

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15TH APRIL 2009 IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, D.A.E. Holder Vice Chairman, P.J. Green, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, M.C. Smith, L.J. Whittock.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. R. Symons, M.S. Watson, Mrs. S.E. Turley.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. None.

NO 4. ARISING. Mr. Smith confirmed he would be putting something on the web site regarding the Farm Shop.

Clerk confirmed the car on the grass-crete paving on Westerleigh Rd. had a sorn certificate. Councillors were concerned it was taking up a valuable parking space. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

The minutes of the meeting held 18th March 2009 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. FINANCE. Mr. Symons had prepared a budget update (copy attached). The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. E.D.F. Energy Ltd £6.47. unmetered supply for millennium stone. Mr. & Mrs. Hall £90.00. rent for Shortwood play area. Mrs. A. Sharpe £125.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £317.68. being salary £310.66. plus stamps £7.02. Mr. Whittock £7.08. plants for pots on Shortwood Rd. Pucklechurch Revel £980.00. grant.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Smith advised 'Spring Clean' has been well publicised and hopefully more people will help.

Mr. Smith reported the following problems:

1. Burnt out wheelie bin and dumped green waste in Back Lane.
2. Dumped household rubbish, 12 car tyres and a 1ton concrete in Redford Lane near the Sewage Works.
3. The tarmac cracking away in Hodden Lane outside Lamorna Cottage.

Mr. Holder reported that the public footpath off Redford Lane was obstructed by bramble, rocks and horse manure.

Mrs. Palmer advised the road sign on Feltham Road was badly faded and suggested it should be removed. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

Mention was made as to why the speed restriction between the Ring Road and Shortwood Road is 40mph. It was agreed this should be discussed as an agenda item at next months meeting.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Whittock advised he had attended the Wild Roots Project The meeting had proved very interesting and informative.

Mr. Holder advised he and the clerk had met with Angela Bence-Wilkins the Landscape Architect involved with the proposed new adventure play initiative. She confirmed the current budget was £85,000.00. and Mr. Holder hoped the Parish Council would be able to increase this amount by applying for grant aid from the landfill tax scheme. It was agreed Mrs. Bence-Wilkins would prepare a leaflet advising a consultation would take place on Revel day, the leaflet to be included with Pucklechurch News. It was agreed clerk would contact the Editors of Pucklechurch News.

Mr. Beg reported that the Twinning visit had been very successful. Guests arrived Saturday afternoon, Sunday had been a day of leisure when they had lunched out, Monday saw a visit to the Cotswold, Tuesday Cheddar and Wookey Hole and they returned home Wednesday. Friends from Pringy had expressed sadness at the death of Des Broom. The two Charters, signed in 1988 and 2008, have been placed in St. Thomas a Becket Church either side of the shield commemorating the 10th Anniversary. There will be a return visit in October.

NO 8. MOBILE BROADBAND. Mr. Smith advised there is now adequate mobile connection for between £50/60 for the 1st year and about £2.00. a session for the 2nd year. The question of what it could be used for was discussed Mr. Smith suggested geographic information of the village could be created showing open space land and whether maintained by S.G.C. or the Parish Council. With the internet planning applications could be looked at also aerial views of the parish and later on 'google street walk'. Councillors agreed to look at the possibility of providing a data projector for use of people using the Village Hall but Parish Council to have first call. It was agreed to progress use of mobile broadband connection.

NO 9. VILLAGE HALL MAKE-OVER. An email from Mr. Watson suggested that as there are such strong feelings about the whole matter it may be appropriate for him to speak to each group separately and then make a recommendation to the whole Parish Council as to whether the plan that was agreed at the last meeting remains viable. Councillors agreed to this suggestion - holding letters to be sent advising Mr. Watson will contact them on his return from holiday.

NO 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK09/0583/LB installation of 2no. conservation roof lights to front elevation to facilitate creation of attic room. (Resubmission of PK08/3065/LB).

7 Farlands Pucklechurch. No objection.

PK09/0446/F Installation of 1no rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

7 Castle Rd., Pucklechurch. No objection.

PK09/0668/F Change of use of land from agricultural to land for the keeping of horses.

Erection of stables, tack room and hay barn with access and associated works.

Greatwood, Coxgrove Hill, Pucklechurch. No objection.

NO 11. CORRESPONDENCE. An invitation was received to enter the Calor Village of the Year competition. Councillors agreed to enter again this year.

NO 12. An invitation was received to attend the A.L.C.A. Annual Meeting 7th May at 7.30pm in the Greenfield Centre. Clerk to contact Mr. Symons and Mr. Watson as Parish Council representatives.

NO 13. A letter from S.G.C. regarding 'Ongoing expenditure disseminating down to Parish Councils' advised Tim Peters, Head of ICT would reply fully in due course.

NO 14. A letter was received from S.G.C. advising they are reviving their Tree Wardens scheme. The first stage is to compile a list of people willing to undertake the role of Tree Warden and they are in the process of contacting people from their existing list. Should Councillors know of anybody interested in becoming involved in the tree warden scheme they would be grateful to receive contact details.

NO 15. A letter was received from Montague Harris enclosing a copy of the letter sent to the Land Registry regarding the land at Lyde Green. A further letter was also received advising the Land Registry would as a preliminary step be sending a surveyor to inspect the land.

NO 16. An email requesting support with funding the children's entertainment for this years Revel was received. The cost will be £980.00. and includes Circus Skills workshop, Punch and Judy, Donkey Rides and display kites. Mr. Beg and Mr. Smith declared an interest and took no part in the voting. After discussion Mr. Holder proposed a grant of £980.00. seconded by Mr. Green, all agreed.

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

Date of Next Meeting. 20th May at 7pm.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting. 5th May at 7pm.