

**PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
19TH JULY 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.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. M.C. Smith. The Chairman advised Mr. Holder would be a little late for the meeting as he was talking to members of W.I. about the Parish Plan.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Whittock said he, Mr. Holder and the clerk had meet with P.C. Skelton and his Community Support Officer Ann James at Eagle Crescent, on the 5th July to discuss the problems being caused by youths playing football and cricket.

The meeting had been very helpful and it was agreed Parish Council would investigate the cost of erecting signs advising 'basket ball and soft ball games only' allowed, no footballs or cricket balls.

Clerk has contacted S.G.C. for advice, they have agreed to provide a template for the signs and put the Parish Council in contact with manufacturer.

P.C. Skelton said that if the young people continue to play football and cricket on the play area after signs have been erected the following steps would apply:

- a) Need identification.
- b) The child or parent is given a 'Good Behaviour Contract'
- c) If fails then to panel and ASBO.

NO 4. ARISING AND TO SIGN & AGREE MINUTES. Mr. Whittock confirmed the name sign Hawkrigde Drive has been re-erected.

Clerk said she had spoken to the Chairman of the Community Association who confirmed the work on the hedge surrounding the cark park was in hand.

Mrs. Palmer said the wet tar on the triangle had not yet been sanded, also the road surface on the Parkfield Road/Coxgrove Hill junction was sticky. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

Mrs. Palmer thanked clerk for arranging for the fence to be repaired on the recreation field near the children's play area.

Mr. Beg said the Parish Plan Steering Group were working with local groups and all was going well.

The minutes of the meeting held 21st June were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mrs. Palmer was pleased to advise that Pucklechurch School had received a glowing Ofsted Report (copy to be circulated). It was agreed clerk would send letter expressing Councillors thanks and congratulating the Headteacher and her staff.

Mrs. Palmer had prepared a response to the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West consultation. Councillors supported Mrs. Palmers comments.

Mrs. Palmer said S.G.C. had been asked to remove another 5/6 burnt out cars from Redford Lane, she was concerned about pollution of the waterway and asked if Councillors would support downgrading it to a bridleway. After discussion Councillors agreed clerk should ask S.G.C. to investigate the possibility.

Mr. Whittock said the sign on Feltham Bridge indicating 'miles to London' had been removed and he wondered if it could be re-erected. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

Mr. Whittock confirmed he had destroyed a wasps nest in one of the graves in the Burial Ground and asked for the skip to be changed over.

Mr. Whittock confirmed the recreation field had been sprayed.

Mr. Holder had been scratched by the overhanging brambles from the Congregational Church on Abson Rd. Mr. Beg said he had contacted clerk earlier in the month about the problem, clerk confirmed she had spoken to the agent who had agreed he would contact the owner and ask him to remove the bramble. Councillors were very concerned about the state of the property which has become an eyesore. Mr Holder asked Cllr. Grant if she could do anything to help. Cllr. Grant agreed to try, clerk to email ownership details.

NO 6. REPORTS. Mr. Whittock had attended a seminar at the B.A.W.A. Club but did not feel the meeting had catered for Parish Council needs.

Mr. Skidmore had attended the Cory Environmental liaison meeting on the 24th May at Shortwood. He said the meeting had been very well supported and thought most people seemed satisfied. Footpaths, wild life, noise and control of working methods had been explained and applications forms to allow groups to apply for grants for the community were available.

Mr. Beg said Cllr. Grant would like to know if the Parish Council require S.G.C. to produce a concept statement for the development proposals for Oaktree Avenue. Mr. Beg said he thought a concept statement at this stage would be confusing for residents, the Parish Council supports the development as long as it is sympathetic to the surroundings and multi housing. Councillors said that discussions for a new doctors surgery were well under way, the funding was in place and it was important that the planning application was submitted as quickly as possible.

Cllr. Grant said she would advise S.G.C. that the Parish Council did not require the preparation of a Concept Statement.

Mrs. Palmer said she had received concerns regarding an unauthorised development on green belt land, in a field opposite the Pets Crematorium on Westerleigh Rd. The land owner, Mr. Brian Hazell has told residents he intends to erect 3 log cabins. On the 5/6th July a tarmac firm tried to put in a roadway but the land was too soft, Mr Hazell has had stone delivered and is constructing the base, he has also ripped out part of the hedge to create an access and erected a wrought iron gate.

A letter was sent from the M.P. Steve Webb's Office to Mr. Peter Jackson, Director of Planning asking for Planning Enforcement Officers to visit the site and consider serving a Stop Notice.

A Stop Notice was served, Mr. Hazell read the notice, took it down, and carried on working. Officers again visited the site re-served the Stop Notice and told Mr. Hazell to apply for planning consent.

Electricity is already on site and a large capacity septic tank was ready to be installed, although this has now been taken away.

Councillors were very concerned to hear that work had continued after the Stop Notice had been served and felt immediate action should be taken to prosecute the owner. Mr. Hazel seems to be under the misapprehension that travellers do not need planning consent which Councillors feel is due to the inaction of S.G.C. who have not determined the retrospective application registered on 15th April 05 for the change of use for stationing of three residential gypsy caravans on Shortwood Rd.

It was agreed clerk would write to S.G.C. to enquire if it is their intention to prosecute Mr. Hazel for working after the Stop Notice was issued and if not request a meeting to justify the reasons.

