

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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.

**NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None.

**NO 2. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN.** Mr. Beg asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Whittock proposed Mr. Beg be re-elected, seconded by Mrs. Palmer. There were no other nominations for chairman. Voting for Mr. Beg unanimous.

Mr. Beg was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Beg thanked Councillors for their support.

**NO 3. TO SIGN DECLARATION OF OFFICE.** Mr. Beg signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office.

**NO 4. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN.** Mr. Green proposed Mr. Whittock, seconded by Mrs Palmer. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman. Voting for Mr. Whittock unanimous.

Mr. Whittock was elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Beg said it was good to have someone to step in that knew the village so well.

**NO 5. SUB COMMITTEES.** Members agreed as follows:

Open Spaces.	Mr. Whittock, Mr. Whatley, Mr. Skidmore.
Boyd Link.	Mr. Whittock. Mr. Whatley. Mr. Green.
Twinning.	Mr. Beg.
A.L.C.A.	Mrs. Crispin, Mr. Whittock.
Biodiversity.	Mrs. Crispin, Mr. Whittock.
Waste Management.	Mr. Skidmore.
S.G. Heritage.	Mr. Holder.
Community Association.	Mr. Whittock.
Finance.	Mr. Holder.
Planning Preview.	Mrs. Palmer.
Parish Charter Group.	Mr. Holder.
Youth Group.	Mrs. Crispin.

Mrs. Palmer asked for thanks to be recorded for the pleasant way the Chairman conducted meetings.

**NO 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Mr. Trevor Murphy attended the meeting explaining he was Chairman of Pucklechurch Sports Youth, and that the under 16 team had been hoping to progress to under 18 youth football, this would give them two more years before committing to adult football. They had hoped to play in the combination league on a Sunday afternoon, sharing the pitch on alternate Sundays with the Pucklechurch under 15 Avon Youth Team. However the Senior Committee at a meeting voted against providing pitch facilities for the under 18's. Mr. Murphy said 80% of the lads are from Pucklechurch, they were keen to play Sunday football and although he has been offered other pitches he would prefer to keep them in the village.

A letter from Mr. Grainger, Hon Treasurer of Pucklechurch Sports explained that the Football Club had done a lot over the last few years to encourage the development of the youth section and would continue to do so, however in the case of the main pitch they have to take into consideration wear and tear and the fact that the pitch is part of the recreation field. The recreation field is for the benefit of the whole community and a balance needs to be struck. Over the past few years they have noticed a deterioration in the main pitch and an increase in the amount of work necessary to maintain it. Another factor in their decision being that the amount of wear and tear is proportional to the age of the players and under 18's are effectively adults.

The Club is not against future development that can offer football to local people and has suggested that rather than an under 18's team the club should consider a further adult team to accommodate these young players. Such a side would however not play on the recreation field.

Mr. Whittock expressed concern about allowing another team to play on the main pitch as the grass is not in good condition at the moment. He said the present football team were very responsible and at the end of each season re-seed the goal areas.

Mr. Holder said the Parish Councils agreement is with Pucklechurch Sports and he felt they should only comment on the suitability of the pitch. It was agreed Councillors would obtain advice/quotation to improve the condition of the grass.

Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Murphy for coming.

**NO 7. ARISINGS.** Mrs. Palmer advised the white lines on the corner of Castle Rd./Lansdown Rd have been re-painted and are helping a little.

Mrs. Crispin said that at the last youth meeting there had been parents but few youths. Cllr. Grant said she had attended the meeting and there were four adults but no young people.

Mr. Lee said he had Emailed S.G.C. to asked why they have not used the powers given them to stop the gypsies carrying out groundwork on the illegal encampment at Shortwood Rd. He has not received a reply.

Mr. Skidmore said he made several telephone calls to S.G.C. enforcement team about the gypsies but the Officers were not very optimistic.

Mrs. Palmer suggested writing to S.G.C. to ask what plans they have for developing gypsy/traveller sites as this information would be helpful if going to appeal.

Mr. Whittock advised he had attended a site visit with S.G.C. Councillors, LPU 30 was discussed and the footpath walked. A decision is expected in July and the Parish Council will be informed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were agreed a true record and signed.

