

**NOTES OF THE PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES,
FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING HELD 3RD OCTOBER 2012 IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM, ABSON ROAD.**

PRESENT. R. Symons Chairman, Mrs. G. Boyle Vice Chairperson, P.J. Green,
Mrs. L. English, Ms. Lori-Anne Scantlebury.

The chairman opened the meeting with a welcome.

No 1. Apologies for absence. E. Aze, M.C. Smith, M.S. Watson.

No 2. To Sign the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held 5th September previously circulated were agreed a true record and signed.

No 3. Public Participation. None.

No 4. Recommendation from sub committee reference Co-option. Following an informal chat Cllr. Boyle recommended Mrs. Jayne Hawkins be accepted for co-option. Seconded by Cllr. English, all agreed.

Cllr. Symons invited Mrs. Hawkins to stay for the meeting.

Mrs Hawkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

No 5. Planning Applications for consideration. PK12/3113/TCA works to trees at St. Thomas a Becket Church, amended plans. No objection.

Clerk had the following notifications:

Consent to PK12/2509/F 10 Parkfield Rd demolition of existing garage to facilitate erection of double garage with ancillary room above.

PK10/3380/O Land at Oaktree Avenue erection of 56no dwellings. Application withdrawn.

74 Parkfield Road erection of 1no detached bungalow – A hearing to determine the appeal will take place 6th November at 10am at Council Offices, Badminton Road, Yate. Details to be passed to Cllr. Watson as he may be able to attend to represent the Parish Council.

Clerk had received telephone call from first Step Homes regarding building homes/sport facility on land they have an option on in the Pucklechurch. They suggested that as Village Green status has been granted for land on Oaktree Avenue the remainder not likely to be viable for building. It has already been established that there is a need for new affordable housing and they would like to move forward with an application and work with the Parish Council and the community. Councillors were mindful that the Community Plan had identified the need to protect land in the green belt. Cllr. Boyle

proposed that as the Parish Council has to respond to planning applications it would not be appropriate for them to work with a developer until plans had been submitted. Seconded by Cllr. English, all agreed.

No 6. Finance. An update and explanation of the accounts was undertaken. Cllr. Symons reminded members that the precept had been increased this year to allow for implementation of items arising from the Community Plan, a replacement slide for the recreation field and participatory budgeting but to date nothing has been agreed. Councillors reviewed the list and identified funding for new swings on the recreation field and an updated Parish Council Information Leaflet. They discussed the fact that Participatory Budgeting had been brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting and the need to involve the community so that they understand the concept. Members were working on prioritizing actions from the Community Plan but were not yet in a position to put forward suggestions. The need to increase the Reserves was also discussed. Cllr. Scantlebury proposed the money should be allocated to:

Parish Council leaflet.

Replacement slide and swing for recreation field. (£8000.00)

Participatory Budgeting. (£8000.00)

Reserves.

Seconded by Cllr. English, all agreed.

No 7. Open Spaces. A letter was received from an allotment holder expressing concern that roots from the trees planted close to her allotment were a problem as they keep re-growing. She is asking if the Council could fell the trees and remove the roots so that she can use the allotment to its full potential. Clerk confirmed there is a line of trees approximately 3ft from the allotment and the roots can be seen in the bed that has been dug. Councillors agreed in principle to fell the trees. Clerk to obtain quotations and include item on agenda for next meeting.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotations.

To identify Councillor to work with Youth Leaders to survey need for extra sports facilities and to help take the project forward. Cllr. Boyle agreed to work on the project.

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

Date of next meeting. 17th October at 7.30pm.

6th October 10am Parish Surgery Cllr. Boyle and Cllr. Hawkins to attend.