

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH DECEMBER 2009 IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, D.A.E. Holder Vice Chairman, Mrs M.C. Palmer, M.C. Smith, R. Symons, Mrs. S.E. Turley, M.J. Watson, L.J. Whittock.

Inspector Kevin Thatcher.

Mr. Holder opened the meeting explaining he would chair the meeting until the arrival of Mr. Beg.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. P.J. Green. Cllr. S. Grant. P.C. Skelton.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Holder introduced Inspector Thatcher, who advised he would give a 3month overview of crime figures for Pucklechurch. Burglary-1 dwelling, garage 3, vehicle crime-1 anti social behaviour-6 (includes rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour). Inspector Thatcher advised P.C. Skelton was leaving and that he would be replaced with a new Beat Manager. The PCSO on long term sickness leave was still ill and Ashley Roland has joined the force but one of the PCSO's from Hanham will cover Pucklechurch. Councillors asked if the Police were called to the Prison - Inspector Thatcher confirmed they were. Mr. Watson reported that at the Safer Stronger South Gloucestershire Meeting the problem of youngsters using drugs in cars had been discussed. Inspector Thatcher confirmed the police target areas and mentioned cannabis had been found in Westerleigh and Wick. Mr. Smith said the Chairman of the Pucklechurch Sports and Social Club in St. Aldams Drive had contacted him as he had read in the Parish Council Minutes about anti social behaviour - he was not aware of the problem and was concerned as they want to be good neighbours. Inspector Thatcher said he was not aware of any problems recently. Mr. Watson said that in view of concerns raised over the club and the proposed new play area one of the Safer Stronger South Gloucestershire Meetings would be held in the Club. Mr. Holder thanked Inspector Thatcher for attending the meeting.

NO 4. ARISING & TO AGREE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

7a) Mr. Smith confirmed the application had planning permission.

7d) The work has been partially carried out.

8b) Mr. Holder confirmed the painting work was complete.

12) Clerk to check with contractor.

Reference Lamorna Cottage, Hodden Lane, Mr. Smith confirmed S.G.C. had discussed the options with the resident and an agreement has been reached.

The minutes of the meeting dated 18th November 09 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. FINANCE. Mr. Symons gave a budget update and advised the Community Association had not yet requested the £3000.00. grant that had been set aside to help with the running costs of the Village Hall.

Mr. Holder declaring an interest being Chairman of C.A. handed the meeting to Mr. Whittock. Mr. Holder advised C.A. had an insurance premium of £2000.00. and he had been asked to request the funding. Mr. Symons proposed that subject to receiving a written formal request the £3000.00. grant be awarded. Seconded by Mr. Smith all agreed.

Mr. Holder resumed as chair and a request for financial support from Children's Playlink was considered. Children's Playlink is a scheme that provides 14 days of play opportunities during Easter and summer holidays for children with disabilities. Mr. Watson proposed a grant of £75.00. seconded by Mrs. Palmer all agreed.

A letter was received requesting financial support towards the setting up of a new Rainbow Guide Unit in the village in January 2010. The unit will be part of the Dyrham District Guiding organisation and will be called the 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows and will be held in the Pucklechurch Scout Hut. Mrs Palmer proposed a grant of £75.00. be awarded towards the start up costs seconded by Mr Smith all agreed.

The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Town & Country Services £28.06. repairs to bench on recreation field. P.C.A. £34.50. for 3 Parish Council meetings. Whitehall Printing £165.00. tri-fold information leaflet. Ensign Print £248.00. Pucklechurch News. Mrs. A Sharpe £125.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £314.96. being salary £310.66. plus £1.80. stamps plus £2.50. exps. Children's Playlink £75.00. grant. 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows £75.00. grant. Greenman Environmental Services £595.70. tree work.

Clerk to contact Bank to ask what arrangements will be made to cater for customer accounts that require more than one signature when cheques are no longer available.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mrs. Palmer raised concern about graffiti on the bus shelter on Abson Rd. It was agreed clerk would contact the manufacturer of the shelter to enquire which product to use.

6a) Mrs. Palmer expressed concern at the number of 'For Sale' signs on the verge outside The Poplars Retirement Flats. It was agreed clerk would write to the Manager expressing concern and suggest flats for sale could be advertised on one sign.

6b) Mr Symons apologised for his lack of attendance lately which was due to work taking him away - he will be back to usual after February.