**NO 8. MEMBERS MATTERS.** Mr. Green said a resident in Shortwood had raised concerns about a proposal to close the Blackhorse Centre. His son attends the Centre, has made friends, and he is worried he will have to go to other places. Mrs. Palmer advised the Centre needed money spent on it and said the people would go to other centres with their friends while the site was redeveloped.

Mrs. Palmer reminded Councillors that it was their responsibility to walk the footpaths in the parish.

Mr. Beg said he had attended the opening of the new kitchen in the Scout Hut, two lads had given short presentations and it had been an enjoyable occasion.

**NO 9. REPORTS.** Mrs. Crispin had attended the Community Association Meeting, attention had been drawn to Parish Councils letter about erecting a barrier in the car park.

Mr. Green had attended the Boyd Link Group Meeting and advised that from October meetings would only be held twice a year with a forum in June for all Link Groups.

Mr. Holder attended the Parish Charter Meeting a discussion had taken place about the new licensing laws.

Regarding the Village of the Year competition sponsored by Calor Gas. Mr. Whittock advised it was not essential to complete the Building Community Life category submitted by Defra.

Mr. Beg attended the Twinning AGM which was doing well, they hope to attract more families with young children and are looking at other ways of crossing the channel as

P & O no longer operate and Brittany Ferries is expensive.

**NO 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** PK05/1383/PNA for prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of hay at Gingells Farm, Shortwood Hill. No objections.

**NO 11. CORRESPONDENCE.** An invitation was received to attend the Community Action transport conference, 28<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 – 4pm at the BAWA Club, Filton.

**NO 12.** An invitation was received to the Avon Valley Partnership Topic Group meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June from 7 – 9pm an agenda and details of the venue to follow.

**NO 13.** A letter was received from S.G.C. advising where the proposed modifications to the Local Plan could be viewed. Clerk to obtain a paper copy for Mrs. Palmer.

**NO 14.** A letter was received from Pucklechurch Revel advising date of this years event and requesting permission to use the recreation field. Several village organisations support Revel by putting on events during the week and Revel closes with a Thanksgiving Service at Thomas A Becket. Councillors agreed to the use of the recreation field and to help fund an arena event.

**NO 15.** A copy of the road closure application was received from S.G.C. for the Annual Beer Festival and Revel Procession.

**NO 16.** A letter of thanks for use of a section of the recreation field was received from the South West Dobermann Club.

**NO17.** A letter from Pucklechurch Community Association confirmed they do not have sufficient funds to erect a barrier in the car park and hope, as Councillors had said, the risk is minimal.

**NO 18.** A letter from the Joint Local Transport Plan Team advised where the plan could be viewed.

**NO 19.** An invitation was received to C.P.R.E. garden party on 26<sup>th</sup> June 3 – 5pm at Brooklands, Burnett, Keynsham, and to a Midsummer Merriment evening at Berkeley Castle on 18<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – midnight.

**NO 20.** A request for help with funding was received from Alzheimer’s Society, Mr. Beg declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. A grant of £75.00. was proposed by Mr. Whittock and seconded by Mrs. Palmer all agreed, one abstention.

**NO 21.** Clerk had received an Email from Mr. M. Harman who has recently moved into a property in Parkfield Rank. He is becoming increasingly worried about the speed at which both local inhabitants and visitors drive through the Rank as there are always children playing on and around the road. Mrs. Palmer reminded Councillors that S.G.C. had agreed 3yrs ago at a Forum Meeting to erect ‘Children Playing’ signs. Clerk to write to S.G.C., enclosing a copy of Mr. Harmans letter and ask when the promised signs will be erected.

**NO 22. FINANCE.** The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Town & Country Services £117.50. skip changeover in Burial Ground. C.P.R.E. £25.00. membership. Allianz Cornhill Insurance £963.36. Mrs. Anna Sharpe £110.00. D. Bailey £335.49. being salary £280.00. plus tele. £30.00. plus stamps £7.49. plus £18.00. six keys for allotment holders. Playground Management Ltd. £346.63. RoSPS safety report.

**NO 23.** Mr. Beg and Mrs. Palmer confirmed they had been invited by Premier Prison to the opening of a new Drugs Rehabilitation Centre at HMP Ashfield.

**NO 24.** Clerk advised a meeting had been arranged at the Greenfield Centre on the 25<sup>th</sup> May to oppose the downgrading of Frenchay Hospital.

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

Date of Next Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.