

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH NOVEMBER 2010 HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, P.J. Green, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, M.C. Smith, R. Symons, L.J. Whittock.

Sandra Grant Cllr for Boyd Valley.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. D.A.E. Holder Vice Chair, S.E. Turley Cllr for Parish and Boyd Valley, M.S. Watson.

NO 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST. None.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Mr. Beg opened the meeting with a welcome and invited Mr. Simpson to speak. Mr. Simpson expressed the following concerns:

Staff at Westerleigh Crematorium were using a mechanical blower to blow leaves on to Westerleigh Road. The leaves make the road slippery and could also block the highway drain.

Four of the bollards installed by S.G.C. on Feltham Road near the bridge have been knocked down and there are other places where the ditch comes near to the edge of the road.

Reference the proposed Development and Doctors Surgery on Oaktree Avenue – could S.G.C. be asked to ring fence money from the sale of the land to correct the storm water problem in the village.

Mr. Simpson enquired if the Parish Council funded Pucklechurch News as his copy was late being delivered. The issue advertised the public meeting for the proposed Oaktree Ave Development and would have been annoyed had he missed it.

Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Simpson.

NO 4. LAW & ORDER. Councillors were pleased report there was more of a Police presence in the village.

NO 5. MATTERS ARISING. Minute reference no 4 to be changed to include Inspector Thatcher said ‘the Police seriously intend to issue tickets for inconsiderate parking at Pucklechurch School’.

10) Mr. Smith confirmed he was able to produce a map for the bus shelter.

11e) Clerk to look into problem of confusing cycle signage.

g) Councillors suggested some of the trees could be planted on the Lansdown/Castle Road green.

19) Mr. Beg & Mr. Whittock advised the Church had been full for the Remembrance Day Service.

21) Mr. Smith confirmed the letter from S.G.C. had helped as the Stables on Redford Lane have been tidied up.

The minutes of the meeting dated 20th October 2010 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 6. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. It was agreed clerk would contact S.G.C. about the leaves on Westerleigh Road and the bollards on Feltham Road.

Reference ring fencing funding Councillors agreed it was an important issue that needed to be raised but did not think money could ring fenced from the sale of the land.

Mr. Simpson was concerned as to whether or not Pucklechurch School would be able to cope with extra children if the new development went ahead. Councillors confirmed the School would be able to cope.

Mr. Smith advised Pucklechurch News was delivered by volunteers and if there was a problem he should contact Mrs. Broom. Councillors confirmed spare copies were available from the Post Office.

NO 7. FINANCE. Mr. Symons gave a budget update advising an overspend last month of £74.00. against budget. He confirmed the bank looked good with £9000.00. unallocated. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Queensbury Shelters Ltd. £2335.90. replacement shelter Shortwood. Town & Country Services £228.54. skip changeover in Burial Ground and collection and removal of leaves on recreation field. S.G.C. £444.50. emptying of dog waste bins 28th June – 31st Oct. 10. P.C.A. £48.75 use of meeting for 1 Parish Council meeting and 3 youth club sessions. Mrs. V. Broom £50.00. grant towards repair of memorial seat. Mrs. Anna Sharpe £128.75. Mrs. D. Bailey £372.13. being salary £319.97. + stamps £2.16. + tel £30.00. + Poppy wreath £20.00. Ensign Print £216.00. Pucklechurch News.

NO 8. MEMBERS MATTERS. Concern was expressed that the bench seat needed repairing on the recreation field near the Scout Hut. Clerk will take action.

Councillors confirmed the graffiti had been removed above the fire escape on the Village Hall. Clerk confirmed S.G.C. were aware of the graffiti on the under pass and that they had written to the Utility Company regarding the sub station.

Mr. Smith asked if a costing for the provision of a footway between the proposed doctors surgery and St. Aldams Drive could be obtained for the pre-precept meeting in December.

Mr. Beg had received concern that the artwork on the Fleur de Lis was inappropriate in the Conservation Area he was also concerned that the floodlights being installed in the car park could be intrusive to local people.

Clerk had contacted S.G.C. Planning Officer regarding the rebuilding of the boundary wall between the Burial Ground and the Service Station Development. The Officer had advised planning consent was not necessary as the wall was under 2meters high. Clerk to contact the owner as the wall appears to have been reinstated with breeze blocks as a temporary measure to provide privacy and enquire when the work to reinstate the wall as original will be completed.

NO 9. REPORTS. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. Whittock and Mr. Green had attended the Oaktree Avenue Consultation and reported residents were quite strong in their views, the issues of most concern being parking and access. Councillors said 1.5 spaces was below normal for Pucklechurch and were concerned current parking would be displaced but they could not see how more parking could be provided within the area. Councillors did not like the proposed pointed elevations or the proposed slate roof tiles as they are not in keeping with the area. The Planners would not allow three storey buildings but the proposed flats were as tall as three stories and at the highest point in the village. S.G.C. confirmed they would provide some units for local people. It was agreed clerk would arrange a meeting with Clare Burchell to discuss feed back and to clarify our proposal for provision of accommodation for local people.

