

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH MARCH 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, K.W. Whately.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. W.K. Skidmore.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. A room in the Village Hall has been made available to the Community Beat Officer and two new Community Support Officers are to be employed at Staple Hill Police Station.

NO 4. ARISING. Mrs. Palmer advised the decision of the Planning Inspectorate regarding The Meadows was due 4th April 2005.

Clerk confirmed resident has removed hedge pruning left on Councils land at St. Aldams Drive.

The minutes of the meeting dated 16th February 2005 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Whittock confirmed the new gate between the car park and recreation field had been fitted, he also reported one of the chains broken on the swings. Clerk confirmed new bolts had been ordered for the repair.

Mr. Whatley reported rubbish about at the back of Kings Lane.

Mr. Lee suggested that as no planning application has been received for the re-development of the Old Chapel clerk should write and enquire when they expect to submit one.

Mr. Green expressed concern about the planning consent allowing vehicular access to 30 Main Road, Shortwood. Cars will exit the property near the parking chicane outside the Methodist Church also the road is narrow and visibility limited due to the curve of the road. It was agreed clerk should write to South Gloucestershire Council highways department for advice.

Mrs. Palmer expressed concern about the white lining on the corner of Castle Rd/Lansdown Rd as a vehicle had parked over the junction making it very difficult for mums and children to cross safely. Clerk has spoken to S.G.C. and confirms an order for the work has been issued.

NO 6. CURRENT ISSUE. Concern was raised about the lack of action regarding the travellers camped on Shortwood Rd., also six caravans had recently been seen parked

on the corner of Police Station Hill blocking the road. South Gloucestershire Council and the Police had responded and the caravans moved into a field.

A member of the public Mr. Boyett advised the Council that the travellers had been given permission to enter the land but said they had not stayed due to the muddy conditions. Mr. Boyett was however, concerned about the family camped on Shortwood Rd. advising fences had been erected, water, power and telephone installed and digging work was taking place every week-end.

Councillors were relieved that the six caravans had moved but concerned that no action appeared to be happening to remove the family from Shortwood Rd. Clerk said South Gloucestershire Traveller Unit had visited the site and advised the family had purchased the land and would submit a retrospective planning application. Mrs. Palmer suggested the Planning Enforcement Officer be asked to issue a stop notice to prevent any more engineering work on the land.

Cllr. Sandra Grant offered to contact the Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Holder expressed concern that services i.e. water, electricity etc., were being supplied to caravans when planning consent had not been given and asked clerk to write to A.L.C.A. about the position as he felt they could be aiding and abetting someone to break the law.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mrs. Crispin advised the Youth Meeting had been well attended and that the youth had elected Officers with adults to support also at the Community Association Meeting there had been support for the under 18yrs.

Mr. Holder reported the skate park equipment in good order. The trees in the woodland and the allotments were also looking good.

Clerk said the lock on the bollard and gate were broken, allotment holders had requested replacements and suggested keys would be better than number locks as key could be kept on a ring with car keys. Councillors agreed to provide new key locks but stressed they could not provide replacement key if lost.

Twinning Mr. Beg said friends from Pringy would visit between 23rd – 27th April a trip to Winchester and a function in the School Hall has been arranged and a return visit planned for October.

NO 8. PLANNING. The following applications were considered. PK05/0500/LB installation of replacement windows, Lyde Green Farm, Coxgrove Hill. Councillors had no objection to this application as it was a listed building and the Conservation Officer would oversee the work.

PK05/0611/F erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation, 37 Oaktree Ave., Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK04/1083/VAR discharge of Section 52 agreement tying the use of the bungalow to agricultural workers and that the bungalow shall be dependant on the existing use of

the remainder of the site as a riding stable, White Cat Stables, Howsmoor Lane, Emersons Green. No objections.

