

**PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2006 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CEDNTRE, ABSON ROAD.**

**PRESENT.** Mr. 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, M.C. Smith.

Cllr. Sandra Grant.

**NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** W.K. Skidmore.

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

**NO 3. LAW & ORDER.** Clerk explained there had been problems with young people on the play area at Eagle Crescent. Residents property has been damaged by a cricket ball and a child in a pushchair hit by a football. The play area is not suitable for football and cricket. P.C. Chris Skelton has been informed and will contact the Parish Council.

The incidents have also been reported to the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and a letter confirms P.C. Chris Skelton has been asked to contact the Parish Council to discuss the problem. South Gloucestershire's Youth Service is being asked to look at the possibility of directing an Outreach Worker to try to make contact with the young people.

**NO 4. ARISINGS & TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES.** Item no 9 from last months minutes – Mr. Whittock advised the missing name sign was outside 14 Hawkrigde Drive not 14 Oaktree Ave.

The minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> May 06 were agreed a true record and signed.

**NO 5. MEMBERS MATTERS.** Mr. Whittock said the hedge adjacent to the gate into the recreation field needed cutting. After discussion it was agreed clerk should write to the Community Association, as they are responsible for the car park, and ask them to undertake the work. Councillors agreed to fund half of the cost as in previous years.

Mr. Whittock confirmed the grass verges in the village had been cut.

Mr. Holder has been asked by Mrs. Trueman if the Parish Council could provide planters for Westerleigh Rd., she offered to keep them watered during dry conditions. It was agreed clerk should include this as an agenda item next month.

Mr. & Mrs. Hallet had raised concern that the tarmac near the triangle on the junction of Westerleigh Rd/ Parkfield Rd. was sticky. Clerk to report problem to South Gloucestershire Council.

Mrs. Palmer raised concern about the condition of and the potholes on Lansdown Rd. Commenting that although it's a side road it carries quite a lot of traffic as parents use

it for transporting their children to and from school and thought it would benefit from resurfacing. Clerk to write to S.G.C.

Mrs. Palmer expressed concern that the missing rail on the fence near the play area on the recreation field had not been repaired. Clerk said she was concerned about the stability of this section of the fence and was in the process of obtaining quotations for its replacement. Clerk to arrange for a temporary repair to be carried out as Councillors were concerned about liability.

Mr. Beg said that in his report for Pucklechurch News he had invited folk to 'keep their street clean' and he was pleased to report offers to look after Homefield Rd and Westerleigh Rd.

Mr. Beg said he thought it was now time to consider planting a new hedge for the extension of the Burial Ground as the last row of graves has been started. Clerk to include item on agenda for next month.

**NO 6. REPORTS.** Mr. Holder and Mr. Smith said that at the Parish Plan Meeting there had been lots of interest and they felt quite encouraged. Mr. Holder asked for a document to be attached to the minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Mrs. Crispin reported an interesting talk from Age Concern at the A.L.C.A. meeting. She has passed on brochures to Happy Circle and The Poplars containing information where financial advice, help with repairs and befriending can be obtained.

Mrs. Palmer attended the Climate Change Strategy seminar, it was well attended with high profile speakers and very interesting.

**NO 7. TO CHECK & SIGN PREPARED ACCOUNTS.** The Annual Return Section one was approved and signed and section two was agreed, completed and signed.

Mr. Holder and clerk had carried out a budget review and copies were distributed to Councillors.

A Risk Assessment was completed.

Standing Orders – It was agreed clerk would arrange for Councillors to receive copy of Standing Orders, these to be agreed at next months meeting.

**NO 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** Planning Application PK06/1627/F for erection of first floor front extension to form additional living accommodation, 5 Kestrel Drive, Pucklechurch, was considered. There were no objections raised.

Clerk had given Mrs. Palmer a consultation brief for Emersons Green East in C.D. format. Mrs. Palmer agreed to access the C.D. and comment if necessary.

**NO 9. CORRESPONDENCE.** A request for grant aid was received from Alzheimer's Society. Mr. Beg declared an interest and took no part in the voting. Mr. Holder proposed a grant of £75.00. all agreed.

**NO 10.** A letter was received from S.G.C. advising they anticipate comments on the consultation on the Draft South Gloucestershire Strategic Green Belt Assessment will be considered by Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006.

**NO 11.** A letter from S.G.C. advised the Area Inspector will arrange for work to be carried out on the hedge on Feltham Rd/boundary to back gardens of Hill View Road so that pedestrians are not obstructed if they walk on the verge. Parish Councils request for a properly constructed footway has been forwarded to Head of Network Services the section which holds the budget for this type of work.

**NO 12.** An invitation to Funding Information Event on 5<sup>th</sup> July at The Greenfield Centre was received.

**NO 13.** A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Abbott thanking Councillors for inviting them to act as Path Wardens and confirming they anticipate being able to begin in September when they both retire. They have studied the map and list of outstanding path problems and are concerned that one dates back 10 years and others up to 5 years. They would like confirmation from S.G.C. that reported problems would be rectified as soon as it is feasible to do so. They confirm they are willing to tackle minor problems, such as overgrown paths, and that for this purpose they can use the Parish Council's strimmer.

**NO 14.** An invitation was received to attend a special Heritage Forum trip around the Coalfields, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 06.

**NO 15.** A letter was received from S.G.C. reference footway along Feltham Rd. They said there is a scheme in the current Capital Programme for Castle Rd. This is a Safer Routes to School scheme with a budget of £15,000.00. unfortunately this amount would not be sufficient to construct the length of footway requested.

However, a scheme was added to the Task Register in 2002 for a footway between Abson Road and Castle Rd with an estimated budget of £25,000.00. they suggest Councillors raise this scheme at the Area Forum meeting for inclusion in the next Local Transport Capital Programme.

Councillors agreed to ask for the scheme to be included at the next Area Forum meeting. Clerk to contact S.G.C. and ask for details of the budget for the Safer Routes to School scheme for Castle Rd.

**NO 16.** A letter from S.G.C. confirmed the consultation for the public on the draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West was from 6<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> August 06.

**NO 17.** A letter was read from Claire Holmes, Bibby Financial Services who is planning a Family Fun Day in Pucklechurch on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July. They would like permission to erect a bouncy castle on the playing field, for young children. The bouncy castle is small, measuring 8' x 9' and they would like to have it up from 12.30pm until 5pm. Mrs. Palmer declared an interest taking no part in the decision. Councillors were happy to agree to the request stressing it would be at their own risk.

**NO 18. FINANCE.** The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Glasdon UK Ltd. £77.33. black sacks. Ensign Print £200.00. Pucklechurch News. D.W.Parsons £40.00. cutting back hedge between Abson Rd/Hill View Rd. Pucklechurch Community Association £55.00. use of meeting room for 5 sessions (3 Parish Council Meetings, 1 Parish AGM, 1 Parish Plan Meeting). Iain A. Selkirk £110.00. internal audit. Town & Country Services £126.90. skip changeover in Burial Ground. Mrs. A. Sharpe £115.00. Mrs. D. Bailey £300.08. being salary £294.00. plus £6.08. stamps. Instant Landscapes £601.16. grass cutting. Alzheimer's Society £75.00. grant.

Date of Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.30pm.

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