

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2013 IN THE MEETING ROOM PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.1

PRESENT. R. Symons Chairman, Mrs. G. Boyle Vice Chairperson, Mrs. L. English, P.J. Green, Mrs. J. Hawkins, M.S. Watson.
Ben Stokes Cllr for Boyd Valley.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome.

NO 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. E. Aze, Ms. Lori-Anne Scantlebury, M.C. Smith.
Steve Reade Cllr for Boyd Valley.

NO 2. The minutes of the meeting dated 19th December 2012 (previously circulated) were agreed a true record and signed.

NO 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

NO 4. FINANCE. Cllr Symons gave an update of the current status of the Parish Council accounts advising an overspend against budget for December. The overspend was due to the tax rebate for the Parish Orderly, the hourly rate adjustment for the clerk, the purchase of new panels for the bus shelter on Shortwood Road and the variation in the publication of Pucklechurch News. The balance of the current account £32,218.00. plus £14,287.00. in the reserve account.

NO 5. PRECEPT. Cllr. Symons had prepared and circulated a work book so that Councillors could see how the proposed precept calculations were made up.

The first sheet identified the 2013/14 running costs.

The capital projects sheet listed the items identified from the Community Plan and others and totalled £60,000.00. Cllr Symons said that if all of the items on the capital project list were to be included with the revenue expenditure the precept would have to be increased.

The summary sheet detailed the 2012/13 forecast and budget figures with an explanation for any variance plus the 2013/14 proposal. Cllr Watson expressed concern about the amount set aside for unexpected spend. Cllr Symons said that when setting out the budget he had allocated realistic figures against each heading and suggested the precept figure based on evidence should be 2% increase on last year.

The capital project list was looked at in detail, adjustments were made to the list as it was agreed some items could be funded through grant applications and others were moved forward to 2014/15. Cllr Symons agreed to update the list and as previously agreed Cllr Smith would be given an opportunity to put forward information at the next meeting.

NO 6. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING. Pucklechurch Play Group has asked for help with funding the extra £1000.00. required to provide a canopy in a metal housing.

Following discussion it was agreed to award a grant of up to £500.00. providing match funding from other bodies I.e. Kings Forest Area Forum is secured. All agreed.

NO 7. PLANNING. The following application was considered PK12/4134/F erection of front porch and single garage with storage area. Lamorna Cottage, Hodden Lane. No objection.

Reference PK12/3993/F this application was not available on the web site. It was agreed clerk would contact S.G.C. and request time to comment.

It was noted that a report was going to S.G.C. Resources Sub Committee meeting on the 7th January regarding the assessment status and future of the Oaktree Avenue site following the determination of the Village Green application.

A consultation on the re-location of Pucklechurch Post Office to the Newsagents Shop 3 Shortwood Road was considered. Councillors fully supported the re-location.

Action: Clerk to confirm Parish Council support.

NO 8. TWINNING ANNIVERSARY GIFT. Cllr Boyle has looked into providing a gift and suggests an artist is commissioned to do a painting. The work will take cost between £200.00. and £300.00. the first print to be presented as a gift to the Marie and the remainder sold. Cllr Watson proposed commissioning a picture up to a cost of £300.00. seconded by Cllr English. All agreed.

NO 9. INFO POSTS FOR BUS SHELTERS. Clerk has quotation from Queensbury Shelters Ltd for the supply of Info posts. Size A4 cost £66.00. AA4 £78.00. AAA4 £91.00. DRU (1052x739mm) £249.00. Following discussion it was decided that it was not appropriate to recommend Info posts for the bus shelters. Other information required to enable a decision to be made: Quantity of Infoposts, sizes and what information is going in.

Action: Cllr Hawkins to look at other locations in Pucklechurch and Cllr Green to look at other locations in Shortwood. Information to be fed back to future meeting.

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

Date for next meeting. 16th January 2013 at 7.30pm.