

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15TH DECEMBER 2010 IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. D.A. Holder Vice Chairman, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, M.C. Smith, M.S. Watson, L.J. Whittock.

Mr. Holder opened the meeting with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. O.A. Beg Chairman, P.J. Green, Mrs. S.E. Turley Cllr for Parish and Boyd Valley, R. Symons.

Mrs. S. Grant Cllr for Boyd Valley.

NO 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Mr. Holder declared he was Chair of Pucklechurch Community Association.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 4. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Watson expressed concern at the last S.S.C.G. meeting about an incident at a property in Partridge, Rachael Hodges did not appear to know about the incident and Mr. Watson has not heard anything since. It was agreed clerk would write to Inspector Thatcher expressing concern at a lack of co-ordination between the sections and ask if Councillors could have a copy of the monthly crime sheets as had been previously agreed.

NO 5. ARISING. 8) clerk confirmed the bench seat on the recreation field near the Scout Hut had been repaired.

Reference concern about the sign on the Fleur de Lis, it was agreed Mr. Smith would check with a French person regarding the wording.

Burial Ground wall – clerk contacted the owner of the Service Station he advised the section of wall he rebuilt had already been repaired at some stage using blocks and he is only required to reinstate as original. A photograph to be provided and clerk to check that information is correct.

10) Community Plan Review - Mr. Holder and Mr Watson agreed to join Mr. Symons on the Sub Committee working with the Steering Group.

14) Increase in bus season ticket price on the 689 clerk confirmed she has written to S.G.C. but has not yet received a reply.

19) Reference Localism Bill – Mr. Watson advised information will also come from A.L.C.A.

21) Playbuilder proposal for St. Aldams public open space – clerk to contact Tina Rainey for information.

After alterations the minutes of the meeting dated 17th November 2010 were signed as a true record.

NO 6. FINANCE. Budget Update. Mr. Holder explained that following the Finance Committees budget meeting, providing there was no unexpected expenditure, £6000.00. would be carried forward to 2011/12.

It was agreed clerk would write to the C.A. Make-Over Team about the £1000.00. set aside advising that as it has not been drawn on Councillors have presumed it is not needed and request they make a new application if it is.

Pre Precept Discussion – The Council discussed a variety of proposals as per list attached. The list is open ended and Parish Council is always receptive to ideas from the public.

Quotations for consideration. Quotations were received from Town & Country Services and Wizzard Landscapes to supply and install fence at allotments and to supply and level screened top soil to sunken graves in Burial Ground. Clerk advised that emergency levelling to several plots had already been carried out. Contractors had allowed for 10 tonnes of screened soil and both had agreed their quotation would be adjusted to reflect the amount of soil used. It was agreed to award the contract to Wizzard Landscapes.

The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. A.P.O.E. repairs to Millennium light £150.28. P.C.A. £60.00. being £15.00. use of Meeting Room for Parish Council and 4 sessions for Youth Club. Town & Country Services £317.25. Repairs to bench seat on recreation field, skip change over in Burial Ground and emergency levelling in Burial Ground. Mr. D.Gay £585.00. maintenance of Burial Ground. Mrs. A.Sharpe £128.75. Mrs. D. Bailey £321.77. being salary £319.97., stamps £1.80.

NO 7. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Watson said he had contacted the clerk as there has been a lot of activity at the Meadow View Traveller Site on Shortwood.

Mr. Watson confirmed he contacted Angela Hallett about the Heart Start Project to register an interest in becoming a First Responder. He believes the Great Western Ambulance Service will arrange training. The meeting is in the Village Hall 17th Jan. 2011 at 7.30pm.

Mr. Smith said he had received a reply from S.G.C. Transport advising that in the new year they are replacing bus stop signs with new and adding two by Dennisworth Farm. Councillors confirmed some new frames have already been erected.

Mr. Smith had been contacted by a resident in the Homefield Road area expressing a number of concerns about the work being undertaken to replace street lighting. The

concerns were raised with S.G.C. and a reply has just been received which clerk will pass to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith advised the date for the Part Night Lighting Public Meeting has been arranged for 23rd Feb. 2011.

Mr. Whittock advised the work being undertaken in the grounds of the old Chapel was an archaeological search.

NO 8. REPORTS. Mr. Smith and Mr. Whittock had visited HMP & YOI Ashfield to look at the replacement lighting.

