

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19TH APRIL 2006 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, L.J. Whittock Vice Chairman, P.J. Green, D.A.E. Holder, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, W.K. Skidmore.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs. J.E. Crispin, R.C. Lee, M.C. Smith.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Beg said that during the Easter Holidays he had seen young people riding mini motorbikes on the pavement.

Cllr. Grant asked if Councillors had received complaints about P.C. Skelton as Wick residents were concerned that he was not returning their calls. Councillors had not received any complaints from residents.

NO 4. ARISING AND TO AGREE & SIGN MINUTES. The Meadows, Shortwood Rd. clerk advised that S.G.C. Planning Officer was awaiting a report from the Traveller Unit before being able to determine the application. Traveller Unit was awaiting a Social Welfare Report. Cllr. Grant confirmed she had also been given the same information.

Green Tree Farm clerk has spoken to Lisa Price at South Gloucestershire Council who has agreed to send someone out to check the agreed legal use.

Steps Cedar Way, Councillors did think remedial work was required but Mr. Whittock agreed to paint the edge of each step with white paint.

Consultation on the Draft South Gloucestershire Strategic Green Belt Assessment. Mrs. Palmer said she had not received any comments from Councillors, she submitted the following comments for inclusion. Shortwood – The Dramway (historic right of way). Also two Scheduled Ancient monuments: Brandy Bottom Colliery part of Parkfield Colliery) and Round Barrow (tumulus) on Shortwood Hill. Pucklechurch – Apart from the Conservation area there are several significant listed buildings, some on the periphery of the village boundary eg: Dennisworth Farm, The Grey House and The Moat House. Also site of a Saxon Royal Palace.

Mr. Beg advised a small party from Pringy had visited and an enjoyable time had been had. Mr. Cleevely has pruned and tidied the Jardin du Pringy.

The minutes of the meeting held 15th March 06 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 6. CHILDRENS PLAY PROVISION. Mr. Beg confirmed he had consulted the local Play Group leaders, who were very pleased to have been included. Both Play Group leaders suggested Little Miss Muffet, if funds would allow, as it would

provide the best play value. Councillors all agreed, clerk to place order with Wicksteed Leisure.

NO 7. PARISH PLAN. Mr. Holder said that as Mr. Smith had been ill, he and Mr. Rendall had attended the training day arranged by Community Action. The day had been very interesting and informative and as the Government would like all Parish Councils to produce a plan they have provided some funding. Ideally each person in the parish should be consulted, initially the Steering Group will contact one person from every group in the village to ask what they would like to see changed/preserved. From this a detailed questionnaire will be compiled and delivered to every house in the parish. The information will be collated and a plan produced and presented to the Parish Council for adoption or refusal. A meeting has been arranged for the middle of May to set time scales, hopefully the plan will be completed by Nov/Dec. 06.

NO 8. PATHWAY WARDEN. Mr. Holder said he had been taking to Mr. & Mrs. Abbott and they had indicated they would be willing to act as Path Wardens in the parish. It was agreed clerk should write and accept their offer and put them in touch with South Gloucestershire Council.

NO 9. SHORTWOOD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE. Clerk had been contacted by Cory Environmental who would like a member of the Parish Council to sit on the Landfill Site Liaison Committee. Mr. Skidmore agreed to represent the Council.

NO 10. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mrs. Palmer said she thought the railings on Shortwood Rd. needed painting and she wondered if it would be something the young people at HMP Ashfield to undertake. Clerk to write to the Governor.

Mrs. Palmer reported the bus stop sign knocked over again outside the Crematorium, also the stop on Police Station Hill is missing. Clerk to contact Bus Company.

Mr. Holder said Roger Payne walks regularly between The Vale and Pucklechurch and has offered to pick up litter if provide a litter picker. Councillors were pleased to accept his offer.

Mr. Holder asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to South Gloucestershire Council for removing all the tyres from Redford Lane.

Mr. Holder said Mrs. Webb would be grateful to know how many Councillors would be attending St. Thomas A Becket Church on the 22nd May when they are being joined by the Royal Air Force Linguistics Association for the unveiling and dedication of the plaque in memory of their time in Pucklechurch during the 1950's. Mr. Whittock, Mr. Holder and Mr. Green agreed to attend, clerk to contact Mr. Smith to ask if he would like to attend.

Mr. Whittock said the new landlord of The Star welcomed organisations and he wondered if it would be a way of contacting groups about the Parish Plan.

Mr. Whittock expressed concern that someone had put a 40gallon drum, 2 swivel chairs and the remains of a strimmer in the Burial Ground skip. Mr. Beg to include an

article in Pucklechurch News to advise that the skip is for burial and recreation ground waste only.

Mr. Beg advised he had attended a meeting at HMP & YOI Ashfield with Mr. Nigel Cutland, Councillor Grant and residents regarding parking problems. Mr. Beg had suggested the land at the far end of St. Aldams Drive could be used for parking. Mr. Cutland said residents were already concerned about a paper bank that had appeared on the land without consultation but he agreed to look at the suggestion, discuss it with residents and keep the Parish Council informed.

