

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON RD.,  
PUCKLECHURCH.**

**PRESENT.** O.A. Beg Chairman, L.J. Whittock V ice Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Crispin, P.J. Green, D.A.E. Holder, R.C. Lee, Mrs. M.C. Palmer W.K. Skidmore, K.W. Whately.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

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

**NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

**NO 3. LAW & ORDER.** None.

**NO 4. ARISINGS.** Mrs. Palmer advised the white lines corner of Lansdown/Castle Rd. have still not been repainted and the large vehicle is still parking and restricting vision.

Mr. Beg recorded thanks to all who took part in the Spring Clean.

The minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March 05 were agreed a true record and signed.

**NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS.** Mr. Whittock expressed concern that the resident in the first house in Homefield Rd. parked his 4 x 4 vehicle near the corner making it difficult for vehicles turning in from Shortwood Rd. Clerk to ask S.G.C. about the possibility of the white 'keep clear' lines being extended.

Mr. Whatley expressed concern that pipeline reinstatement works still haven't been completed. Clerk to contact Bristol Water Co.

Mrs. Crispin said the youth committee were now meeting informally and she has been asked if Parish Council would be able to suggest/help with funding a youth worker. Mr. Beg suggested Mr. Andrew Davison, Pucklechurch Development Co. may be able to help and Mr Lee suggested the Princes Trust.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned there were weeds growing through the tarmac on the skate park, he also said there were a lot of tree guards around the woodland that needed clearing.

Mr. Green reported seeing a large low-loader driving through the centre of Pucklechurch, he also expressed concern about heavy lorries coming through Shortwood. Mr. Beg said the vehicle registration should be taken and the Police contacted. Clerk to write to S.G.C. and ask if the weight restriction in Pucklechurch is to be extended to cover Shortwood.

Mrs. Palmer has had concern raised that Homefield Rd. is being used by fast vehicles as a rat run to avoid the centre of the village at peak times. It was agreed clerk should

write to S.G.C. and ask them to monitor the speed of vehicles and to consider introducing a 20mph limit.

Mr. Whittock advised the swing on the recreation field had been repaired, bollards have been installed to restrict the width of the entrance to the allotments, the Cedar Way sign was missing and work was being carried out on the bridge on Feltham Rd.

Mr. Beg advised that Twinning would like to plant some shrubs in memory of Robert Stone when the Jardin du Pringy is extended.

**NO 6. REPORTS.** Mr. Beg reported that C.P.R.E. and Friends of the Earth had agreed to work to produce four options for the West of England Strategic Plan.

**NO 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered and observations made: PK05/0787/O erection of 1no. dwelling (outline) with siting and means of access to be determined. All other matters reserved. Land rear of 82 Shortwood Rd. There were no objections to this application, Councillors felt it would enhance the area as it resembles a brown field site.

PK05/0852/F erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation, 20 Merlin Ridge. No objections.

PK05/0904/F erection of rear conservatory, 67 Hawkridge Drive. No objection.

PK05/0980/F erection of rear conservatory, 58 Parkfield Rd. No objection.

PK05/1060/F erection of 2 storey front extension including associated access ramp. Erection of first floor extension and installation of 2no dormer windows to provide additional living accommodation. 35 Shortwood Rd. Pucklechurch. Mr. Beg declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. Councillors said that as the property has already been extended they would question the size, they were also concerned there was scope for dividing the it into two dwellings.

PK05/1054/F change of use of grazing land (sui generis) for the stationing of 3no. residential gypsy caravans (retrospective). Councillors objected strongly to this retrospective application on the following grounds: Inappropriate development in the green belt. Not in the Structure Plan. No special circumstances have been provided.

Councillors were concerned that no reply to their request or that of Cllr Sandra Grants, for a stop order to prevent further ground work taking place on the site has been received. Clerk to write to the Planning Officer to ask why they have failed to use the powers given them by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

PK05/0992/F erection of two storey and single storey front extension and first floor rear extension to provide additional living accommodation, Cox grove Lodge, Coxgrove Hill. Councillors did not object to this extension but would not wish to see anymore.