Mr. Watson reported on the meetings he had attended. The SSCG at Marshfield, the A.L.C.A. special meeting, the S.S.C. Partnership, the Link Core Management meeting, the Health and Welfare meeting and the Future of the Links changing format meeting.

NO 9. COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW. Parish Council has agreed a committee and is awaiting a communication from the Steering Group.

NO 10. PLANNING. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK10/3215/F erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation, 5 Shortwood Road, Pucklechurch. No objection.

PK10/3336/F erection of first floor side extension to form additional living accommodation 9 Shortwood Road, Pucklechurch. No objection.

PK10/3380/O Outline planning permission for the erection of 56 dwellings and a doctors surgery. For the housing element Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale are to be considered (no matters reserved). For the doctors surgery element only access is to be considered (all other matters reserved). Land at Oaktree Avenue, Pucklechurch. Councillors were very disappointed that despite discussions with S.G. Enabling Team and Sovereign Housing their concerns have not been taken into account and they have not been listened too. Clerk to contact the Planning Officer and request an informal meeting to discuss concerns. Clerk also to contact Clare Burchell the Enabling Officer and ask how many parking spaces have been allowed, what specific local provision has been made and the outcome of the Housing Needs survey.

Mrs. Palmer advised a planning application had been submitted for the Fleur de Lis for construction of patio and bollards and externally illuminated hanging signs and asked if Councillors had any concerns. Mr. Watson said he did not think the 'flower' painted on the wall was detrimental but members had been approached by people not liking it.

Mr. Watson attended the appeal against Brian Hazel and confirmed enforcement action was to take place. Mr. Holder thanked Mr. Watson for representing the Council.

Notice of an appeal was read against refusal of planning permission by S.G.C. for use of land for the siting of 1no. gypsy caravan pitch, with associated hardstanding and access. Erection of 1no. ancillary utility/day room. Retention of stable block. The Meadows, Parkfield, Pucklechurch. The date of the hearing to be advised.

NO 11. A review of the Log was undertaken.

Councillors also looked at the Calendar and the following dates were suggested: 18th May for the first meeting of the new Council. 25th May Annual Parish Meeting.

Suggestions for inclusion in next edition of Pucklechurch News: Date of National Spring Clean. Request residents to contact clerk if interested in having an allotment so that information/numbers are accurate. Encourage residents to stand for Parish Council.

January 2011 meeting – set rents for Cricket and Football Clubs, allotments and budget for Pucklechurch News. Look at quotations for grass cutting.

NO 12. PROTECTION OF LOCAL SERVICES (PLANNING) BILL. No action.

NO 13. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was read from Mr. Rogers regarding the August 2010 minutes. It was agreed Clerk would reply apologising that the minute reference was not clear and explaining that Mr. Watson was reporting on the Safer Stronger Community Group meeting. Clerk to report his concerns about pallets, rubble, wood, general rubbish and part built porch in the front garden of no 1 Castle Road to S.G.C.

NO 14. An email was received from George Kousouros, Safer Stronger Communities who is compiling a list of war memorials in South Gloucestershire. He would be pleased to receive details and locations of all war memorials in the parish. Clerk to reply that the dates on the gates of St. Thomas a Becket are a memorial and there is a plaque inside the Church.

NO 15. A letter was received from Planning Enforcement confirming they will investigate the reported concern at the Traveller Site, Meadow View, Shortwood Road, to establish whether a breach of planning control has occurred.

NO 16. A letter was received from Miss Morris reference the caravan parked at the end of Parkfield Rank, advising she is in the process of selling the caravan, unfortunately the sell fell through and since the weather has changed it has been parked longer than intended. The caravan is parked with a note attached informing neighbours of the owners' address and that it is fully insured.

NO 17. A letter was received from Mr. Humphrey regarding his concern that excess water from the recreation field is causing movement of soil in his front garden requesting Parish Council prove the condition of the land drain that abuts the highway. He would also like to have a copy of the plans for the draining of water from the land. He is

collecting information to pursue his case along possible professional advice. It was agreed clerk would acknowledge letter and speak to S.G.C. for information/help with who could prove the condition of the land drain.

There being no further business Mr. Holder closed the meeting at 11.24pm.

Date of Next Meeting. 19th January 2011 at 7.30pm.