

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH NOVEMBER 2004 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON RD., PUCKLECHURCH.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, R.C. Lee, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, W.K. Skidmore, K.W. Whatley.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. L.J. Whittock Vice Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Crispin, D.A.E. Holder, P.J. Green, Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. The Chairman introduced Mr. Thompson-Green. Mr. Thompson-Green said he had been told the Parish Council had objected to the closure of public footpath LUP30. Mr. Thompson-Green said the path crossed land owned by his late stepfather Mr. Walker and the reason for the proposed closure was concern about safety as the path crosses the slag heap which has been known to catch fire and floods in winter.

Mr. Thompson-Green said the footpath had been instigated by the Parish Council in the 1950's without consultation and did not appear on the definitive map until 1993.

Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Thompson-Green.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER.

NO 4. ARISINGS. Mr. Beg said regarding the problem of parking in Becket Court and St. Aldams Drive due to extra traffic generated from HMP & YOI Ashfield he believed 50 spaces could be provided at the end of St. Aldams Drive and a further 10 behind the garages.

Mrs. Palmer advised that S.G.C. were to meet to discuss the Review of Electoral arrangements and that the recommendation was that Boyd Valley should remain a two member ward.

Mr. Skidmore said the travellers had been moved from Batchfield Lane and the gates locked.

Mr. Lee asked if anyone knew what had happened at the youth meeting, clerk explained that unfortunately Mr. Green had missed the meeting. Clerk to contact P.C. Skelton to ask if another meeting has been arranged.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Mr. Beg explained that since the decision to object to the closure of LPU 30 in 2002 there had been a change in Councillors, it was agreed a decision would be deferred until next month to allow time for a site visit.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Skidmore asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to HMP & YOI Ashfield for the work inmates had undertaken in the village.

Concern was raised about fly tipping on Lyde Green and illegal storage of cars on land belonging to Barry Cambridge.

Mr. Beg advised Twinning had planted bulbs in the Jardin du Pringy and around the memorial seat in the Burial Ground.

Mr. Beg said that due to a lack of support the Garage no longer served petrol and the pumps were being removed..

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Beg advised Twinning had had an enjoyable visit to Pringy and that a return visit was scheduled for 23rd April 05 for four days.

Bristol & Cardiff National Airports. It was agreed clerk would comment that Councillors were concerned that increased flight traffic would have a detrimental effect on the village.

NO 8. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT. A quotation had been received from Wicksteed Leisure for remedial work on the play equipment in Shortwood. The 19' stainless steel slide needed the chute handrails replacing and redecorate. The cost of a guardrail, fixings and paint was £389.50. plus labour £600.00. plus V.A.T.

Two bay Swing unit Castle Road a quotation of £4144.00. plus V.A.T. was received from S.J. Aplin for the removal of existing 2 bay swing unit and supply and installation of new 8' 2 bay swing unit plus making good wet pour surfacing beneath swing seats and around legs.

A quotation £6513.00. from Wicksteed Leisure was received for the above work but the price includes to uplift and remove existing wetpour safety surface and replace with new, using existing base.

After discussion it was agreed the work on the slide at Shortwood should be carried as the unit was in very poor condition.

Clerk to contact S.G.C. and ask if grant aid is available to allow the swing unit on Castle Road to be replaced.

NO 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. PK04/3506/F installation of side dormer window to facilitate additional living accommodation, 48 Birch Drive. No objections.

PK04/3715/F increase roof height and installation of 3no. dormer windows to form additional living accommodation, 35 Shortwood Rd. No objections.

Mr. Whittock entered the meeting explaining he had attended the S.G.C. Housing Meeting.

NO 10. CORRESPONDENCE. An invitation was received to the Parish Charter Annual Review. It was agreed clerk would contact Mr. Holder to see if he would like to attend.

NO 11. A request for funding was received from the Jessie May Trust. Councillors were unable to help on this occasion.

NO 12. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. C.A. Bessell for the installation of the toddler swings at Shortwood.

NO 13. A letter was received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the New Ethical Framework Regulations.

NO 14. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding the Bus Service Review.

NO 15. An invitation was received from C.P.R.E. to attend the Village of the Year Awards and AGM on the 27th November. Mr. Whittock agreed to attend.

NO 16. An invitation was received from C.P.R.E. to attend the AGM on the 4th December. Mrs. Palmer agreed to attend.

NO 17. A letter was received from S.G.C. regarding request for Formal Pedestrian Crossings on Shortwood Rd. and Westerleigh Rd. The Transport Studies team have carried out a pedestrian and vehicle count and as pedestrian flows are generally light or light for long periods of the day it is not possible to provide a zebra crossing at either location.

NO 18. An invitation was received to the Care Forum at The Vassall Centre, Fishponds on the 26th Nov. 10am-3pm.

NO 19. A letter was received from Kingswood Community Transport inviting Councillors to contact them to discuss the withdraw of S.G.C. funding for the work it currently provides for affiliated groups and Dial & Ride users.

NO 20. A letter was received from Pucklechurch Community Association regarding the proposed key entry system for the Social Club and advising that due to the high risk of personal injury and physical damage to the fabric of the building they intend to implement the door entry system and apply for landlords consent retrospectively. Councillors agreed Mr. Lee would look at the lease and draft a reply.

NO 21. Clerk had quotation from Lawrence Tree Services to carry out work on the Leylandii hedge on St. Aldams Drive. To top only £200.00. plus V.A.T. To top and trim £360.00. plus V.A.T. Councillors agreed to accept the quotation to top and trim the hedge.

NO 22. Mr. Beg said he had received an invitation to a Christmas extravaganza at HMP Ashfield, unfortunately he was unable to attend. Mrs. Palmer agreed to attend instead.

NO 23. Mr. Whittock informed the meeting that someone had damaged the gate between the village hall car and the recreation field. Clerk would contact an engineer to see if the gate could be strengthened/repaired.

NO 24. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. P.C.A. £66.00. for use of meeting room for six meetings. S.G.C. £47.35. quarterly charge for servicing dog bin St. Aldams Drive. Mr. D. Gay £484.00. grass cutting for 2004 season in New Burial Ground. Mazars £293.75. external audit. P.C.A. £90.00. half cost of trimming hedge around car park. Anna Sharpe £110.00. D. Bailey £315.88. being salary £280.00.plus stamps £5.88. plus tel. £30.00.

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

Date for next meeting 15th December at 7.30pm.