comments.**

PK13/0675/F erection of a 6000 bird free range egg production unit and associated works. Collins Farm, Abson Road, Wick. Objection on the following grounds: Councillors felt that inadequate attention had been paid to the potential environmental impact of the proposal with reference to 1. The very close proximity to neighbouring dwellings (odour & flies) a more detailed best practice management plan relating to the control of flies was required. 2. The potential for the pollution of local water courses due to localised flooding and field drainage.

3. Inappropriate scale and positioning of the unit within the local landscape and detriment to the visual amenity. The screening of the building itself may be easily resolved by hedging but the feed stores are completely incongruous. Cllr Reade advised Dyrham & Hinton Parish Council had supported the application as an agricultural enterprise. Councillors appreciated the agricultural nature of the proposal is in general keeping with the countryside but did not feel the proposed location was suitable.

**NO 5. FINANCE.** Cllr Symons had previously circulated the work book he gave a detailed explanation of the differences between the budgeted and actual spend to year end. He confirmed the banking as current account £15707. bonus saver account £14319. Receipts for the year being precept plus income £60,584. Payments for the year £47,866. The difference of £12,718. being the amount set aside but not yet used for participatory budgeting and capital spend. Cllr Symons confirmed the Council was in a good position.

A request was received from Revel Committee asking if the Council would consider giving a grant to revel to help make the 2013 event a success. It was proposed by Cllr Watson that a grant of £1000.00. was awarded and the Revel Committee asked to provide a detailed breakdown after the event of how the money was spent. All agreed.

**NO 6. REPORTS.** Parish Councillors Report. Cllr Watson reported that regarding the Twinning celebration he had approached the Chair of S.G.C. and she had indicated that she would be delighted to attend. He has passed her contacts details on so that she can be formally invited.

Cllr Hawkins confirmed she has offered a date to Bob Hyde Make Over Group and is awaiting a reply.

Cllr Hawkins and Cllr English have agreed a date to prepare a business plan for funding applied for under the New Homes Bonus Scheme for the regeneration of allotments.

Boyd Valley Councillor Report. Cllr Reade advised he was trying to raise money for the construction of the path from the corner of Police Station Hill to Shortwood. He asked if similar support as to that received for the construction of the Coxgrove Hill to M4 path would be available as a commitment from volunteers helps with the funding process. Councillors advised the volunteers that helped with the M4 path were from the Countryside Access Group and suggested he contacted Cllr Smith.

Cllr Reade advised the date youth funding applications had been extended until 5<sup>th</sup> April. Quartet award the funding on behalf of S.G.C. and the Kings Forest Area Forum and it is important that applications are submitted as soon as possible. He has contacted Jason Prewitt the youth leader but has not received a response. Cllr Symons agreed to contact Jason Prewitt and put forward an application.

**Action: Cllr Symons to contact Jason Prewitt and submit an application for funding.**

**NO 7. AGENDA ITEMS.** To agree comments on the future of the 948 bus service Pucklechurch to Kings Oak/The Grange/Sir Bernard Lovell Schools. Cllr Boyle said it was a limited services running once a day on school days in each direction from Pucklechurch to Warmley at 7.45am and returning at 15.22 and going via Emerson's Green. Cllr Aze was interested to know the service travelled via Emerson's Green as he was aware of a number of children attending schools outside of the area that were taken by parents to Emerson's Green. Councillors suggested the limited use of the bus could be due to poor advertising. Following discussions it was agreed to comment that the Council was disappointed that S.G.C. was

considering withdrawing funding for the 948 as the bus service for Pucklechurch was poor and the route hazardous and suggest improved advertising may help increase passenger usage.

**Action: Clerk to send comments.**

Community Governance Review. A response to the questions raised at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March had not been received as the Officer Natalie Carr has been on leave. Councillors were reminded that the consultation ends on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and they have not yet responded. Councillors agreed they supported the proposal their issues and concerns were with the process. They were concerned that residents had not been given sufficient information to make an informed decision it was a breakdown of the democratic process.

The following proposal was put forward. The Council should request a Judicial Review. There was no seconder. It was further proposed that the Council investigate the possibility of requesting a Judicial Review. There was no seconder. It was decided that the Council would write to Mr J. McCormack Democratic Services stating the Council was dissatisfied and request an immediate response. Cllr Reade said the discussions had been very useful for him as he now understood the Parish Councils problem was with the process not the proposal.

**Action: Clerk to write confirming support for the creation of a new town council for Emerson's Green and proposed Pucklechurch boundary change.**

**Action: Write to Democratic Services to request immediate response.**

To discuss signage for Recreation Field. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Watson that no action be taken. Seconded by Cllr Green. All agreed.

To set date for Village Spring Clean. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June was the date agreed. The event to be advertised in Pucklechurch News (copy date 10<sup>th</sup> May) and organised by Cllr Hawkins.

Cllr Watson reminded members that the date for litter clearance at Tog Hill was 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Date for next Meeting. 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Meeting with Merlin Housing and residents with garages on Lansdown Road 17<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 – 7.30pm to be confirmed.

Parish Surgery 6<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Boyle & Cllr Hawkins to host.