

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES, PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING HELD 1ST AUGUST 2012 IN THE PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. R. Symons Chairman, Mrs. G. Boyle Vice Chair person, Mrs. L. English, E. Aze, P.J. Green, M.S. Watson.

Cllr. Symons opened the meeting with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLNOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Lori-Anne Scantlebury, M.C. Smith.

Clerk handed out copies of Register of Members' Interests and Guidance provided by S.G.C. Councillors looked at the guidance and agreed they were happy to sign the Registers but had concerns about the accuracy of the guidance.

NO 2. TO SIGN THE NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The notes from the meeting held 4th July previously circulated were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK12/2469/TCA to fell 3 Cherry trees and 1 Plum tree in the conservation area, 56 Parkfield Road. No objection
Action: Clerk to confirm Parish Council has no objection.

PK12/2288/F erection of utility/day room and associated works P3 Meadow View, Shortwood Road. Councillors objected to this application as it is considered inappropriate development in the green belt. Cllr. Boyle had drafted an objection.
Action: Clerk to send letter of objection.

Cllr. Boyle advised there were still no documents on the web site from the agent in support the application for a Gypsy/Traveller Caravan 85a Parkfield Road..
Action: Clerk to contact the Planning Officer and enquire when the decision will be made.

Cllr. Watson asked about the current situation reference the unofficial development by Brian Hazel on Westerleigh Rd.
Action: Clerk to contact Enforcement for update.

Clerk has received notification that an appeal has been received in relation to refusal of planning application for 1no detached bungalow, 74 Parkfield Road.
Action: Clerk to forward copy of appeal notice to Cllr. Boyle.

NO 5. OPEN SPACES. Actions undertaken from previous meeting were checked/discussed.

White lines on steps at St. Aldams Drive/Birch Drive. Clerk confirmed she is talking to SGC to identify the best type of paint to use as the previous lines only lasted a couple of weeks.

Skate Park - Clerk confirmed she has contacted Rachel Goodchild but she declined attending this meeting as she has only briefly mentioned the proposal to the youth and Reehana Sayeed the Youth Club leader. She would like to have more detail before fully discussing with the youth and also wonders about the possibility of the youth camping in the woodland whilst undertaking work. Rachel is concentrating all her effort at the moment on the 'sub way project' she has visited nearby residents to discuss the project and the majority are supportive. S.G.C. has given guidance/recommendations and the Community Police have been contacted and are aware. The work on the project will begin 20th August for four days from 11am – 4pm.

Councillors agreed that the issues associated with the skate park would be better addressed with input/suggestions from young people and it was agreed the leaders of the young peoples groups in the village ie Scouts, Football, Cricket and Youth Club would be invited to the next Open Spaces Meeting 5th Sept.

Action: Clerk to invite Youth Leaders to next meeting.

RoSPA Report. Clerk confirmed that at the Parish Council Meeting it was agreed a detailed specification of what is required should be sent to G.B. Sports & Leisure and Russell Play so that like for like quotations are obtained. S.G.C. has agreed to assist with the specification.

Location Sites for formal sports facilities in Pucklechurch. Clerk confirmed she has contacted the land owners identified in Cllr. Smiths power point. Comments from the land owners are favourable and it was agreed this should be an agenda item for discussion at the next Open Spaces Meeting.

NO 6. FINANCE. Cllr. Symons gave a review of the budgeted figure confirming £18,000.00. in the current account and £14,000.00. in the reserve account. July showed an overspend between budget and actual spend due to unexpected expenditure of £890.00. for repairs to the car park wall and £303.00. repair to play equipment. This effectively means the £11,000.00. participatory budgeting spend is dropping.

Cllr. Symons asked members to review the items identified for implementation from the Parish Plan as he thought there may be items that will not be implemented this financial year and the money could be used for something else.

1. Publish an easy to use guide for planning applications for searching and commenting on local planning issues and consultations. Councillors agreed this could be implemented as an article in Pucklechurch News rather than a separate publication. Remove from budget.

2. Updating and reprinting tri-fold for Parish Council. Include in budget.

3. Educate Primary School Children about 'Community Spirit' – Remove from budget.
4. Community Car Share Scheme – it was considered that recruiting an outside group would be the best way of implementing the scheme. Budget to be held over to next financial year.
5. Increase number of allotments – remove from this year's budget include in Open Spaces review.
6. Village Notice Boards, one has now been provided – remove from budget.
7. Items from Historic Countryside Access Phase II – To be removed from this year's budget.
8. Replace swings on recreation field – to be included.
9. Parkfield Rank resurfacing – pot holes have been repaired – remove from this year's budget.

Forecast to be re-worked to remove item unlikely to be funded this year, new items of spend for this year to be considered at the meeting on the 5th September.

NO 7. Clerk advised she has received a request from Dyrham & Hinton Parish Council to work together to combat the problem of large vehicles ignoring the weight restriction in villages. Members thought there was little the Parish Councils could do other than encourage people to record date, time, name and registration number of vehicles and report them to the Police. It was suggested the problem be raised through Safer Stronger Community Group.

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

Date of next Parish Council Open Spaces, Planning & Finance Meeting 5th Sept. at 7.30pm.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting 15th August at 7.30pm.

Date of Parish Council Surgery 4th August 10am – 12 o'clock.