

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

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

**NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mrs. J.E. Crispin.

**NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Mr. King addressed the meeting saying he would like to bring a mobile Fish and Ship van into the Village Hall car park one night a week (Wednesdays) between 5.30 –8.30pm. Mr. King needs the land owners permission so that he can to apply to S.G.C. for a license.

Mr. Graham Kennedy of the Save Cossham Hospital Group also addressed the Council advising consultations were to start again on the future healthcare services for Kingswood and District which would include the future of Cossham Hospital. One of the options to be considered will be the refurbishment and continued use of Cossham Hospital and they would like to ask if the Parish Council would support this option.

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

**NO 4. ARISINGS.** Mrs. Palmer said her comment minute reference no 3 should have said ‘the investigation should be made more quickly’. Clerk to amend minutes.

Mr. Holder said he had met with Mr. Falkenham S.G.C. Highways Officer and they had walked from the Rose & Crown towards Parkfield Rank. Whilst outside 74 Parkfield Rd. the owner came out and asked what they were doing, Mr Falkenham had explained they were looking at the narrowness of the pavement and mentioned to him that concern had been raised that he was obstructing the pavement. Mr. Harvey said he had a problem with tar ruining his new driveway and after discussing the problem with agreed he would do all he could to take the cars off the pavement.

Mr. Holder said the meeting had been good and confirmed he was happy to leave the hedge problem until Christmas as Mr. Falkenham had agreed to cut them back providing they belonged to S.G.C. but he was concerned to see that Mr. Harvey was still parking on and obstructing the pavement. It was agreed clerk should send a polite letter.

Minute reference no 7 Mr. Whittock confirmed the pathways around the woodland had been cut.

Mr. Beg said he thought the grant for Revel towards the displays on the field had been money well spent as it had been very popular.

The minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were agreed a true record and signed with one amendment.

**NO 5. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Fish & Chip Van –

Councillors asked what degree of noise the generator would create. Mr. King confirmed the noise would be within the decibel required by S.G.C. Councillors were concerned that litter could be a problem. Mr. King said he would make sure youngsters put their rubbish in the bin and would check the car park and surrounding area before leaving. Mr. King said they would advertise by posting flyers through letterboxes. Mr. King said he applied for a yearly license on a 3 months trial basis for Marshfield, it is now more than a year and no complaints have been received. Councillors agreed they had no objection in principle.

Cossham Hospital – After discussing the usefulness of Cossham Hospital for Xrays, consultations and respite care it was proposed by Mrs. Palmer that a letter of support be sent. All agreed.

Mr. Beg thanked Mr. King and Mr. Kennedy for coming to the meeting.

**NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS.** Mrs. Palmer has had concern raised that the tarmac on the junction of Parkfield Rd/Cox Grove Hill is wet and needs top dressing. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

A local resident suggested signs be erected to prohibit the use of mini motorbikes on the recreation field.

Mrs. Palmer was concerned to see three wheelie bins outside The Meadows on Shortwood Hill. Clerk to write to S.G.C. expressing concern that they are encouraging illegal camping in the green belt by providing a waste collection service.

Mr. Whittock confirmed the roundabout on the recreation field had been repaired and that the kerbs on the pavement outside the Post Office have been raised. Clerk said that when the engineer dismantled the roundabout the bottom bearings were also found to be worn and needed replacing. This increased the cost of the repair by £150.00.

A local resident asked Mr. Whittock if clearance work could be carried out in Back Lane to allow access for his motorised scooter. Clerk to write to S.G.C.

**NO 7. REPORTS.** Mr. Whittock asked if there was any progress on the advice/report for the football pitch on the recreation field. Clerk confirmed a Sports Field Contractor had been contacted and an appointment made.

Clerk had contacted HMP Ashfield to ask if they would consider providing a work party to paint the play equipment in the parish. The Governor has agreed and it is suggested the work could commence in September. Councillors agreed to set aside a budget of £150.00. for materials.

Clerk has been contacted by a resident in Merlin Ridge asking about the possibility of installing a bus shelter on Kestral Drive. Clerk contacted Autocross to enquire the cost of re-siting and re-glazing the shelter from Goldfinch Way, she also asked for the cost of re-glazing the shelters on Shortwood Rd. A quotation of £1500.00. plus V.A.T. was given to re-site the one shelter and re-glaze three using polycarbonate panels. Mr. Holder said shelters could not be provided for every stop and felt a

sufficient amount had already been spent on bus shelters and suggested instead Councillors look into the possibility of providing an item of play equipment to suit young children. Mr. Holder agreed to look at budget with clerk before next meeting.

