

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15TH MARCH 2006 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, L.J. Whittock Vice Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Crispin, P.J. Green, D.A.E. Holder, R.C. Lee, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, W.K. Skidmore.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER.

NO 4. ARISING. Mrs. Crispin advised that due to a subsequent agreement Rural Post Offices would now be safe until 2008. She had contacted Mrs. Hall who said it was the chipping away of the card accounts that was having the greatest affect on her Post Office.

Mr. Skidmore attended the Safer South Gloucestershire Meeting and confirmed Simon Ellis as the new Sector Police Officer.

Clerk confirmed a skip, bags and gloves had been requested in support of S.G.C. National Spring Clean. Councillors agreed they would meet Sunday 16th April.

Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer at S.G.C. and been advised Councillors concerns regarding The Meadows, Shortwood Rd. had been passed to Sarah Tucker the officer dealing with the planning application. Reference cars being stored at Green Tree Farm it appears there is a legal use allowing the storage of vehicles. Mrs. Palmer questioned this use believing it to be for stationing and storage of landrovers. Clerk to contact the Officer Lisa Price.

The minutes of the meeting held 15th February were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR. Clerk had received a request for co-option from Mr. Martin Smith, Hodden Cottage, Hodden Lane, Pucklechurch. Mrs. Palmer proposed accepting Mr. Smith's application, seconded by Mr. Beg. Voting unanimous.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Whittock said the young people using the skate park had approached him about the possibility of replacing the existing equipment. He had suggested they attend a Parish Council Meeting to put forward their ideas for discussion.

Mr. Whittock had received a report that young people were causing a nuisance riding bicycles in a circuit between the high path on Shortwood Rd and Homefield Rd. Clerk to contact the Community Constable.

Mr. Whittock thanked Councillors for proposing him for a Community Award.

Mr. Skidmore confirmed 50 bicycles for the Community Support Officers were about to be released.

Mr. Skidmore asked if Councillors would check the steps leading to Cedar Way as he had received a report that they needed attention.

Mr. Skidmore expressed concern about the amount of litter in the lane at the side of Ash Lodge. Clerk to enlist the help of the Guides during National Spring Clean.

Mr. Skidmore suggested a letter of thanks be sent to HMP & YOI Ashfield thanking the young people for their help with planting the spring bulbs.

Mrs. Palmer asked if a letter could be sent to British Telecom asking them to remove the disconnected payphone on Cedar Way as it was attracting vandalism.

Mr. Beg said a report in the Evening Post confirmed the introduction of the weight limit between Wick and Pucklechurch.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Skidmore advised the Police were liaising with the Planning Department so that crime prevention suggestions could be incorporated into new developments.

Mr. Holder had attended the Forum Meeting, a presentation by Inspector Ellis advised the Government were bringing the police closer to the community, he also confirmed that in the future Community Constables and Support Officers would not be pulled away from their areas.

Mrs. Palmer asked Councillors to look at and report back to her their comments on the South Gloucestershire Strategic Green Belt Assessment for Pucklechurch and Shortwood. Comments had to be returned by 13th April.

Mr. Beg advised friends from Pringy would be visiting 8th – 13th April, this was the 18th year of Twinning.

NO 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following application was considered and observations made. PK06/0620/F demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of two storey and single storey side extensions to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of front canopy. (Resubmission of PK06/0201/F.) Councillors were concerned about the loss of garage space and considered S.G.C. reasons for refusal of PK06.0201/F still applied.

NO 9. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter of thanks was received for grant aid from South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau.

NO 10. A letter was received from Mr. T. Webb offering a bus shelter cleaning service.

NO 11. A letter was received from HMP & YOI Ashfield regarding the problem of prison staff parking in front of residents properties in Dennisworth. They advise that from 27th February an agreement with Pucklechurch Community Association allows

them to use the right hand side of their car park as an overflow for the Prison car park, they are also looking at siting a more permanent overflow car park but this is still in the planning stages. They confirm the Management Team ask staff to use the parking provided and park both safely and conscientiously but consider there is very little else they can do.

NO 12. A letter was received from S.G.C. advising they will inspect public footpath LPU 3 and contact the landowner/developer to discuss the problem. Regarding LPU 17 they have already been in contact with the new landowner who has agreed to install a kissing gate to facilitate access. S.G.C. is exploring ways to improve the Public Rights of Way service and wonder if the Parish Council would consider prioritising outstanding rights of way problems in their area and perhaps suggest a local person willing to be a Path Warden. An up to date map of the parish paths and a report of problems outstanding could be supplied. It was agreed clerk would request a map and the report of outstanding problems for the Parish Council to prioritise. They will also try to find a local persons to act as a Path Warden.

NO 13. A report was received from S.G.C. reference road used as public path LPU62, Redford Lane, Pucklechurch explaining it is recorded as a road used mainly as a Public Path (RUPP) on the Definitive Map which means no gates or barriers can be erected across the way without first obtaining a traffic regulation order. It may, or may not, carry vehicular rights but the default is that horses, pedestrians and cyclists have a public right. They are aware of the problems encountered with rubbish and tyres being dumped and have issued numerous works orders to Street Cleansing to clear the debris. They have been exploring possible solutions but with the public right probably extending to vehicular use they are unable to restrict the access by means of a barrier. Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 there are moves to introduce enabling legislation to restrict the use of RUPPs to non motorised vehicles but this has not yet been finalised by Defra. As mentioned they have had to arrange for the removal of numerous loads of dumped rubbish along the lane by the Sewage Works and they would be grateful for any information leading to the offenders being identified, such as number plates of vehicles.

NO 14. A questionnaire was received and completed from Community Action on Rural Transport Needs.

NO 15. An Email was received from a resident expressing concern at the amount of litter strewn all along Kings Lane. He believes the majority of the rubbish is from teenagers who drive up the lane, park up, smoke and generally cause a nuisance. He suggests bollards or some kind of barrier is put across the entrance to the lane after the Grey House to stop the lane becoming a bigger eyesore. This resident grew up around the area and really would like to see the lane tidied up and something done about the cars. After discussion it was agreed clerk would reply that the erection of bollards/barrier is probably not viable as this would require a Traffic Regulation Order. Councillors agreed, however, to target Kings Lane during their litter clearance in support of S.G.C. National Spring Clean Campaign.

NO 16. Pucklechurch Cricket Club would like permission for the Gloucestershire Cricket Club to use the recreation field for youth cricket on 9th June. The Club has its

own insurance and will provide transport for the children. Councillors were happy to grant permission.

NO 17. A letter from S.G.C. advised of the temporary closure of Coxgrove Hill from its junction with Westerleigh to its junction with Parkfield Road for five days from 10th April. The closure is required to enable repairs to telegraph poles to be undertaken.

NO 18. An invitation was received to S.G.C. Biodiversity Topic Group on 24th April at Poole court, Yate.

NO 19. An invitation was received to RoSPA conference on 15th June at Holywell Park, Loughborough University.

NO 20. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Town & Country Services £126.90. skip changeover in Burial Ground. Athel Dunning £50.00. grant. Mr. Boulton £175.00. maintenance of Parkfield Play Area 2005 season. A.L.C.A. £560.99. membership. S.G. Heritage Forum £10.00. membership. Pucklechurch Community Association £33.00. use of hall for 3 meetings. Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £1006.24. salary £280.00. plus annual expenses £700.00. plus stamps £5.10. plus paper for letterheads £21.14. Mr. & Mrs. Hall £90.00. rent for Shortwood Play Area.

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

Date for next meeting 19th April 2006.