

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15TH SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.

PRESENT. O.A. Beg Chairman, D.A.E. Holder Vice Chairman, Mrs. M.C. Palmer, M.C. Smith, Mrs. S.E. Turley Cllr. for parish and Boyd Valley, M.S. Watson, L.J. Whittock.

Mr. Beg opened the meeting with a welcome and thanked Mr. Holder for chairing the August meeting.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. P.J. Green and R. Symons. Clerk advised Mr. Watson has an engagement but hopes to attend approximately 8.15pm.

Mrs. S. Grant Cllr for Boyd Valley, Inspector Kevin Thatcher.

NO 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Mr. Beg, Mr. Holder and Mr. Smith declared an interest as Mrs Angela Hallett was known to them.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Mr. Beg invited Mrs Hallett to address the Council talking about a 'Heart Start Initiative'. Mrs. Hallett gave a presentation on the benefits of having a defibrillator in Pucklechurch, training, education; advertising, positioning and funding of a device were discussed. Mr. Beg thanked Mrs. Hallett for her presentation.

NO 4. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. After discussion Councillors agreed in principle to support the Heart Start Initiative.

NO 5. LAW & ORDER. Mr. Smith advised that he had been made aware of a couple of break-ins in the village and had included a warning to residents on the web site.

NO 6. ARISINGS & TO AGREE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Mr. Holder advised he had looked into the possibility of installing internet access in the Community Centre. The cost would be £30.00. a month and Mrs. A. Sharpe has agreed to contact all user groups to establish level of support. Clerk to contact Mrs Sharpe and confirm Parish Council support.

Clerk confirmed she has received image of proposed cycle stands from South Gloucestershire Council and will contact owners of property affected.

Clerk said the disease affecting the Horse Chestnut tree on the recreation field is wide spread. The advice received is to rake up and burn/remove the leaves.

Mr. Holder advised he hoped the Leylandii hedge between the C.A. car park and the recreation field would be pruned within the next two weeks.

Mr. Beg expressed concern that a lot of people would feel angry and let down if the Government withdraws funding for the proposed play garden at St. Aldams Drive. Clerk to contact S.G.C. expressing the importance of not letting children down and ask for an update.

It was agreed the parish 'Clean Up' event should be added to the calendar so that planning starts in March. It was agreed clerk would email a copy of the calendar to Councillors.

NO 7. FINANCE. A copy of the budget update was displayed on screen and clerk confirmed spending was in line with budget.

The following cheques were agreed for payment and signed. S.G.C. £295.60. maintenance of dog bins. Mr. & Mrs. Hall £90.00. rent for Shortwood play area. Mrs. A. Sharpe £128.75. Mrs. D. Bailey £321.77. being salary £319.97. + £1.80. stamps. Mr. & Mrs. Tilley £5.00. return of rent for allotment. Spatial Tech (UK) Ltd. £70.50. fee for Parish Online Mapping.

NO 8. JOINT TRANSPORT FORUM CONSULTATION. It was agreed clerk would comment 'Councillors support the concept of grading for footpaths for Regional – District – Local importance' (similar to Motorway – A & B Roads.)

NO 9. LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CONSULTATION. There were no comments.

NO 10. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD. Councillors agreed to look into cost/provision of new notice boards one to be sited near the centre of the village and one near the Primary School. Mr. Holder agreed to investigate. It was suggested that as the project was for the benefit of the whole community it may be eligible for a small grant from S.S.C.G. Planning consent may also be needed if the notice boards are within the Conservation Area.

NO 11. FORMAT FOR MINUTING. After discussion it was agreed that when competitive quotations were obtained only the successful bid would be minuted.

NO 12. MEMBERS MATTERS. Mr. Whittock reported the flashing beacons on each side of the zebra crossing on Abson Road were not working.

Mr. Smith advised four reports had been received, via the web site, of problems with the bus service; this is not a large enough response for S.G.C. to take action.

Mr. Smith advised graffiti on the Village Hall, in the underpass on Oaktree Avenue and on the sub station near Cedar Way. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

Mr. Smith advised apples (all varieties) were needed for the Pucklechurch Cider Project. The cider will be sold to raise funds at Revel community events.

Mr. Smith has had concern raised about bad language being used on the Trading Estate. Councillors appreciate that swearing may be acceptable in a working environment it is not acceptable where children play. Clerk to contact SEGRO about the problem.

Mr. Smith has noticed an increase in the number of reversing beepers locally. It was agreed the situation would be monitored as the increase could be due to the work being carried out at the School.

