

MINUTES OF THE PARISHS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH FEBRUARY 2005 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON RD., PUCKLECHURCH.

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, K.W. Whatley.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

The Chairman opened the meeting on a sombre note advising Mr. R. Stone had died on the 15th February; he had been involved in many activities in the village and would be greatly missed. Thanks for his work within the village were recorded and Councillors stood for a minute's silence.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

NO 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER.

NO 4. ARISING AND TO AGREE & SIGN MINUTES. Clerk advised Bristol Water had agreed with landowner that re-instatement work on Westerleigh Rd. would be carried out when weather conditions improve.

Mr. Beg said Mr. Holder and Clerk had prepared a report on finance for Pucklechurch News for which thanks were recorded.

Mr. Beg said he had been invited to and was pleased to accept an invitation to the opening of the new facilities in the Scout Hut on the 12th May.

NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mrs. Palmer reminded Councillors the meeting of the Planning Inspectorate for The Meadows was at The Civic Centre, Kingswood, on 8th March at 10am.

Mrs. Crispin handed Councillors a copy of the proposed constitution prepared by Mr. Steve Skidmore for the Youth Group for comment.

Mr. Green expressed concern about the amount of litter everywhere, this view was endorsed by Mr. Beg.

Mr. Lee said he had studied the Hutchison H3G agreement and said nothing could be changed until the first review which was due 1st April 2006.

Mr. Holder was very concerned that the rubbish on Lyde Green has still not been removed. Clerk to write again.

Mr. Whatley reported that Kings Lane was in a mess and said he would clear it.

Mr. Whittock gave clerk photographs of the pipeline work for the album.

Mr. Whittock expressed concern that fridges were buried on the land on Shortwood Rd. site.

Mr. Whittock advised that Spruce trees were over hanging the footpath in a house on Birch Drive/Cedar Way. Clerk to contact Street Care.

Mr. Whittock had been given photographs of the resident leaving his hedge pruning on the open space land at St. Aldams Drive. It was agreed Mr. Lee would pen legal letter for clerk to send.

NO 6. REPORTS. Mr. Skidmore said he attended the meeting for the new licensing laws, it had been interesting but mainly for publicans.

Mr. Whittock had attended the Biodiversity Meeting, it was the first since 2003. It was an interesting meeting discussing bats, habitat and ponds etc.

Mr. Beg had received concerns about the grass cutting of the verge on Abson Rd.

NO 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. PK05/0208/F conversion of stables to form 1no. bungalow and erection of 2no. stables, Northfield House, Abson Rd. Councillors questioned the need of erecting new stables as they would impinge upon the green belt, they also had reservations about creating another dwelling

PK05/0235/F Conversion of existing barn to form 1no. two bedroomed dwelling, Park Farm House, Parkfield. Councillors were concerned that allowing this conversion would effectively permit the introduction of a new dwelling in the green belt, they also had reservations about the proposed access.

PK05/0427/R3F for erection of wooden playhouse at Pucklechurch C of E Primary School, Castle Rd. Mrs. Palmer explained that vandals had destroyed by fire the original playhouse. Clerk to reply that Councillors strongly support this application as they are very aware of the importance of play in the early learning years.

PK05/0431/F Erection of hay store and stables, Vale Farm, The Vale, Parkfield. Councillors were concerned that given the building already erected the size and scale could be the start of a commercial venture, which would be inappropriate, also there were no landscaping/screening proposals. Councillors were concerned that stable waste could be a nuisance for neighbours and asked that S.G.C. ensure residents at The Vale were consulted.

NO 8. TO AGREE ACTION REFERENCE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED LAST MONTH.

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £440.00. plus VAT from Pitman Engineering to supply and fit new galvanised gate with four horizontal and four vertical bars between recreation field and car park.

Fence on recreation field – Castle Road end. Councillors decided against providing additional fencing but agreed to ask South Gloucestershire Council if traffic calming measures could be introduced to make Castle Road safer for everyone.