NO 7. BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION. After discussion it was agreed Councillors would look at size and costs for extending the Burial Ground in the autumn.

NO 8. PLANTERS . Councillors had received a request from Mrs. Trueman to provide planters for Westerleigh Rd. Mrs. Trueman had indicated she would be willing to water the plants. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Whittock that the Council provide three half barrels and the soil if Mrs. Trueman would plant, weed and water them. The Parish Council will apply for permission to erect the planters around the signpost on the triangle at the junction of Westerleigh Rd./Parkfield Rd.

NO 9. STANDING ORDERS. The Standing Orders were checked and agreed with the following amendment: No 11. Members of the Public may address the Council but should give the clerk 24 hours notice before the meeting and will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes.

A copy of the signed Risk Assessment is attached to minutes.

NO 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK06/1911/TCA works to fell 1no. Quercus ilex

tree situated within Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 43 Westerleigh Rd., No objections.

PK06/1935/F erection of rear conservatory, 43 Hawkridge Drive. No objections.

NO 11. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter of thanks was received from Alzheimer's Society for grant aid.

NO 12. A thank you letter was received from South West Dobermann Club for the use of a section of the recreation field for their show.

NO 13. A letter was received from Avon & Somerset Constabulary introducing Inspector Gus Krouwel. Inspector Krouwel is keen to communicate with local communities and is willing to attend a Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to invite Inspector Krouwel to next months meeting.

NO 14. An invitation to Safer South Gloucestershire Briefing Evening on 27th July between 7 – 9pm was received.

NO 15. A letter was received from Western Power Distribution advising they will be carrying out work on pylon XW59 between 17th July and 4th August.

NO 16. A letter from S.G.C. confirmed the order to divert part of footpath LUP39 at Shortwood has been made.

NO 17. A letter from S.G.C. confirmed a scheme was added to the Task Register in 2002 for a footway between Abson Rd. and Castle Rd. with an estimated budget of £25,000.00., they suggest the Parish Council raise this scheme at the next Area Forum meeting to be put forward for inclusion in the next Local Transport Capital Programme.

NO 18. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding the changes taking place in relation to the gambling legislation.

NO 19. A letter from S.G.C. confirmed the following:

- Potholes on Lansdown Rd. will be filled and the road re-surfaced.
- The 'School' sign will be replaced and the 'Keep Clear' road markings will be included on the list for the lining contractor.
- The sticky road surface near the triangle is because it has surface dressing and it will need to be sanded during times of prolonged hot weather.

NO 20. A letter from South Gloucestershire Community Development Teams confirmed Pauline Barker as the officer to contact for future work arrangements.

NO 21. A copy of the South Gloucestershire Strategy Consultation Summary 2006 and questionnaire was given to Councillors for their comments.

NO 22. FINANCE.

The following quotations were considered for the replacement of the fence Castle Road end of the recreation field.

Avon Fencing 2000. Option 1. To supply & erect 75 metres of 1m high post and tube fencing erected on concrete posts. All posts to be concreted into ground at 2m centres, fence to include 2no 48mm O/D galvanised tube rails. £4850.00. plus V.A.T.

Option 2. To supply and erect 75metres 1m high bow top railings erected on 50 x 50mm RHS posts concreted into the ground at 2.75m centres. Railings to be constructed from a 16mm solid bar bow tops & 2no 40 x 10mm flat rails, all steelwork & fittings to be galvanised. £5390.00. plus V.A.T.

Town & Country Services. Quotation 1. To remove old posts from fence line between field gate on Castle Road and corner of Hill View Rd. and stock pile existing tubing for re-use. To supply and erect concrete posts to suit tubular fencing, height above ground approximately 900mm. Supply new fittings where necessary. £2997.00. plus VAT.

Quotation 2. To carry out work as quotation 1 but to supply and fit new 50mm diameter tube and fittings. £3659.32. plus VAT.

Quotation 3. To carry out work as quotation 1 but to supply and fit new 60mm diameter tube. £3942.30. plus VAT.

Wizzard Landscapes & Groundworks. Quotation for partial replacement of fence around recreation field. To take down old fencing and clear from site. Erect new fence using 1500mm high concrete posts (600mm concreted into ground) at 7ft intervals with 6500mm x 48mm galvanised steel tubes threaded through ready made holes in concrete posts. Galvanised tubes to be fixed together with key clamp connectors. New fence to be erected 150mm – 300mm back from existing fence in firmer stable ground to avoid land subsidence. £3044.00.

Alternatively to create a fence around the tree avoiding subsidence & exposed roots. £3217.00.

Mr. Holder said that whilst collecting information for the Parish Plan safety on the recreation field seemed to be a very important concern of residents and he felt the possibility of replacing the post and tube fence with railings should be investigated further. It was agreed clerk would ask local contractors to price for replacing fence with Bow Top Railings.

The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. E.D.F. Energy 34.50. unmetered supply for millennium light. D.W. Parsons £267.00. Supply and fix heavy duty mesh to fence line St. Aldams Drive. Complete Weed Control £488.80. Spray and fertilise recreation field. Allianz Cornhill Ins. Plc. £28.15. extra cost of insuring replacement bus shelter Goldfinch Way. Mrs. A. Sharpe £116.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £329.44. being salary £294.00. plus stamps £5.44. plus 2 boxes photocopying paper £30.00. Instant Landscapes £561.65. grass cutting.

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

