

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15TH DECEMBER 2004 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON RD., PUCKLECHURCH.

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

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. P.J. Green. Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Concern was raised about the continuing problems of vandalism in the car park and harassment of users of the hall. A meeting of Youth Support Workers and P.C. Skelton has been arranged for early January.

NO 4. ARISING. Item 16 C.P.R.E. at the A.G.M. on the 4th December Mrs. Palmer was elected chairperson.

Item No 20 Mr. Lee confirmed he had seen the Community Association lease but it had very few landlord controls.

Item 22 Christmas extravaganza at HMP Ashfield Mr. Holder attended.

Item No 23. Gate between car park and recreation field. Clerk had spoken to Mr. Pitman about the repair and was awaiting a report and estimate.

The minutes of the meeting held 17th November were agreed a true record and signed.

NO. 5. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Whittock said the skip in the Burial Ground would need to be changed again as someone had deposited a 6' x 4' shed in it and he was concerned we were getting a lot of unnecessary waste. Mr. Beg agreed to include an article in Pucklechurch News to advise residents that the skip was not for general use but for waste generated from the Burial Ground and Recreation Field.

Mr. Whatley commented that the Water Company were slow with the reinstatement work on the left hand side of Westerleigh Rd.

Mr. Lee reported that the street map in the bus shelter had faded. Clerk said she had spoken to Mrs. Sexton who was looking into the possibility of protecting it.

Mr. Holder suggested Councillors might like to consider increasing the size of the Jardin du Pringy.

Mr. Holder said there were approximately 50 tyres and a burnt out car in Redford Lane, he was also concerned that the rubbish dumped on Lyde Green had become an eyesore. S.G.C. would not remove it as it had been left in the farmer's gateway and was therefore not their responsibility. It was agreed clerk would write to S.G.C. and ask what should happen next.

Mr. Skidmore expressed concern that correspondence being circulated was taking too long to go around and dates for commenting were being missed.

Mrs. Crispin apologised as she had turned up on the wrong day for the youth meeting but she confirmed Mr. C. Skidmore would not expect any money from the Community Centre for work carried out with the youth.

Mrs. Palmer reported that the corner of Lansdown Rd. needed repairing and re-painting.

Mrs. Palmer advised that the bus contract had been awarded to South Gloucestershire Bus Co.

Mr. Whittock said new the container for the Football and Cricket Clubs equipment was now in position.

NO 6. REPORTS. Mr. Whittock had attended the A.L.C.A. meeting and reported that Pauline Hawker-Bond was becoming involved with Parish Work.

Mr. Whatley expressed concern about the speed of traffic on Westerleigh Rd.

Mr. Holder said there was graffiti in the skate park, which he would try to remove.

Mr. Holder said he had attended the Parish Charter Meeting but felt it had lacked direction.

Mr. Skidmore had attended the Waste Management Meeting and reported there would be a new 'Sort It' plant at Thornbury in the spring and that next autumn it should be possible to accept organic (kitchen) waste. Concern had also been raised that the collection of bulky waste was not very well advertised.

Mrs. Palmer had attended two supplementary planning meetings and would circulate the information.

NO 7. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LPU 30 AT PARKFIELD. Councillors looked at the footpath, discussed the problems with Mr. Thompson- Green and agreed the alternative footpath was more than adequate. It was proposed by Mr. Skidmore and seconded by Mr. Whittock that Parish Councils objection to the closure be withdrawn. Voting was unanimous.

NO 8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. PK04/3834/CLE application for certificate of lawfulness for existing use of dwelling as residential and registered residential home for elderly people, Park Farm, Parkfield. Councillors confirmed the residential home had been there for 10yrs.

PK04/4011/O demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate erection of 3no. dwellings with means of access to be determined (outline). 52 Oaktree Ave., Puklechurch. resubmission of PK04/2290/O. Councillors objected to this application, they felt the land available would better accommodate two dwellings.

PK04/3982/O Land at Emersons Green East to West of Disused Railway Line and North of 'The Rosary' Emersons Green. Residential development on 3.8 hectares of land (Outline). Mrs. Palmer said the application was for a maximum of 100 houses and suggested clerk speak to Mrs. Ainsley to enquire why this plan was not being considered at the same time as the Emersons Green East application.

NO 9. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from David Barnes, Chartered Architect advising that a scheme for the redevelopment of the Congregational Church site would be submitted within a few weeks. It was agreed clerk should thank them for replying and ask that in the interim they arrange for the property and grounds to be tidied up.

NO 10. A letter was received from S.G.C. advising they have considered all comments received on the electoral review and that their submission to the Boundary Committee for England could be viewed on the website.

NO 11. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding concern about vehicle speeds in Castle Rd and the safety implications for children attending the local school. Arrangements have been made to monitor the volume and speed of traffic which will provide information regarding the extent of the problems. The survey will be carried out early in the New Year. A copy of this letter to be sent to Mr. Rogers, Westerleigh Rd. as he has raised concern in the past.

NO 12. A letter was received from Bristol International Airport addressing concerns raised to the proposed changes to Bristol and Cardiff International Airports controlled airspace.

NO 13. A request for funding was received from South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed that a decision would be deferred until January when the budget for precept was discussed.

NO 14. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding considering objections and the next stages of the Local Plan process.

NO 15. A letter was received from Mr. G. Herbert asking if the Parish Council has any sites in the parish suitable to accommodate ten local showmans family homes, their transport and equipment. Clerk to thank Mr. Herbert for his letter and advise the Parish Council has no land suitable for their needs.

NO 16. An invitation was received to S.G.C. Biodiversity Meeting on the 7th February at 7.30pm.

NO 17. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding 'Speedwatch' a scheme to train members of the public to use speed guns and advising that a copy of Parish Councils letter has been sent to the Police Authority as they manage the scheme.

NO 18. FINANCE. The following cheques for agreed for payment and signed. Lawrence Tree Services £423.00. Tree work at St. Aldams Drive. Ensign Print

£155.00. Pucklechurch News. Anna Sharpe £110.00. D. Bailey £284.76. being salary £280.00. plus £4.76. stamps.

NO 19. Mr. Holder on behalf of the Parish Council gave a card and paid tribute to Mr. Whittock on his 80th birthday. He gave genuine thanks for all his work saying his Parish Council record was outstanding and that his involvement with the Village Hall and commitment to Folk and Bowls Clubs was exceptional.

Mr. Whittock thanked the Councillors for his card and their kind words.

NO 20. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Date for next meeting 19th January 2005.