

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21ST MARCH 2007 IN THE MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, L.J. Whittock Vice Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Crispin, P.J. Green, D.A.E. Holder, R.C.Lee, W.K.Sidmore, M.C. Smith.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs. M.C. Palmer, Cllr. S. Grant.

NO 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 3. LAW & ORDER. P.C. Chris Skelton attended the meeting with Chris Abbott his Police Support Officer advising the new Neighbourhood Policing Policy would start 1st April. He confirmed he has been offered a security cabin at the front of the Industrial Estate to work from. The Government has withdrawn funding for P.S.O's and this may have an impact on the amount of time they can spend in the community.

P.C. Skelton asked if Councillors were aware of Safer Stronger Community Group, he has been asked to attend the first Boyd Valley meeting on the 24th April, the meetings are quarterly and after the first meeting he intends to roll them around the parishes. These meetings should improve the quality of life for residents.

The play area at Eagle Crescent has attracted groups of youngsters playing hard ball games again, he has moved them on but they keep coming back. P.C. Skelton suggested a visit from a Park Warden and a meeting with S.G.C. to work out a strategy may be required.

Speed Watch Group P.C. Skelton said he was waiting for them to receive their speed gun before giving training.

P.C. Skelton said if there were specific problems that needed to be addressed he could arrange Beat Surgeries.

A new call centre has been set up for non urgent calls as in the past there have been problems with messages not filtering through. The number to call is 08454567000.

Mr. Whittock asked if the bicycle the Parish Council had contributed towards was being used. P.C. Skelton said his PSO Anne uses the bike but she is on sick leave at the moment.

The Chairman thanked the P.C. Skelton and Chris Abbott PSO for their report.

NO 4. ARISINGS. Mr. Whittock confirmed weed killer had been applied to weeds on the tarmac at the Skate Park.

Reference request to place fibre optic cables underground, Lyde Green Common. As suggested by Mr Lee clerk had contacted Western Power Distribution to ask if they could

make a more generous payment. Western Power explained they had already doubled the length required so as to make the offer more attractive, they could not deviate from the standard rate but could make a small payment for disturbance and inconvenience and would honour the £200.00. signing fee although the 14days had passed. After discussion Councillors agreed to sign the contract.

The minutes of the meeting held 21st February 2007 were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 5. Mr Beg introduced Mr. Osborne, from Slough Estates. Mr. Osborne said they had recently taken over the Industrial Estate from the Pucklechurch Development Co. They are the largest provider of Estates in Europe and now own 1 million square feet in the Bristol area. They are looking at a long term investment in Pucklechurch and will modernise and spend money. The Trading Estate has a listed building the Balloon Barrage on which there is a problem with asbestos which will have to be addressed. The Trading Estate provides employment, they would like it remain local and are looking to offer support.

Mr. Whittock asked if they had any control over vehicles leaving the Trading Estate. Mr Osborne said he had been dealing with parking issues in the residential area but on the highway.

Mr. Smith said Councillors had recently had a meeting with Wessex Water regarding drain and sewage problems. A resident asked if he was aware of the pollution in Feltham Brook from the Trading Estate. Mr. Osborne said he was not aware but would take calls.

Mr. Beg thanked Mr. Osborne for coming to the meeting saying Revel day in Pucklechurch was 16th June and that he would be very welcome.

NO 6. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Holder said they had had a successful Parish Plan Meeting at Shortwood. He suggested Councillors consider having Parish Council Meetings in Shortwood from time to time as they would then appreciate the parking problems being experienced by residents.

Mr. Beg said the white overhead light on the zebra crossing was not lit.

NO 7. REPORTS. Mr. Whittock said he attended the Kings Forest Forum where concern had raised about masts near the shops in Cadbury Heath.

Mrs. Crispin had attended the A.L.C.A. meeting, the speaker was a Police Inspector and a P.S.O. Mrs. Crispin was concerned as generally attendance was poor and with the increase in membership lots of Councils were dropping out.

A copy of the report prepared by Mr. Smith of the meeting with Wessex Water regarding the proposed sewage works is attached.

NO 8 PLANNING. The following applications were considered. PK07/0708/TCA works to reduce and reshape by 33% 1no Robinia tree situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 50 Homefield Rd. No objections.

PK07/0724/F installation of flue in roof. Moat Farm Barn, 7 Farlands, Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK07/0722/LB internal and external alterations to facilitate the installation of a woodburner and flue. Moat Farm Barn, 7 Farlands, Pucklechurch. No objections.

PK07/0765/F construction of new vehicular access with dropped kerb. 53 Main Rd., Shortwood. No objections.

PK07/0769/F erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions to form additional living accommodation. 18 Hillview Rd., Pucklechurch. Councillors had no objection in principle to this application providing S.G.C. was happy with the size.

PK07/0798/F erection of two storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation (resubmission of PK06/3279/F) 65 Westerleigh Rd., Mr. Beg declared an interest. There were no objections to this application.

