

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15TH FEBRUARY 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. None.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER.

NO 4. ARISINGS. Mr. Skidmore confirmed he would be attending the Safer South Gloucestershire seminar.

A letter from S.G.C. confirmed we could co-opt a Parish Councillor.

The minutes of the meeting held 18th January 06 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mrs. Palmer had had concern raised that cars were still being unloaded at the motorway bridge on Lyde Green Common for storage on Green Tree Farm. It was agreed clerk would report this to Mr. Mark Davies, Enforcement Officer for S.G.C. as it is a green belt issue.

Mr. Whittock has had concern raised about Prison Officers parking their cars in front of entrance gates in Dennisworth. It was agreed clerk would write to The Governor and request a meeting to discuss parking and associated issues.

Mr. Whittock reported that a stile was needed on LPU 17 the footpath running from St. Aldams Farm and behind the houses on Westerleigh Rd.

Mr. Whittock advised S.G.C. had cleaned the drain between the Burial Ground and Abson Road.

Mr. Beg said Mrs. Thorn had expressed concern about the size of the Fir Tree in the Burial Ground near her boundary wall. It was agreed clerk would ask tree surgeons for a report when they were next in the area.

Mr. Beg advised he had cut back brambles hanging over the Congregational Church wall. It was agreed clerk would write to the owner advising the area was ¼ full of brambles and a danger to the public, and ask that the land be cleared and made safe. Clerk also to ask when a planning application is likely to be submitted.

NO 6. REPORTS. Mr. Green had attended the Boyd Link meeting and agreed to report a problem with LPU 3. This footpath goes through the new development of barns and outbuildings on Whitehouse Farm, Lyde Green Common, access is

restricted unless someone is working there. Clerk to write to S.G.C. Rights of Way Team.

Mrs. Crispin attended the A.L.C.A. meeting that discussed the possible closure of Rural Post Offices. Subsidies end 2007/8 and a series of rural pilot schemes is being looked at i.e. including post offices in local churches, garages, libraries, village halls etc. Councillors were very concerned about the effect this would have on residents in Pucklechurch. Mrs. Crispin agreed to speak to Mrs. Hall in the Post Office and contact the editor of Pucklechurch News to ask if they could include an article in the next issue to make residents aware.

Mrs. Crispin said that community transport had also been discussed, and as rural mini buses were well used the scheme may be extended.

NO 7. PROPOSAL FOR NEW POLICING AREAS. According to the letter in circulation there did not seem to be any charges proposed for our area and Mr. Beg was concerned we would be receiving a second rate service with resources going into towns. Mr. Skidmore agreed to raise the issue at the Safer South Gloucestershire Seminar.

NO 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observation made: PK06/0404/TCA works to crown raise and reduce 1no. Beech Tree, remove 1no. Ash Tree and reduce 1no. Acacia Tree situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 35 Westerleigh Rd. Mr. Lee declared an interest, it being his property, and left the room. Mr. Beg asked that it be recorded that Mr. Lee was a friend/known to all Councillors. After discussing the application, no objections were raised. Mr. Lee was invited back into the meeting.

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, additional information. The additional information was noted.

PK06/0326/F change of use from agricultural land to facilitate construction of Golf Academy, Fishing Lakes, Nature Reserve, Pavilion and Golf Course Maintenance Shed, Car parking and associated works to include new access. Henfield Farm, Westerleigh Rd., Henfield. (re-submission of PT03/1313/F). Councillors discussed and noted the amendments to the new plan but questioned the need for another golf course.

NO 9. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter from S.G. Heritage Forum invited Councillors to the Heritage Fair at Acton Court, 17th June 06.

NO 10. An invitation was received to S.G.C. Strategic Green Belt Assessment Briefing Sessions. Mrs. Palmer agreed to attend.

NO 11. A copy of S.G. Councils letter to Mr. Hatch regarding his concerns for the safety of walkers/cyclists on Shortwood Hill was received. A scheme to improve the facilities for cyclists and pedestrians has already been identified and included in the Council's Task Register. Unfortunately there are many schemes competing for inclusion in future programmes and in response to this demand, Elected Members

generally give greater emphasis to saving further accidents at sites where accidents have occurred. There have been no recorded injury accidents on this section of road.

NO 12. A letter from S.G.C. confirmed that original scheme for the Rural Bus Challenge included a new litter bin at Oaktree Avenue and as this was not completed they will arrange for one to be installed. Regarding the zebra crossing on Abson Rd. there has only been one recorded injury accident in the last five years. There are 42 accident concentration sites in the county and limited resources to make improvements, they will however arrange for an officer to visit the location and check that the lining and signs are in good order.

NO 13. A letter from Mangotsfield School advised of a 6th form expedition to Botswana in the summer of 2006. Ten students are travelling to Botswana and Zambia to participate in a number of challenging activities from trekking in the Bakota Gorge to working in a school, helping to construct a new playground. Each student has to raise £3000.00. through work, fundraising and charitable donations and any support the Parish Council could offer would be greatly appreciated.

NO 14. A similar letter was received from Athel Dunning, 25 Parkfield Rank, Pucklechurch, explaining that 6th Form Students at Mangotsfield School were signed up to a trip to Zambia in July 2006, their objective being to help in the design and construction of a health centre, which would act as a general practitioners health centre, capable of basic surgery, disease prognosis, midwifery and basic pharmaceutical treatment. Athel has been working at the Rose & Crown pub in Pucklechurch and also cleaning at Mangotsfield School and has so far raised £1700.00. Athel would be grateful for any help the Parish Council could offer.

After discussion it was agreed that in line with Council policy a grant of £50.00. would be given but that the money be shared between pupils living in the parish.

NO 15. A request for help with funding was received from South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau for 2006/7. Councillors agreed a grant of £150.00. the same as last year.

NO 16. An Email was received from Pucklechurch Revel asking to use the recreation field on Revel Day, Saturday 17th June, for the arena events and stalls and for car parking at the rear of the field. Councillors were happy to grant permission.

NO 17. A quotation was received from Mr. D. Gay for cutting the grass in the New Burial Ground for the coming 2006 season of £525.00. Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from Mr. Gay.

NO 18. A quotation was received from Instant Landscapes for grass cutting for 2006 season as follows: Recreation fields at Castle Rd and Eagle Cres. £110.00. per cut plus VAT. Recreation field extra cut £64.00. per cut plus VAT. Strimming around posts, trees and buildings etc. £38.00. per visit plus VAT. Open space land at St. Aldams Drive £95.00. per cut plus VAT. Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from Instant Landscapes

NO 19. FINANCE. The following cheque were agreed for payment and signed.
P.D. Bailey £20.00. supply and fit new Perspex to repair damaged notice board.
Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £314.80. being salary £280.00. plus £30.00.
tele. Plus £4.80. stamps. South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau £150.00.
grant.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Date of next meeting 15th March 2006.