Mr. Smith advised Sure Start 'Stay and Play' is being held in the Scout Hut. Mr. Holder advised they may be relocating to the Village Hall.

Mr. Smith was pleased to advise the quotation to replace the map in the bus Shelter was £50.00. this figure being under budget.

Mr. Watson advised the flashing 30mpr sign on the green near the junction of Castle/Westerleigh Road was being activated at 20mph. Clerk to contact S.G.C.

NO 13. REPORTS. Mr. Watson advised that at the A.L.C.A. executive meeting it was reported that A.L.C.A. was unlikely to be able to carry on after April 2011. Mr. Watson as part of a sub committee was working on proposals for the future these will be presented to the A.L.C.A. AGM on the 14th October.

Mr. Watson advised the South Glos. Strategic Partnership meeting is coming up and that the LINK may be changing into another organisation.

Mr. Watson advised he was unable to attend the S.S.C.G. meeting but that our need for a community village directory had been noted. Funding is not awarded the first time around but it will re-emerge twice more and may then be eligible. Rules for bids have changed there is no funding for CCTV or projects that are already underway, projects have to be new.

Mr. Holder reported that the P.C.A. had almost £9000.00. people were still looking to hire the Hall and bookings were up. A question was raised as to why the P.C.A. had not contacted Steve Web M.P. for help with the Gas bill. Mr. Holder said they had been offered a discount and as the onus was on the individual not the Gas Board to provide an accurate reading had decided to agree to paying £1060.00. a month. This sum was an amalgam of money owed and to pay for the current use of gas, so that at the end of the twelve month period the debt would be paid and the gas bill up to date. It was agreed clerk would write to the P.C.A. Treasurer and ask for a breakdown of how the £3000.00. grant for 2009/10 was spent.

Allotments Mr. Holder explained there were two areas of concern one plot had not been cultivated for some considerable time. The gardener was given two weeks to bring the

plot back into use, it has been reviewed and she will be asked to vacate and the rent for the plot will be refunded. The plot will be split into two. Regarding the large allotment situated next to the woodland, a meeting was arranged and the untidiness of the plot discussed. The gardener agreed to relinquish part of the plot, an area to be fenced and the remainder divided into three plots. Currently extending allotments will take care of the waiting list. Mr. Smith suggested placing an article Pucklechurch News asking residents to let us know if they would like their names added to the list.

NO 14. PLANNING. The following applications were considered and observations made. PK10/2312/TCA works to fell 1no Norway Spruce tree situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area, 6 Abson Road. No objection.

PK10/2374/F demolition of existing bungalow to facilitate the erection of 1no detached dwelling with associated works. (Resubmission of PK10/0959/F). Pennymead, Cattybrook Road, Mangotsfield. No objection.

NO 15. REVIEW OF LOG. Clerk to ask for update reference stables in Redford Lane. 47 Shortwood Hill Councillor noticed signs have been erected asking people not leave wood until a place off the road has been found. Clerk to contact S.G.C. to ask if the resident has/needs a license to accept/store wood.

NO 16. PART NIGHT SWITCH OFF. Mr. Smith advised that when this initiative was undertaken in Charfield the area of concern was consultation. A discussion followed as to the best way to carry out a door-to-door consultation in addition to the Public Meeting. Councillors agreed to deliver a short questionnaire for completion and collect later.

NO 17. CORRESPONDENCE. A copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman was received from Cllr. Sandra Grant. The content was noted.

NO 18. An invitation was received to the West of England Partnership Pre-Hearing Meeting on 1st October.

NO 19. A letter drawing attention to the 'No Need for Nuclear' campaign was received.

NO 20. An invitation was received to the Chase & Kings Forest AGM on the 5th Oct 10.

NO 21. An email was read from a local resident saying she has to take her son several times a week to nearby skate parks because the one on Westerleigh Road is in poor condition, in a dangerous location and has only 3 ramps and consequently the children have to ride up and down the lanes. She has just set up a new group called Pucklechurch Wheels for all the kids to sign up to and encourage the Council to put a skate park in a more secure area. She believes there are several places in Pucklechurch that would be ideal, near the Trading Estate for example. After discussion it was agreed clerk would write confirming the skate park was regularly checked and that it was installed in its location in consultation with children and their parents. A full investigation was carried

out, unfortunately there is nowhere within the confines of the village where it will not annoy.

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

Date of next meeting. 20th October at 7.30pm.