

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 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, R. Symons, M.C. Smith, Mrs. S.E. Turley, L.J. Whittock.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. M.J. Watson.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Smith said someone had broken into the back of the Scout Hut. Mrs Palmer advised it was during the Brownies Meeting, the van registration number had been taken and the police were following it up. It was suggested that as a matter of security the whole area around the Scout Hut could be cut back and made more open.

NO 4. ARISING. Mr. Symons said he had circulated the contract from Abacus and he would suggest the Council paid the one off payment rather than set up a monthly direct debit.

The minutes of the meeting held 17th June 2009 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. FINANCE. Mr. Symons had prepared a budget update advising spending was on target.

Clerk had quotation from Town & Country Services for work to the left hand side border of the Village Hall car park as follows: To remove trees and shrubs from area in Village Hall car park. To supply and fit treated timber edging and supply and lay turf. £1725.00. plus V.A.T. To remove trees and shrubs from area in Car Park. To supply and fit treated timber edging and supply and sow seed. £1462.50. plus V.A.T. To carry out tree clearance and to excavate soil/sub soil and remove. To supply and lay kerb edging and supply, level and compact gravel base. To supply, level and compact base coat macadam and supply, level and compact surface macadam. £6156.00. plus V.A.T. To supply and plant assorted shrubs to wall e.g. Pyracantha, Rosa etc. £175.00. plus V.A.T. Mr. Holder declaring an interest as Chairman of the Community Association, advised the C.A. was looking to open up the whole area by removing shrubs/bushes but leaving trees so that the area is easier to maintain.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Green had attended the Kingswood Community Transport A.G.M. they had expressed thanks to Councils for their support.

6a) Mr. Smith reported seeing a static caravan at the Stables in Redford Lane which was contrary to planning. He would email photographs to clerk for submission to Planning Enforcement.

6b) Mr. Smith has prepared the tri-fold information leaflet it contains dates of meetings, contact information, map showing village boundary, Council spending, allotments, footpath wardens etc. He agreed to circulate the text for fine turning; the cost of printing would be under £200.00. and they could be delivered with Pucklechurch News.

6c) Mr. Whittock said he has cut back the briars by the Oaktree Avenue underpass as people using it had raised concern. Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Whittock for his work.

6d) Mr. Beg received a report that one of stones on Le Jardin du Pringy had been moved. Clerk to arrange for it to be re-sited.

6e) Mr. Smith said he had been looking at the cost of a projector they range from £250.00. - £1000.00. and he asked if Councillors wanted one that could also be used in the Hall. He has sourced one suitable to project an image 20ft wide x 15ft high costing £400.00. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Whittock that the £400.00. projector is purchased, all agreed.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Green asked if complaints had been received about smells from Shortwood Quarry. Clerk confirmed no complaints had been received.

7a) Mr. Holder asked if there had been any response to the consultation on the proposed Play Garden at St. Aldams Drive. Mr. Smith said he had asked for feed back at the end of the Revel and been told there were one or two negative comments but the vast majority had been very supportive.

7b) Mr. Holder advised he had met with Clive Thomas reference the 'Extreme Makeover' and was hoping to meet again next week.

7c) Mr. Smith advised Revel day had been a very good with positive feed back. One thing the Committee had learnt was that if they wanted to encourage people from outside the village again next year they would have to look at providing parking. There had been about 2000 people on the recreation field on Revel day; he thanked the Parish Council for their grant for the children's entertainment. Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Smith and Revel Committee for their work.

7d) Mrs. Turley advised the Good Neighbour Scheme was due to be launched Thursday 23rd July.

7e) Mr. Whittock had attended the Boyd Link Meeting and advised more people were becoming actively involved.

7f) Mr. Whittock attended the Cycle Group Meeting he was advised the majority of the money linked to 'Cycling City' was being spent in Bristol. He had asked Mark Parry for news on the proposed cycle link between Pucklechurch and the top of Shortwood Hill. Mr. Parry said he did not have the names and addresses of the landowners. Clerk to forward information to Mr. Parry.

7g) Mr. Beg confirmed that Ofsted were now only required to give schools 2days notice of a visit. He was concerned this would not be helpful for teachers, pupils and parents but on the positive side they can now offer feed back which will be useful.

NO 8. SPEED GROUP. Mr. Smith, Mr. Holder and Mr. Green agreed to form the sub-committee and would agree a date to meet. Mr. Beg said he not seen the local Speed Watch Group in the village? Mrs. Turley advised she was part of the group but had not been contacted for about year. Mr. Smith agreed to contact their Chairman.