PK05/0672/LB demolition of stone wall and construction of new stone pillars to facilitate the construction of vehicular access and PK05/0683/F creation of new vehicular access and 1.9m high pillars, Court Farm, Westerleigh Rd. Pucklechurch. Councillors were concerned that the application would impinge on the grass-crete paving and ask that any new entrance is moved as close as possible to the telegraph pole.

PK05/0678/F for erection of first floor front extension and rear conservatory to provide additional living accommodation, 56 Hawkrigge Drive, Pucklechurch. No objections.

NO 9. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING 2005 SEASON. Open space land and Playing field at Castle Rd and Eagle Crescent.

Instant Landscapes:	Cutting Playing Fields	£110.00. x 12cuts.)	
	Strimming around posts.	£ 35.00. x 6)
	Main field extra cut.	£ 64.00. x 12) Plus V.A.T.
	St. Aldams Drive.	£ 95.00. x 12)

S.G.C. Direct Services:	Castle Rd. full cut.	£ 68.00. per occasion.)	
	Castle Rd. tractor only.	£ 25.00. per occasion.)	
	Eagle Crescent.	£ 30.00. per occasion.)	Plus
	St. Aldams Drive.	£ 42.50. per occasion.)	V.A.T.

Burial Ground.

Mr. D. Gay.	2005 season.	£507.00.
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After discussion Councillors decided to award the grass cutting contract to Instant Landscapes as they had always given good service/value in the past and to accept the quotation from Mr. Gay for the maintenance of the Burial Ground.

NO 10. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from S.G.C. advising comments and objections to the extinguishment of part of LPU30 would be considered on the 10th March at the Council Offices, Castle St., Thornbury.

NO 11. A letter was received advising S.G.C. National Spring Clean campaign for April. Councillors agreed to support the campaign on the 10th April, meeting at Becket Court at 10am. Clerk to contact Shortwood Village Committee and the Pucklechurch Guides as they normally help and to ask S.G.C. for a skip, bags and gloves.

NO 12. A letter was received from Highways Agency advising time scale for the works to the M4 junction 18 Eastbound Diverge Lane.

NO 13. A request for funding was received from the MS Therapy Centre at Nailsea. Clerk to reply that Councillors are unable to help on this occasion.

NO 14. A letter was received from Iain A Selkirk offering to act as independent Internal Auditor in respect of the accounts ended 31st March 2005. After discussion Councillors agreed to appoint him.

NO 15. An invitation to the Kingsforest Network Meeting on the 27th April 10am – 12pm at The Bungalow, Ventura Farm, Willsbridge was received.

NO 16. A letter from British Telecom advised the Public Payphone in Westerleigh Rd. would not be removed as the Department for Culture, Media and Sport has advised it is now a Listed Kiosk. Clerk to thank them and advise door needs repairing.

NO 17. An invitation to the SW Regional Planning Strategy Open Meeting on Wed. 30th March was received. Mr. Holder agreed to attend.

NO 18. A letter was received from the Environment Agency advising dates and venues for Oil Storage Regulation seminars.

NO 19. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding safety in Castle Rd. and enclosing data from the recent speed and vehicle counts. Letter acknowledges Councils concerns but advises there is no provision for traffic calming in Castle Rd. in the Local Transport Capital Programme and suggests contacting the School as there is a specific budget for funding ‘Safer Routes to School’ schemes and Pucklechurch School is preparing a School Travel Plan. Mrs. Palmer agreed to contact the School.

NO 20. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. B.T.C.V. £25.00. membership. A.L.C.A. £550.12. membership. Ensign Print £177.00. Pucklechurch News. Mr. D. Gay £310.00. cutting burial ground hedge. Mr. Boulton £135.00. maintenance of Parkfield Rank play area. Community Action £20.00. membership. S.G.C. £94.59. servicing dog bin St. Aldams Drive. Mr. & Mrs Hall £90.00. rent for Shortwood play area. Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £989.10. being salary £280.00. plus stamps £9.10. and annual expenses £700.00.

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

Date of next Meeting 20th April 2005 at 7.30pm.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2005 at 7.30pm.