

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER 2005 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD, PUCKLECHURCH.

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

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. P.J. Green, D.A.E. Holder, R.C. Lee, K.W. Whatley due to illness.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Mr. Beg introduced Mr. G. Kennedy of The Save Cossham Hospital Group. Mr. Kennedy thanked Councillors for their support advising the consultation period was coming to an end. Mr. Kennedy updated Councillors confirming an upsurge of opinion for Cossham Hospital.

Mr. Beg invited Cllr. Sandra Grant to speak. Cllr. Grant said she had been asked by residents why the leaflet recently distributed, concerning the proposed development on Oaktree Avenue, was not from the Parish Council?

Cllr Grant said that at the Councils Budget Meeting on 23rd February 05 it had been agreed to allocate £100,000. additional grant funding, the funding to be divided between each of the Area Forums. Kings Forest Area Forum received £20,000. the money to be divided equally between Boyd Valley, Bitton, Hanham, Longwell Green, Oldland Common, Parkwall and Siston. Boyd Valley received £2660.00, the money has to be spent on a specific item and one suggestion is to purchase a litterbin for each of the six parishes. Cllr. Grant would like to hear Councillors thoughts and has to take a decision to the Area Forum Meeting in January.

Cllr. Grant said she has been contacted by residents concerned about speeding traffic in Westerleigh Rd., Abson Rd., Feltham Rd. and Shortwood Rd. She has contacted South Gloucestershire Council and the Police and it has been suggested that residents take part in a Community Speedwatch. This would involve the Police training residents in the use of a speed gun for the purpose of monitoring traffic speed. A speed gun and florescent jackets would have to be purchased and would cost between £200.00./ £300.00. Cllr. Grant has included an article in Pucklechurch News to see if sufficient people are interested.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Whittock said he has suggested to our Support Officer that it would be useful to receive the occasional Police Report.

NO 4. ARISINGS. Mr. Beg said the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall had been supported by 12/15 user groups. The work to erect the new ceiling tiles in the Hall was complete and C.A. were grateful for the donation from Parish Council.

Cllr. Grant confirmed a decision regarding bus tokens would be taken in December.

Mr. Beg received an invitation to HMP Ashfield to their Christmas Extravaganza. He is unable to attend but will pass the invitation to Mr. Holder.

The minutes of the meeting held 19th October 2005 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Cossham Hospital – Mr Beg said Councillors were grateful for the update and thanked Mr. Kennedy for coming.

Cllr. Grant - Mr Beg explained that the leaflet was published by the Liberal Democratic Party, therefore it would not have been right for it to have come from the Parish Council as a body. Mrs. Palmer confirmed that an article from Mr. T. Borthwick S.G.C. was to be published in Pucklechurch News, the non political magazine funded by the Parish Council.

Additional Funding – Mr. Beg proposed the money from the Budget Meeting be linked with the speed survey and used for the purchase of a speed gun. All agreed. Cllr. Grant was asked to take this request back to the January Area Forum Meeting.

NO 6. PROPOSAL FOR OAKTREE AVENUE. Letters have been received from local residents the majority of them being concerned about density, the lack of open space and the impact the proposal would have on the school and doctors surgery.

Councillors also consider 90 dwellings is far too many and are concerned they will not fit in with the surrounding area. They are concerned about the impact on the doctor's surgery and the school (although spaces are available). They consider off street parking insufficient as public transport is limited. They are concern at the loss of open space.

Mrs. Palmer proposed that Councillors initial comments be sent to S.G.C. All agreed.

NO 7. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Whittock invited had spring bulbs for planting around the village. Mr. Skidmore suggested the young people from HMP Ashfield could be asked to plant them.

NO 8. REPORTS. Mr. Whittock had attended the Forum Meeting a discussion on high trees had taken place. It was also confirmed that some libraries now opening Sundays.

Mrs. Crispin advised that at the A.L.C.A. meeting a report confirmed that S.G.C. was doing well regarding the removal of graffiti and fly tipping and car clearing.