NO 9. STANDING ORDERS AND RISK ASSESSMENT. Deferred until next month, clerk to send copy of last years Standing Orders with the minutes.

NO 10. BURIAL GROUND. Mr. Beg, Mr. Holder and Mr. Whittock had looked at extending the Burial Ground; two options were put forward for consideration. After discussion it was agreed Mr. Smith would measure the areas and transfer the information to a map for consideration/consultation at next months meeting.

NO 11. BALLOON LIFTING FROM RECREATION FIELD. Mr. Holder had been asked if the Parish Council would have any objection to a balloon lifting from the recreation field. Clerk confirmed she had written to Insurance Co. to ask if allowing this would have any impact on the insurance/premium but has not yet received a reply. Councillors were of the opinion that a balloon taking off from a designated area on the recreation field would not be a problem provided they had their own insurance but decided to wait for the Insurance Co's reply before making a decision.

NO 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were discussed and observations made. PK09/1208/F construction of raised decking area. Erection of 1.8metre high fence to rear south western boundary. Erection of 1.8metre high gates to rear boundary. 34 Oaktree Avenue. No objection.

PK09/1218/F erection of two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation. 18 Homefield Road. Councillors were concerned this would be over-development of the site.

PK09/1256/F erection of modular building to provide additional office space HMP & YOI Ashfield, Shortwood Road. No objection.

NO 13. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter of thanks for grant aid was received from South Gloucestershire Senior Citizens Forum.

NO 14. A letter of thanks for grant aid was received from the Alzheimer's Society.

NO 15. An invitation was received to attend Community Action A.G.M. 20th July at 2pm in the Village Hall, Long Ashton Community Centre. Mr. Whittock agreed to attend.

NO 16. An invitation was received to renew membership of Community Action. It was proposed by Mrs. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Green that the membership be renewed. Mr. Holder declared an interest and took no part in the voting. Voting 7 for 1 abstention.

NO 17. A letter was received from the Revel Health and Safety Officer drawing attention to the poor condition of some of the fencing on Hill View Road side of the recreation field. After discussion it was agreed clerk should contact Town & Country Services and arrange an immediate repair.

NO 18. An email was received from a resident living next to St. Aldams Drive open space land advising she was astounded to learn that the Parish Council intended to build a play garden on the land. She felt she had to object as the Play Garden would impact greatly on her life, she felt it would be significantly noisier than at present and an eyesore, with an increase in the volume of litter and obscene language already used by children playing on the green. She could not imagine what attention the proposed play garden would bring to local teenagers at night, especially when fuelled with alcohol. She also expressed concern about the state of a nearby property and the noise, litter and unsocial behaviour from the Club. After discussion it was agreed clerk would reply that her letter would be passed to South Gloucestershire Council as they are carrying out the consultation process. Regarding the Social Club problems should be reported to S.G.C. Licensing Department with serious incidents reported the Police. The problem with the neighboring property should be reported to S.G.C. Pest Control Officer.

NO 19. An email was received from a resident in Parkfield Road enclosing a copy of his reply to the Gypsy & Traveller Consultation regarding the proposed new sites put forward by owners for consideration. Clerk to acknowledge email and forward copy of the Parish Councils comments.

NO 20. Information was received from LINK it was agreed clerk would pass this information to Mr. Watson as he had attended their meeting and expressed an interest.

NO 21. A letter was read from Rachel Goodchild advising the Kids Holiday Club was being held again this year in Pucklechurch School. The theme is Jonah and the Whale and the club will run for four days at the end of August. The club promises to be jam packed with fun activities that all children can access, NGM will be there to provide amazing music and drama entertainment for the children as well as helping out with the activities.

A small charge of £20.00. will be made for the first sibling and £15.00. for the second and will go towards the cost of art materials, paying NGM and other expenses. A bursary is available for families who would not otherwise be able to attend due to finances. The Holiday Club is non-profit making and they would be grateful if the Parish Council would consider giving a donation towards the bursary again this year. Mr. Holder declared an interest and took no part in the voting. Mrs. Palmer proposed a grant of £60.00. voting in favour 7, 1 abstention.

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

Date of next meeting 19th August at 7.30pm.

Mr. Beg gave apologies as he would be on holiday and asked Mr. Holder to chair the meeting.