**NO 8. BUDGET FOR PRODUCTION OF PUCKLECHURCH NEWS.** Clerk advised the production of Pucklechurch News for 2004/5 had cost £706.00. (six

pounds over budget). Councillors expressed support for the magazine and proposed a 5% increase for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 05. Councillors asked that their thanks be sent to the Editors and also to Martin for the Pucklechurch Web Site which is excellent.

**NO 9. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS.** Jardin du Pringy To remove existing timber edging and reuse to extend garden. To strip turf and remove. To cultivate soil and import new and to supply and plant shrubs. £422.50. plus VAT.

Entrance to Shortwood Playing Field. To excavate soil from proposed gate entrance and path. To supply and fit pressure treated timber edging. To supply and erect 2no gate posts. To supply, level and compact gravel sub-base. To supply and lay macadam. To supply and erect new gate with spring self closure. £639.00. plus V.A.T

Base for Bus Shelter Goldfinch Way stop. To excavate grass and soil and remove from site. To supply and lay kerb back edgings. To supply, level and compact gravel sub-base. To supply tarmac and lay in two coats to base of proposed new shelter. To take down existing shelter and reinstate pavement. £579.35. plus VAT.

After discussion and consultation with budget Councillors agreed to accept all three quotations.

**NO 10. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR BUS SHELTER.** Clerk has written confirmation from S.G.C. that they will fund half the cost of the scheme (shelter and groundworks) they also indicated that given a choice between the existing type and the Queensbury shelter they would prefer the latter as they believe it presents a better image.

The cost of supply and installation of Auto Cross Shelter including new base is £3076.85 plus VAT. Cost of Queensbury Shelter including new base £4156.35. plus VAT. After discussion Councillors agreed to accept the quotation for the Queensbury Shelter.

**NO 11. CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter from S.G.C. advised a decision on the possible extinguishment of part of LPU30 will be deferred until 16<sup>th</sup> June 05.

**NO 12.** An invitation was received to the Focus on Play Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Fromeside Youth Centre, Winterbourne.

**NO 13.** A letter from S.G.C. Community Spaces Manager advised a site meeting was being arranged to discuss suggestions to resolve problems caused by careless and inconsiderate parking on land at Maple Walk.

**NO 14.** An invitation to enter the CPRE village of the year competition which includes a new questionnaire 'Building Community Life' was received. Councillors agreed to enter.

**NO 15.** A letter was read from the South West Dobermann Club asking to use an area on the recreation field between the Community Hall and the Burial Ground for their

dog show on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As their show is always held on Bank Holiday Monday they wonder if Council would give permission for them to hold shows in the future, subject to them leaving the site clean and tidy. Councillors agreed the area could be used for the Dog Show this year but said it would be necessary for them to apply annually.

**NO 16.** A letter was read from the Scout Executive Fund Raising Committee regarding drainage problem and advising the drain cover at the rear of Hut is damaged and needs urgent attention.

They would also like to install some form of disabled access and wish to ask the Parish Council, as owners of the land, for permission.

They also ask if a barrier could be erected in the car park as a preventative measure as a car recently ended up between the Scout Hut and the Electric Sub Station and was set on fire.

Clerk advised one drain cover had already been made safe, Mr. Whittock agreed to check all the covers.

Councillors agreed they would need to see details of the proposed disabled access before permission could be given.

Councillors did not think there was sufficient risk to warrant the erection of a barrier but agreed to contact the Community Association as they are responsible for the car park.

**NO 17.** A letter was read from Pucklechurch Cricket Club asking to use the recreation field for cricket matches for this coming season. Councillors were happy to grant consent and agreed the rent should remain the same as last year £260.00.

**NO 18. FINANCE.** The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Instant Landscapes £633.32. grass cutting. S.W.E.B. £22.27. unmetered supply. Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. D. Bailey £287.42. being salary £280.00. plus £7.42. stamps. Clerk confirmed two cheques had been signed on 29.03.05. Pitman Engineering £517.00. supply and erection of new gate between car park and recreation field. Record Playground Equipment £3237.12. supply and installation of slide for Shortwood Play Area.

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

Date for meetings as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

Parish Council Meeting and AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