**NO 8. BURIAL GROUND FEES.** Clerk confirmed the charges as follows:

Burial	
Parishioner.	£75.00.
Non Parishioner.	£125.00.
Headstone.	£5.00.

Ashes	
Parishioner.	£25.00.
Non Parishioner.	£45.00.

After discussion it was agreed to increase the charges as follows:

Burial	
Parishioner.	£90.00.
Non Parishioner.	£160.00.
Headstone.	£10.00.

Ashes	
Parishioner.	£40.00.
Non Parishioner.	£60.00.

Clerk to put up sign advising new rates with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

**NO 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were discussed and observations made. PK05/1808/F erection of single storey front, side and rear extension to form Granny Annexe, 1 Lansdown Rd., Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK05/1962/F erection of 1.8m high boundary fence and gates, Unit 2 Lydegreen Farm, Coxgrove Hill. No objections.

PK05/1991/F stationing of 1no. caravan with amenity unit, 85a Parkfield Rd. Councillors objected to this application as there was no supporting evidence of special need and the application is in the green belt, they were also concerned they could end up with urban development along this stretch of road.

PK05/1988/F installation of 2no side dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion, 15 Hawthorn Close. No objections.

PK05/2044/TCA works to fell 2no. Macrocarpa trees within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 11 Shortwood Rd. Mr. Beg declared an interest, it being his property, and left the room. Councillors were aware that limbs had already cracked and fallen from one of the trees and therefore made no objections.

Mr. Beg was invited back to the meeting.

**NO 10. RISK ASSESSMENT.** The risk assessment was discussed, completed and signed.

**NO 11. STANDING ORDERS.** The standing Orders were agreed as previous except for item 13 Contracts which will be changed to read ‘ Quotations to be obtained for spending over £500.00. Tenders for spending over £5000.00. In an emergency Clerk/Chairperson is authorised to spend up to £200.00.

**NO 12. CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter was received from S.G.C. reference provision of Gypsy/Traveller Sites in South Gloucestershire acknowledging that there was a shortage of sites and confirming they were seeking to identify suitable land.

**NO 13.** A letter was received from S.G.C. acknowledging residents concern that Homefield Road was being used as a ‘rat run’ but advising the problem was common to a number of rural roads in South Gloucestershire where the number of vehicles using them was much higher. They confirmed there were no personal injury accidents recorded in Homefield Road over the past 5 years. Reference introducing a 20mph zone experience has shown that the erection of signs alone has little or no effect on vehicle speeds therefore the zones have to include full engineering measures to restrict the speed of traffic thus making them self enforcing. This type of engineering work is relatively expensive to install and S.G.C. can only justify treating the highest priority routes with this type of measure.

**NO 14.** A formal consultation on the proposed 30mph speed limit and 7.5tonne weight limit Abson Rd – Wick was received from S.G.C. Councillors strongly supported this long awaited scheme.

**NO 15.** A consultation on BT’s proposed payphone provision was received. Councillors had no objection to the proposal to remove the payphone on Oaktree Avenue.

**NO 16.** A letter was received from Pucklechurch Sports Club asking to use the football pitches on the recreation field for matches for the 2005/6 season. Councillors were happy to grant permission and agreed the rent should remain the same as last year £365.00.

**NO 17.** A letter was received from S.G.C. confirming that the proposed extinguishment order for part of footpath LPU30 is to be abandoned as the footpath is needed for public use.

**NO 18.** Correspondence was received regarding the Electoral Review of South Gloucestershire from The Boundary Committee for England. Clerk to reply that Pucklechurch Parish Council is concerned at the proposed increase in 2 member wards as in their experience it does not promote efficient local government.

**NO 19.** A thank you letter for the grant towards to the main event on the field was received from the Revel Committee.

**NO 20.** A letter was received from Birse Civils Ltd. advising that work on the M4 will necessitate overnight closure of the slip lane from 21.00-6.00hrs for a week from the 25<sup>th</sup> July 05 to allow drainage and re-surfacing work to be carried out.

**NO 21. FINANCE.** The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Instant Landscapes £857.75. grass cutting for June/July 05. D.W. Parsons £120.00. repairs to Burial Ground wall. I.G. Isaacs £125.50. supply and installation of new tap in Burial Ground. G.L. Jones £734.38. repairs to roundabout on recreation field. Glasdon UK Ltd. £75.43. supply of black bags. Mrs. A. Sharpe £110.00. Mrs. Bailey £287.50. being salary £280.00. + stamps £7.50. S.W.E.B. £2.27. unmetered supply for millennium stone.

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

Date for next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. Mr. Beg asked Mr. Whittock to chair the meeting as he would be on holiday.