

**PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.**

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

Cllr. S. Grant.

**NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** P.J. Green, R.C. Lee.

**NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

**NO 3. LAW & ORDER.** None.

**NO 4. ARISINGS.** Bus Shelter Kestrel Drive Mr. Smith said he had spoken to the residents about the cost of providing an extra bus shelter. Clerk said staff at S.G.C. did not think grant aid was available this financial year.

The minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October 06 were agreed a true record and signed.

**NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS.** Mr. Holder advised the first post on the verge at the bottom of Abson Rd opposite Oaktree Ave junction was rotten and needed replacing.

Mr. Holder asked Cllr. Grant for the names of those officially on Speed Watch. Cllr. Grant advised Mr. F. Rogers Chairman, Mr. P. Rendall Secretary and Mrs. M. Rendall Treasurer. Cllr. Grant said the next stage was for the Police safety check.

Mr. Smith said that regarding the sewage issue residents were quite pleased Wessex were bringing forward the work but concerned it may not be sufficient. It was agreed Mr. Smith would be responsible for this issue as he has past experience.

Mrs. Palmer said S.G.C. was convinced heavier rainfall was contributing to flooding problems outside the Post Office. An application for funding to replace drains at this and other sites in South Gloucestershire has been applied for.

Mr. Whittock expressed concern that vision was restricted by the trees between the Church gates and the Garage making it difficult to cross the road. Clerk to contact St. Thomas A Church Council.

**NO 6. REPORTS.** Mrs. Crispin had attended the A.L.C.A. meeting there had been a very interesting talk from the Youth Service about the difficulty of organise things for youngsters in rural parishes and what could be done. As there are only a few Youth Centres there are now buses going around that attract youngsters, get to know them and take them places. Some Councils are providing funding to secure a stake in the small van and Mrs Crispin said that in the future it may benefit Pucklechurch youngsters if we provided some funding.

Mr. Beg said the Twinning trip had been very successful and a return visit was planned for April 2007.

Clerk advised Allianz Cornhill were sending a Loss Adjuster to check that the trees on the open space land near the boundary of no 44 St Aldams Drive were the cause of the subsidence damage.

**NO 7. PLANNING.** The following planning application was considered PK06/3279/F erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation, 65 Westerleigh Rd. Mr. Beg declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. Councillors had no objection to the application.

EMERSONS GREEN EAST. Following on from the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November with the Developer Quintain Estates & Development Plc and Sellwood Planning the following points were raised.

Mr. Smith was concerned that the building of two primary schools at Emersons Green East could have an impact on Pucklechurch Primary School. Mrs. Palmer said Pucklechurch School already took children from Emersons Green and she suspected this would not change. Mr. Beg said the schools would be built to suit need.

Concern was raised that the existing road network could not cope. Mrs. Crispin considered a Park & Ride Scheme crucial. Councillors felt bus times should be specific and thought a link should be included to Parkway Station. Developer had confirmed a good bus service was planned from day one so that people make the change.

Concern was raised there was a lack of facilities (shops, churches, village halls etc). Developer had indicated a roof tax was paid to South Gloucestershire Council, they decide what is needed.

It was noted the PCT was being consulted about the need for a doctors surgery.

Concern was expressed about the implications on Pucklechurch Parish Council if Emersons Green East did not have its own Council as people's jobs and life styles would be very different.

Concern was raised about density.

The question of where policing will be based was raised.

It was agreed Mrs. Palmer, Mr. Beg and Mr. Lee would form comments and arrange for a meeting with South Gloucestershire Councils Planning Dept.

**NO 8. CORRESPONDENCE.** A questionnaire was received from S.G.C. Biodiversity. To be completed by Mr Holder and Mrs Palmer.

**NO 9.** A reply from HMP & YOI Ashfield confirmed there was very little news regarding the parking problems around St. Aldams Drive and Becket Court since the meeting between the Parish Council Chairman and Mr. Cutland. Parking remains an

issue however the building contractors have finished on site and there has been a reduction in parking needs. A travel plan has been in existence for some considerable time where staff are encouraged to car share, also the company introduced an incentive scheme to encourage staff to purchase bicycles for getting to work. Despite this, and due to the specific nature of their business and the various shift patterns the pressure on parking has not eased. At a previous meeting suggestions had been made by residents for either restricted parking or a resident's parking scheme, both of which Serco Limited fully support. They are fully aware of local residents concerns, however whilst it remains legal to park on these roads, it is very difficult to persuade staff and visitors not to.

**NO 10.** An invitation was received to attend S.G.C. A Future for Community Networking meeting Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12.30pm at the Ridgewood Centre, Station Rd. Yate.

**NO 11.** An invitation was received from C.P.R.E. to attend the A.G.M. 25<sup>th</sup> November 10am at Poole Court, Yate. Mrs Palmer and Mr Whittock to attend.