NO 9. SLIDE AT SHORTWOOD. Clerk explained that the engineer had been unable to repair the slide as it had deteriorated and was beyond repair. Clerk though Councillors may want to replace rather than remove the existing slide and has obtained quotations for consideration. Record Playground Equipment Ltd. Option 1. to remove existing slide and make good tiles. To supply and erect 1 Senior Rainbow slide £4250.00. plus V.A.T. Option 2 as above but to supply and erect 1 Junior Rainbow slide £3120.00. plus V.A.T. A discount of £100.00. could be deducted providing the quotation accepted in its entirety also a saving of £365.00. could be made as clerk could provide temporary secure storage for equipment if necessary. Weeksteed Leisure. Option 1. To take out and remove existing slide and supply and install 1 Medium Pedestal slide. To supply and install on prepared base 1m x 1m x 55mm thick safety tiles and make good existing tiles £3576.00. plus V.A.T. Option 2 as above but to supply and install 1 High Pedestal slide £4246.00. plus V.A.T. After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation from Record Playground Equipment Ltd for the installation of a Junior slide (option 2).

NO 10. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from Mrs. R. Abbott expressing residents concern that the grassed area at the entrance to Maple Walk had become a muddy mess, sunken and scored with tyre marks. In the past wooden and concrete posts had been sunk around the edge of the grass by S.G.C. to prevent parking unfortunately neither had been successful. After discussing the problem Councillors agreed clerk should write back to Mrs. Abbott suggesting that residents consider maintaining the area themselves and apply to S.G.C. for a license.

NO 11. A letter was received from John Hicks & Associates containing details of their charges for carry out safety inspections of play equipment. Councillors confirmed they were happy to employ the services of RoSPA again this year.

NO 12. A letter was received from Pucklechurch Primary School regarding some projects they thought the Parish Council may be interested in finding out more about. Mr. Beg offered to contact the school and make an appointment to visit.

NO 13. A letter requesting grant aid was received from W.R.V.S. Clerk to reply that Councillors are unable to help at this time.

NO 14. A letter was received from the Community Safety Partnership asking for a Project Evaluation Form to be completed with regards the Teen Shelter. After discussion it was agreed clerk should reply that the teen shelter is successful in that it has provided a meeting point but that it has not unfortunately eliminated the problems.

NO 15. A letter was received from Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs advising the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill was formally introduced on 7th December 04, the bill will play a key role in Governments plan to create cleaner, safer, greener communities.

NO 16. Letters of thanks for grant aid was received from Helen Seacombe, South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau and St. Thomas A Becket Church.

NO 17. A letter was read from S.G.C. confirming Parish Councils concerns about lane markings on the Avon Ring Road would be taken into account when the junction markings were reviewed following the outcome of safety audits.

NO 18. A reply from S.G.C. was read regarding the fly tipping in Redford Lane and advising a decision has been taken to leave the tyres piled up in the hedge near the sewage works as they are not obstructing the path and seems to be preventing further loads being left. The situation will be monitored and action taken as necessary. It was agreed clerk would reply that Councillors accept this attitude but do not feel it should apply to the rubbish left on Lyde Green.

NO 19. GOLDFINCH WAY BUS SHELTER. Following Mrs Prices request for a new bus shelter clerk has spoken to Autocross and they have agreed to hold the cost of upgrading existing bus shelter at £1150.00. plus V.A.T. This would allow for the supply and fitting of one 1.1m end panel and one 1.1m panel to rear. The cost of supplying a new enclosed 4-panel shelter with extra front central panel is £2642.50. plus delivery and VAT.

S.G.C. would fund 50% of the cost of a new shelter providing their capital grant bid is successful.

It will also be necessary to increase the width of the pavement by cutting into the grass verge and replacing with tarmac so that clear passage for pedestrians is maintained.

Councillors decided they would prefer a new shelter but agreed they would upgrade the existing one should grant aid not be available. Clerk to advise Mrs. Price of Councillors decision.

NO 20. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. S.W.E.B. £2.27. for unmetered supply. Pucklechurch Community Association £33.00. for use of meeting room for three meetings. S.G. Heritage Forum £10.00. membership. Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £315.60. being salary £280.00. plus stamps £5.60. plus telephone £30.00.

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

Date for next meeting 16th March 2005.