6c) Mr. Smith has had concern raised at the lack of progress with the proposed new Doctors surgery. After discussion it was agreed clerk would contact South Gloucestershire Councils Enabling Team for an up-date.

6d) Mr. Smith advised there were quite a few tri-fold leaflets over and suggested clerk could leave some in the Library at Emersons Green and some could be sent to new residents with a letter welcoming them to the village.

6e) Mr. Smith confirmed a meeting to discuss provision of buses had been planned for 10th January.

6f) Mrs. Turley expressed concern about the location of signs outside the Coach House Café as they were a distraction for drivers and could interfere with pedestrians and wheel chair users. After discussion it was agreed clerk would write and ask if they could look into other ways of advertising.

6g) Mr. Holder had received concern that residents were unable to walk on the pavement outside no 1 Castle Road due to building material and bins. Clerk to Contact S.G.C.

6h) Concern was again expressed about the amount of old windows and doors stored outside 47 Shortwood Hill. It was agreed clerk would write to S.G.C. Enforcement Officer expressing concern that the resident appears to be carrying on a business as there is more than sufficient timber there for personal use.

6i) Mr. Holder expressed concern about the inconsiderate use of country lanes and the village by HGV's. It was agreed clerk would write to Crews Transport at Doynton about the problem.

6j) Mr Watson said the flashing 30mph sign on Abson Road was not working. Clerk confirmed she had reported it to S.G.C.

6k) Councillors were pleased with the work carried out on the trees around the Scout Hut.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Watson attended the Safer Stronger Partnership meeting as ALCA representative - the meeting was interesting but there was nothing specific to Pucklechurch.

7a) Mrs. Palmer apologised as she was unable to attend the Infrastructure meeting.

7b) Mr. Holder had attended the Infrastructure meeting - it was an excellent presentation he had been given information and Mr Smith agreed to scan and distribute it. Mr. Holder said there is a lot of policy being developed and Councillors need to watch planning.

7c) Mr. Watson attended the Safer Stronger South Gloucestershire meeting on the 9th December at Wick it was a good meeting with no priority for Pucklechurch. Tree clearance and CCTV for the Village Hall car park was discussed and funding can be applied for at the next meeting (11th February 2010 at Wick).

7d) Mr. Symons said he was unable to attend the Waste Management meeting.

NO 8. STREET LIGHTING. The street light switch-off project being trialled at Charfield was discussed. Peoples concern/fear for safety needed to be addressed and perhaps the Trading Estate and HMP Ashfield asked to participate. Mr. Beg proposed clerk write to S.G.C. advising Pucklechurch would like to move towards reducing light pollution seconded by Mr Watson all agreed.

NO 9. PLANNING. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK09/5942/F demolition of existing bungalow to facilitate the erection of 1no detached dwelling with associated works. Pennymead, Cattybrook Road., Shortwood. No objection.

PK09/5892/F installation of free standing wind turbine in rear garden 39 Westerleigh Road. After some discussion and voting 4 against – 1 for – 2 abstentions, it was decided Councillors would object to this application on the grounds it is in the conservation area.

NO 10. CONSULTATION REVIEW. Councillors carried out a review of the consultations/meeting they had received during the month.

NO 11. CORRESPONDENCE. An email was received from A.L.C.A. reference Risk Assessments. Councillors discussed introducing a risk polic.

NO 12. An email was received from S.G.C. advising a condition was attached to the planning approval for the Pucklechurch Garage site to ensure samples of the stone are submitted to the Council and agreed in writing. They confirm that if the surrounding buildings are blue lias stone then the stone used in the new development would be the same.

NO 13. A letter was received from HMP & YOI Ashfield advising the New Governor is happy to meet with Parish Councillors. Clerk to arrange a time for the visit.

NO 14. An invitation was received to Rural Vehicle Provision meeting 14th Jan 2010. Clerk to request more information.

NO 15. An email was received from S.G.C. advising the ‘Big Spring Clean’ would this year be extended and will run from the 1st March to 30th April.

NO 16. An email was received from Reehana Sayeed advising she is hoping to open the youth club in Pucklechurch on the 21st or 28th January. They are in the process of recruiting and interviewing and will be in touch again at the beginning of January.

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

Date of next meeting 20th January 2010 at 7.30pm.