**NO 12.** A reply was received from S.G.C. regarding parking problems at Parkfield, an Officer and Cllr Grant had visited the area in July to discuss the situation and the speed limit. The advice given was that as the road is public highway everyone has to share it, there are no signs that can be installed to tell residents they cannot reserve spaces.

**NO 13.** A letter was received from 1<sup>st</sup> Pucklechurch Scout Executive who has recently carried out a Health and Safety Risk Assessment of the Scout hut. They would be grateful for the opinion of the Parish Council as to whether the following issues could be addressed.

The sharp drop between the Community Centre Car Park and the Scout Hut is a concern as cars could accidentally overshoot when parking. They suggest a barrier or bollards be erected to prevent this from happening. It was agreed clerk should pass this item to the P.C.A. as they are responsible for the car park.

A drain cover to the car park side of the hut has collapsed, which could be dangerous to those walking around the hut. It was agreed Council would investigate this problem.

The Oak tree at the rear of the building is far too close and already hanging onto the hut. They would like it removed as they believe it will be a major issue in the future for the building structurally. This concern was raised last year, clerk to send copy of reply as it still applies, however, it was agreed a Tree Surgeon should be contacted and asked to submit recommendations.

**NO 14.** A letter from the Traffic Commissioner regarding Parish Councils complaint of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 against the licensing related activities of Crews Transport Ltd at Doynton advised a Review was inappropriate on this occasion. The complaint lodged was in relation to passing traffic around Pucklechurch, specifically at Westerleigh Road and Castle Road and the use of this route to and from Wickwar Quarry. The Traffic Commissioners jurisdiction is limited to the use of the operating

centre and the point at which vehicles enter and exit the operating centre onto the public highway. Clerk to reply that our complaint remains a concern and request they look at how vehicles exit and enter premises and whether it is an appropriate route.

**NO 15.** A letter was received from a resident in Becket Court asking if Parish Council could help with hastening a weight restriction sign for the estate end of Becket Court. The resident raised concern at the frequency of lorries parking overnight in Becket Court and said drivers often get confused and turn into Becket Court thinking the Bayliss Office building is where they should be. It was agreed clerk would write to S.G.C. enclosing a copy of the letter and request that the restrictive sign be of the type internationally recognised.

**NO 16.** A letter was received from Mrs. Hayden asking if it would be possible for Parish Council to arrange for two litter bins to be installed, one by the lane into the estate from Abson Road and one at the bottom of Oaktree Avenue. Clerk to reply S.G.C. is unable to provide extra bins as their budget only allows for emptying and replacement of existing. However, a bin has been installed by the bus stop on Oaktree Avenue to replace the one removed when the new shelter was installed, hopefully this will help to alleviate the litter problem.

**NO 17.** A letter from Pucklechurch Sports A.F.C. explained the decision to have new goalposts was forced upon them by new health and safety rules from the F.A. and that the goalposts are lightweight round aluminium and not designed for taking down each week. They have noticed that children are playing in the goal areas and believe this has had a positive effect as there are less youths hanging around by the dressing rooms and village hall area. They suggest the erection of a permanent barrier fence along the bottom end of the recreation field would have the dual effect of stopping the ball going into the road and children from running across the road as they would have to use the gate. They also suggest the Parish Council approach S.G.C. with a view to some sort of traffic calming measure for Castle Road as the school is further along. They would also like to meet Councillors to discuss some other issues concerning the club's use of the recreation field. Clerk to invite Football Club to next months meeting and request a note in advance of the points to be raised. Meeting to commence at 7pm to allow sufficient time.

**NO 18.** A letter from S.G.C. confirmed rubble in Birch Drive would be removed as requested.

**NO 19.** An invitation was received to attend Joint Transport Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Mr. Smith agreed to attend.

**NO 20.** An invitation was received to the Chase & Kings Forest AGM 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 12 – 2pm at The Park Centre, Kingswood.

**NO 21.** A reply was received from Brian Glasson on behalf of the Chief Executive South Gloucestershire Council regarding the unauthorised development on Westerleigh Rd. The letter apologised for not keeping Councillors informed and advised what actions had been taken. Councillors felt the letter contained inaccuracies/understatements and it was agreed Mrs. Palmer would form a reply.

**NO 22. FINANCE.** The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. R.B.L. £20.00. poppy wreath. St. Aldams Farm £80.00. supply of 3 barrel planters. Town & Country Services £55.81. Collection of barrels, bolting them together and filling with soil. Mrs. Trueman £40.00. for purchasing plants for barrels. Mrs. A. Sharpe £115.50. Mrs. D. Bailey £330.52. being salary £294.00. stamps £6.52. tele. £30.00. Mr. Whittock £10.00. expenses.

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