

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY
5TH NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
MEETING ROOM, ABSON ROAD.**

PRESENT. R. Symons Chairman, E. Aze, Mrs. J. Hawkins,
Ms. Lori-Anne Scantlebury, M.C. Smith, M.S. Watson.

Ben Stokes Councillor for Boyd Valley.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs. G. Boyle Vice Chairperson,
Mrs. L. English, P.J. Green.

Steve Reade Councillor for Boyd Valley.

NO 2. SIGN THE MINUTES. Cllr. Smith asked for amendments to be made to the minutes dated 17th October. It was agreed the amendments would be made and the minutes signed at the meeting on the 21st November 2012.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPTATION. None

NO 4. PARISH ORDERLY. Cllr. Symons asked the clerk if the sub committee had made a recommendation. Clerk confirmed candidates were interviewed against a set of criteria relating to the job description and experience. The sub committee recommends Mr. Gavin Ashby as he meets all the criteria required for the position. Councillors agreed to accept the recommendation of the Sub committee.

Action: Clerk to offer position to Mr. Ashby and contact other applicants thanking them for their time.

NO 5. PLANNING. Clerk confirmed there were no new applications to be considered.

The follow decision were received: Permit erection of two storey front and side extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of front porch. 85 Parkfield Road.

Split decision St. Thomas a Becket Church. Approve works to 3no Silver Birch trees. Object to works to 2no Turkey Oaks, S.G.C. propose serving Tree Preservation Order on these trees. Clerk has received letter from St. Thomas a Becket Church advising that in 1986 a Tree Preservation Order was placed on the Turkey Oaks and on the 2 large Yew Trees. They have contacted S.G.C. as they can only presume the information wasn't passed on from Sodbury RDC and then Avon County Council.

NO 6. FINANCE. Cllr. Symons advised £2634.00 had been budgeted for October actual spend was £1331.00. the under spend was due to the delay in the increase in the clerks salary, no wages to pay for the Parish Orderly and an allowance for a bulb for the projector which was inadvertently left in. Cllr. Watson mentioned the reserve was still light. Cllr. Symons said he thought there would be money available at the end of the year to put into the reserve.

Draw down from P.C.A. Grant. Cllr. Symons confirmed the P.C.A. had not been asked to submit individual costs for consideration they had been advised funding of £2150.00. had been set aside (ring fenced) for them to apply against. Councillors thought the new door and flooring in the entrance was a definite improvement. There was a suggestion that invoices that carried V.A.T. could be sent direct to the Parish Council for payment so that the V.A.T. can be reclaimed thus making the grant go further. It was agreed the legitimacy of this should be looked into and the P.C.A. Treasurer contacted to discuss the process they currently use.

Action: To clarify the legitimacy and liaise with P.C.A. Treasurer over the process they currently use.

A.L.C.A. membership. Cllr. Watson advised there had been a possibility that A.L.C.A. would not continue but he was pleased to confirm it definitely would. Councillors agreed they would continue their membership.

To discuss purchasing a wreath for Remembrance Day. Councillors agreed to buy a wreath for Remembrance Day.

Action: Clerk to purchase wreath.

NO 7. OPEN SPACES. To consider quotations for removal of 6 Ash trees on the boundary between the allotments and the woodland. Clerk had two quotations to fell and grind out the roots of the trees. Councillors agreed to accept the lowest quotation.

Action: Clerk to ask Lawrence Trees Services to undertake the work.

To consider quotations for planting hedge to protect fence on St Aldams Play Garden. Clerk to two quotation to supply and plant a double row of Leylandii conifers to line of fence. Cllr. Smith commented that he could not support planting Leylandii as they are not good habitat for birds and they grow quickly and are difficult to maintain. It was agreed Cllrs Lori- Anne Scantlebury, Jayne Hawkins, Malcolm Watson, & Martin Smith would arrange a site meeting to a) check equipment/planting since hand-over is up to standard. b) Look at residents request/concerns.

Action: Councillors to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Clerk to include on agenda for meeting on 5th December.

To consider quotations for replacement slide for recreation field. Clerk has two quotations to remove old slide and tiles and replace with new 2mt high slide and new safety surfacing. Clerk confirmed contractors were given the same specification to quote on. Following discussion Cllr Watson proposed the contract be awarded to G.B. Sport & Leisure Ltd seconded by Cllr Scantlebury. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to ask G.B. Sport & Leisure Ltd to install the new slide.

To discuss Infrastructure Bill. Cllr. Watson said he had no particular view but he thought it was important that Councillors were aware that future nominations for Village Green Status has to have been submitted before planning applications for development. Cllr. Watson advised the way to be clear is to make sure S.G.C. know what we want for Pucklechurch and have it included in the Core Strategy instead of having a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Symons suggested this was unlikely to happen due to the time scale attached to the Core Strategy. Cllr. Watson said it was important

for the Council to have a plan and recommended members attend the A.L.C.A. briefings planned for next year.

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

Date of next meeting. 21st November at 7.30pm.