Mr. Beg reported 30 people had attended the twinning visit - fortunately their coach had not been affected by the fuel strike. The return visit next year is the 9th – 13th April.

NO 10. COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW. Mr. Smith suggested there was a need for formal dialog with the Steering Group regarding its future role. A review of the action plan and a decision on progress needed to be undertaken. Mr. Smith suggested Parish Council take the lead and form a sub committee. Mr. Symons thought it was important that the Council was involved and working with the Steering Group. It was suggested that a minimum of three Councillors were necessary so as to be a more cohesive group. Mr. Symons, Mr. Holder and Mr. Watson to be invited to be part of the sub-committee, Mr. Beg would be available if needed.

NO 11. PLANNING. The following applications were considered and observations made: PK10/ 2909/FDI diversion of footpath PMR/7/10 Bristol & Bath Science Park, Emerson's Green East. Councillors were not able to access this application on the web site, clerk to request map/more detail.

PK10/2686/F construction of riding surface 20 x 40m land at the end of Redford Lane, Pucklechurch. Councillors were strongly against this application as the owners are not complying with the conditions attached to the existing planning application.

PK10/3055/TCA works to remove 1no self seeded Sycamore tree situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area. Laurel Farm, 60 Westerleigh Rd. No objection.

NO 12. A review of the log was undertaken.

NO 13. CORRESPONDENCE. An email from PCSO Hugh Barnes confirmed their data over a one year period identified 6 incidents of anti-social behaviour after the hours of light in Hawkridge Drive. The Police do not think turning off the lights will have an impact on the level of reported crime. Councillors agreed to work from the previous plan provided by S.G.C. and organise a consultation event for mid February 2011.

NO 14. A letter was received from Rotala reference the increase in the bus pass price on the 689 service advising as part of an on going review they have implemented a pass structure for the whole of the Bristol network. Unfortunately there were previously some passes which were extremely cheap and not commercially viable. As with many industries over the last 12 months they have been subject to huge cost increases and through government macro-economic policy face large cuts in subsidies. Despite these cost pressures their fare structures are no greater than the current Bristol City/South Gloucestershire County Council maximum fare caps. It was agreed clerk would write to S.G.C. enclosing a copy of the reply from Rotala enquiring why their cap is higher than the cost of an individual using a car.

NO 15. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. V. Broom and Mrs. E. Stone for the offer of £50.00. towards the repair of the memorial seat.

NO 16. A letter of thanks for grant aid was received from Victim Support.

NO 17. A letter of confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order 2010 – LPU66 (Part) at Shortwood Quarry was received.

NO 18. A letter confirming adoption of the Pucklechurch Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document was received. Clerk to ask if extra copies of the plan are available for residents.

NO 19. A letter was read from DLP Planning Ltd advising the Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed the Localism Bill will be published this month with a view to ‘putting communities in charge of planning’. This could potentially have far reaching implications for Parish Councils and DLP Planning Ltd as a local Independent Planning Consultancy would be happy to provide advice and support. Councillors agreed to request a copy of their briefing Note following the publication of the bill.

NO 20. An email was received from Revel Committee asking for permission to use the open space land behind the millennium stone on 28th November for the turning on of the Christmas tree lights. The event will start at 4pm with hand bell ringing, followed by the turning on of the Christmas tree lights and carol singing. Clerk to forward email to Community Spaces for permission as the land belongs to South Gloucestershire Council.

NO 21. A letter was received from S.G.C. reference the Playbuilder proposal for St. Aldams public open space confirming they are pleased to advise that following the Government Budget review the funding allocation is available for our project. Unfortunately despite Government delaying the project by three months, they have not extended the completion date, which remains 31st March 2011. Tina Rainey and Michael Follett have spoken to the Landscape Architect and a design proposal based on the community and youth consultation carried out during 2009/10 is currently being drafted.

NO 22. An email was received from a resident listing concern about the proposed development and doctor's surgery on Oaktree Avenue.

NO 23. An email was received from a resident in Parkfield Rank regarding a caravan that has been parked at the end of the Rank. She is concerned as there are already issues with parking and leaving a caravan in the turning circle where cars would normally park only intensifies the problem. The caravan appeared with a note saying parked temporarily but has now been there for almost 2 months. It was agreed that as the land belongs to the Parish Council a letter should be sent to the owners asking them to remove it as it is an inconvenience to neighbours.

NO 24. Clerk received a telephone call from First Step Homes who have an option on land at Marsh Farm. They would like the opportunity of working with the community and would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss proposals. Councillors did not think a meeting would be appropriate at this time.

NO 25. A letter was read from Pucklechurch Sports Football Club reference letter dated 26th October asking if the Council could be more specific regarding 'the interests of safety'. It was agreed clerk should reply that it is the Council's understanding that permission for the use of the football pitches was granted without permanent fixtures, the reason for this being that the field is a public ground for use of the whole village.

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

Date of next meeting 15th December at 7.30pm.