Mr. Beg said the Twinning visit had been successful and a return visit was planned for early April 06.

Clerk has been contacted by residents in Shortwood concerned that the village name sign removed during the construct of the new bridge over the Avon Ring Road has not been re-erected It was agreed clerk should to write to S.G.C. and ask for the sign to be re-erected.

NO 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. PK05/3081/LB demolition of stone wall and construction of new stone pillars to facilitate the

construction of vehicular access (re-submission of PK05/0672/LB) Court Farm, 49 Westerleigh Rd. Mrs. Palmer explained that this was the listed building part of the application received last month and that the same comments were applicable.

PK05/3107/F erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation, 2 Parkfield Rank, Pucklechurch. There were no objections.

PK05/3167/F erection of stable block and yard for the keeping of horses. Creation of new vehicular access. Land rear of no 12 Parkfield Rank, Pucklechurch. Councillors were concerned the application would affect the openness of the green belt, they were also concerned that the access was off a narrow lane.

PK05/3191/F erection of single storey side and rear extension to form granny annexe. (Resubmission of PK05/1808/F). 1 Lansdown Road, Pucklechurch. No objections.

NO 10. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from Pucklechurch Football Club advising they had discussed Councillors letter and attachments. The costs involved were significant and would be difficult for them to absorb as they have to install new goalposts for health and safety reasons. However they would like to investigate further and are looking at a DIY approach as this would only involve the cost of materials.

NO 11. A letter was received from Ann Fay regarding the name of the lane between Coxgrove Hill and Westerleigh Rd. S.G.C. do not appear to have a name for this road and Ann Fay would like the old local name of Gipsy Lane confirmed before any development begins. Clerk to write advising Councillors would prefer Lyde Green unless there is documentation which confirms Gipsy Lane as the old local name.

NO 12. A letter was received from the Western Traffic Area regarding Councils complaint against Crews Transport Yard at Wick. Their licence falls due for review on 12th Sept. 06 and they will write again at this point to confirm whether or not the issues raised remain of concern.

NO 13. An invitation was received to attend the Kingsforest Community Network Meeting 23rd November 05.

NO 14. An invitation was received to attend S.G.C. Code of Conduct Training Day.

NO 15. A letter advised S.G.C. adopted the Telecommunications Network Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document on 22nd August 2005.

NO 16. An invitation was received to attend C.P.R.E. Avonside A.G.M. 26th Nov. in Rangeworthy Village Hall.

NO 17. A letter from S.G.C. concerning fly tipped waste was read confirming records show the area to be part of Lyde Green Common and confirming they will arrange for the waste to be removed.

NO 18. A copy of the Parish Charter Annual Review was received from S.G.C.

NO 19. A copy of the minutes of the Local Area Agreement meeting were received.

NO 20. A 5yr. Review of waste services was received from S.G.C. Mr. Skidmore agreed to look at/comment on the review.

NO 21. A letter was received from S.G.C. enclosing a copy of the Notice associated with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for proposed speed limit/weight restriction between Abson and Pucklechurch.

NO 22. An Email was received from David Cemlyn an archaeology student at Bristol University. As part of an assignment he would like to establish if the recreation field is part of an Anglo Saxon enclosure. He would like permission to survey the field using a geophysical instrument, he will not dig up or disturb the field. Councillors thought the results could be interesting and agreed to the survey.

NO 23. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Mr. G. Allway £42.00. supply of spring bulbs. Mr. D. Gay £507.00. cutting of grass in Burial Ground. Town & Country Services £123.38. skip changeover in Burial Ground. A.S. Hall & Son £234.00. maintenance of Shortwood Play Area. S.J. Aplin £205.63. repairs to swings in recreation field. Anna Sharpe £110.00. D.Bailey £316.30 being salary £280.00. stamps £6.30. tele. £30.00.

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

Date for next meeting 21st December 2005.