NO 9. GRANT FUNDING. Clerk has received confirmation from Cory Environmental Trust that the trustees have approved a grant of up to £3500.00. for the introduction of Bow Top Railings on the recreation field between the gate and Hillview Road. Cory Environmental has requested a copy of the Councils Public Liability Insurance plus names a address's of two Councillors to allow the draft agreement to be prepared. Mr. Beg and Mr. Holder agreed to sign the contract.

NO 10. CORRESPONDENCE. Western Power Distribution, Fibre Optic Cables, Emersons Green, Bristol. Mr. Lee had suggested clerk contact Mr. Morgan to see if they could increase the permanent easement payment. Mr. Morgan said Western Power Distribution had already doubled the length needed for the underground cable, they could not deviate from the standard rate but would look to pay a little extra for disturbance and inconvenience. They would also honour the £200.00. signing fee although the 14day limit had expired. After discussion Councillors agreed to sign the contract.

NO 11. A letter was received from the Save Frenchay Hospital Group thanking Councillors for their continuing support to maintain Frenchay Hospital as an acute hospital.

NO 12. A letter from Victim Support Avonvale advised that from 1st April 07 all local offices will amalgamate and be based at 36 Dean Lane, Bedminster, tel no 0117 9631114. There will be advance publicity for their new Supportline 0845 4566099 for members of the public who may need their services after becoming victims of crime. Mr. Beg proposed the information be included on the web site and in Pucklechurch News.

NO 13. A letter from Allianz Cornhill Plc advised that due to the claim for damage to third party property by trees belonging to the Parish Council they will require from renewal date 1st June an annual independent examination and report of all trees for which Parish Council is responsible. The inspection must be carried by persons competent to do so and unless agreed by Allianz Cornhill any work identified must be completed within 60days of the date of the inspection.

NO 14. A letter was received from S.G.C. advising an officer had visited and noted that the Advanced Direction Sign for the roundabout already has 'Indl Estate' indicated to the right and that the sign is 100mtrs before the roundabout and complies with the standard guidance. The most suitable location for an additional sign would be at the roundabout on the footway outside house nos. 70/72 directing HGV's to the right. Unfortunately there is no money available this financial year for signing works but they may be able to consider it after April. Clerk to confirm Councillors are happy with the suggested location and ask if new sign could read 'Trading Estate' rather than 'Indl Estate' as they believe this may help foreign drivers.

NO 15. A letter from S.G.C. confirmed items reported would be investigated, prioritised and actioned as appropriate.

NO 16. A letter was received from S.G.C. for 'National Spring Clean' 1st – 30th April 07 it was agreed Councillors would check and advise best dates to enable clerk to request bags, gloves and mini skip.

NO 17. Clerk had received an email requesting permission to erect a memorial seat on the recreation field to the late Mike O.Mahony. Councillors were pleased to grant permission.

NO 18. An invitation was received from PPS London to attend a site visit and stakeholder workshop to update and seek views on proposals to bring forward the Bristol & Bath Science Park at Emerson's Green Wed 4th April starting at 10.30am.

NO 19. A letter advised St. Thomas A Becket Church was having a special Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday between 3 – 4pm, all children in the village had been invited, there will be activities, songs and prayers and they have managed to acquire two donkeys. They would like permission to allow the donkeys on the recreation field between 4.15 – 5pm, there is no charge for donkey rides but it will give the children an opportunity to have some fun and meet the donkeys properly. After discussion Councillors agreed to grant permission.

NO 20. An email was received from South Gloucestershire Council advising they had received an application for the temporary closure of Castle Road between Hill View and Lansdown Road on the 16th and 17th June between 18.30 and 24.00hours for the Revel Beer Festival and 17th June between 12.00 and 12.45hours for the procession. Councillors had no objection to the proposed road closure.

NO 21. Clerk asked if Councillors would fund £20.00. for purchase of bark to suppress week growth around plants and shrubs in Jardin du Pringy. All agreed.

NO 22. FINANCE. The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. Mr. & Mrs. Hall £90.00. rent for Shortwood Play Area. Ensign Print £192.00. Pucklechurch News. Pucklechurch Community Association £60.50. hire of meeting room for 3 Parish Council Meeting, hire of hall for Parish Plan meeting. B.T.C.V. £35.00. membership. Anna Sharpe £115.50. D. Bailey £1174.90. being salary £294.00. plus annual expenses £700.00. plus stamps £7.04. plus stationery and envelopes £173.86. Shortwood Methodist Church £10.00. hire of Vestry for Parish Plan meeting. Mr. L. Whittock £6.00. plants for planters. R. Cleeveley £20.00. purchase of bark for Jardin du Pringy. S.G.C. £52.70. emptying dog bin St. Aldams Drive. Town & Country Services £126.90. changeover of skip in Burial Ground.

Clerk had renewal of membership for A.L.C.A. of £563.67. After discussion Councillors decided not to renew their membership this year.

A letter was received thanking Councillors for their support of Revel in the past and inviting them to participate in this year's Revel which runs from 8th to 16th June. After discussion Mr. Holder proposed £895.00. grant to support the main event seconded by Mr. Lee, all agreed.

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

Date of Next Meeting 18th April 2007 at 7.30pm.