NO 11. REPORTS. Mr. Skidmore had attended the Waste Meeting and advised bags would be provided early December for the collection of dry cell batteries. He confirmed the Sofa Project now collect televisions also the Civic Amenity Site at Yate has a special place for old televisions and monitors.

NO 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK06/9018/F erection of rear conservatory, 123 Shortwood Hill, Shortwood. No objections.

PK06/0981/TCA works to remove/reduce 1no. Ash tree situated within Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 30 Shortwood Rd. Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK06/0891/F erection of two storey side and single storey front extension to provide additional living accommodation. 4 Oaktree Ave. Pucklechurch. Mr. Holder declared an interest as the property was near his own. Councillors objected to this application expressing concern that the proposed extension was disproportionate. Councillors were also concerned that the size of the trees in the garden and the proposed extension would be very oppressive.

PK06/0889/F erection of rear conservatory. 13 St. Aldams Drive, Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK06/0781/F change of use from grazing land to land for the keeping of horses and erection of stable block and hay store at The Meadows, Parkfield. Councillors were concerned about this application and asked that if S.G.C. was minded to grant permission it should be temporary, in line with the consent on their mobile home.

PK06/0795/F creation of new vehicular access and 1.75m high pillars. Court Farm, Westerleigh Rd. and PK06/0792/LB demolition of stone wall and construction of new stone pillars to facilitate the construction of vehicular access. Councillors objected to this application considering it would spoil the look of the listed building and ruin the historic wall.

NO 13. CORRESPONDENCE. A Letter was received from Defra regarding the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005. Clerk to include this as an agenda item next month.

NO 14. A letter was received regarding the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act – Dog Control Zones. Clerk to include this as an agenda item next month.

NO 15. An invitation was received to an Equalities Awareness Day 23rd May 9.30 – 3pm at Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne.

NO 16. An invitation was received from C.P.R.E. to enter the Calor Village of the Year competition. Councillors agreed to enter again this year.

NO 17. A letter was received from South Gloucestershire Friends of the Earth regarding their 'Save our Green Belt' campaign.

NO 18. A letter was received from Wessex Water regarding concerns about properties being flooded in Abson Rd. They confirmed they would not be installing sealed covers in the fields on Marsh Farm. They are carrying out an investigation into the flooding in the Abson Rd. area to identify the cause and possible solutions. They will also be carrying out a CCTV survey of the sewer to the sewage works, once their investigation is complete they will be able to determine the best course of action.

NO 19. An email from Christine Murphy on behalf of Revel Committee asked if the Pram Race, to be held on the evening of 15th June, could be held on the recreation field as they were concerned about the liability issues being raised under the normal road route. If granted they would also like to hold a small BBQ, bouncy castle and possibly a couple of other small events.

They are also considering holding a car boot sale in the Community Association Car Park on Sunday 17th September and would like permission, if possible, to use a section of the recreation field for car parking.

Councillors agreed to the use of the recreation field for the Pram Race etc being held on the recreation field providing the weather conditions allow. They also agreed to the field being used for parking cars during the Car Boot Sale providing the area was roped off and monitored.

NO 20. A letter from Cyndi Hill, Revel Committee chairperson asked if the Parish Council would consider sponsoring the Revel again this year. Revel day is 17th June and the theme is 'Food Glorious Food'. Councillors agreed a grant of £300.00. to be used towards the cost of the main event on the field.

NO 21. An invitation was received to an Action for Rural Communities Conference 27th June from 9.15am – 3.30pm.

NO 22. A letter was received from Cllr. Ian Smith, Conservative Planning & Transport Spokesman regarding the decision by S.G.C. to remove the entitlement for pensioners and the disabled to be offered a choice between a free bus pass and £32.00. worth of travel tokens. Cllr. Smith was asking if Councillors would be willing to formally support their campaign and petition. Councillors did not feel they should become involved with campaigns and this would apply to any party.

NO 23. An invitation was received to attend the Heritage Volunteer event 24th June at Avon Valley Railway, Bitton Station. Mr. Whittock agreed to attend.

NO 24. A copy of S.G.C. Strengthening Communities Strategy Consultation had been given to Councillors to allow them to comment.

NO 25. A letter was received from Pucklechurch Cricket Club formally requesting use of the recreation field for matches from 1st May until 31st August. Councillors were happy to agree to this use, rent for the coming season to be £275.00.

NO 26. A letter was received from the Pucklechurch News team advising they would like to publish a new village directory. The team is willing to gather the information, edit and proof read the material received, lay out the directory and take it to the printer. They would like to request a grant of up to £200.00. to pay for the printing, this would allow for a folded and stapled booklet of 12-16 pages in one colour with a print run of 1,200. Councillors support the production of a new village directory and suggested an extra 100 copies be printed so they could be given to families moving into the village. Councillors agreed a budget of £250.00.

NO 27. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment Community Action £20.00. membership. EDF Energy £4.50. unmetered supply. Mrs. Anna Sharpe £115.50. Mrs. D Bailey £302.56. being salary £294.00. + stamps £8.56. Pucklechurch Revel £300.00. grant.

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

Date of Next Months Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting 10th May at 7pm.
Parish Council AGM. 17th May at 7.30pm.