

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ON  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012 7.15 pm AT  
THE MEMORIAL HALL PUBLOW LANE PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford; Vice-Chairman: Mrs J Stephenson**  
Mr P Wareham, Mrs S Grimes, Mr L Seymour. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

**1) Members of the Public:** There were none present.

**2) Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Edwards, Mr S Filer,  
Mrs J Gully & Mr J Kelly

**3) Minutes of Monday 12th March 2012** after being circulated and read  
were signed as a correct record.

**4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:**

**Hillcrest:** Many emails have passed between Somer, Parish Council and Cllr  
Edwards regarding the very unsatisfactory situation. Clerk to reply to Mr  
Bramall at Somer Housing.

**Parish Council - New Members:** Suggestions were made for new Parish  
Council members. If anyone would like to discuss further please contact the  
Chairman Mr T Heaford - 01761 490271

**Dog Fouling Notices:** Parish Council note that increased signage is now  
around the village.

**Footpaths:** Some remain unsatisfactory. Clerk to arrange a meeting with  
the Footpaths Officer and Mr Seymour.

**5) Items for Discussion:**

**a) Affordable Housing:** A meeting was held with Somer Housing on the  
Memorial Field to discuss the feasibility and suitability of land at the bottom  
of the Memorial Field. Further details are now awaited from Somer. Clerk  
to Progress.

**b) PCAA - Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012:** The Airport have been refused permission  
to extend the Southern Car Parks into the Green Belt Area. The Airport are  
proceeding with three new aircraft stands which permissions have been  
granted for. Now await new Aviation Policy Documents from the  
Government.

Chairman reported that he is now the Chew Valley Cluster Group  
Representative on the Airport Consultative Committee.

**c) Defibrillator Awareness Evening:** A good evening attended by eleven  
members of the public. Many attending were unaware of the need to dial

999 or the new 101 to obtain the code to gain entry into the defibrillator cabinet. There is an instruction list to the side of the cabinet. If the defibrillator is used it will be taken by Paramedics. AED should then replace the contents box. Pam Harris from St John's Ambulance provided an excellent presentation during the evening.

Parish Council agreed to make a donation to St John's Ambulance.

The position of the defibrillator by the Post Office was raised again, and confirmed that it is positioned too high.

Flyers will be made up and distributed to help raise the profile of getting a defibrillator at Hillcrest in the telephone box.

**d) Application from Governors of Pensford Primary School for Chairman's Grant & Arts Grant:** The Primary School Governors had written to the Parish Council with their application towards a grant for a covered walkway. Clerk to inform Governors of the maximum grant amount and cut off date for applications.

A meeting had taken place between the Chairman and a school representative. An application had been made to the Olympic Fund and a reply awaited. If successful the school will rent an allotment plot for the benefit of the school children.

A camera had been donated to the School and a projector screen given to the Memorial Hall by the Chairman.

**e) Traffic Speed & Congestion Old Road Pensford:** A call had been made to Cllr Edwards from a member of public living on Old Road and concerns expressed regarding the rat-run traffic exiting the A37 into Old Road en route for Keynsham. Parish Council have debated this problem at past meetings and agreed the way forward would be to ask Nick Jeanes at Traffic & Safety to carry out a traffic count.

**f) New Bus Service for Pensford Area & Chew Magna to Chew Stoke Surgery:** From Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May a minibus service will be available to take people to the new doctor's surgery in Chew Stoke. This service will provide transport to arrive at the surgery for a 10.30am slot every Tuesday morning when up to 8 patients can be seen by medical staff. The service includes Pensford Publow and Woollard and the surrounding area. Passengers will be collected from and delivered back to their own homes. Each passenger must book their journey with Keynsham Dial a Ride. This will be a subsidised paid-for service (amount to be advised). For further information contact Village Agent Denise Perrin 01275 333700. Clerk to circulate information.

**g) The Wansdyke:** Concerns have been raised with the Parish Council regarding activity around this historic monument. The Parish Council have received reports that a track is being created on the Southern Side to create an entrance from Blackrock Lane. A meeting with English Heritage has

taken place. Clerk to a) write to English Heritage and b) contact Planning Enforcement and refer to an application made in 2009 when BANES were asked to determine if planning consent was needed for a barn & feed store with a connection to Blackrock Lane. BANES reported at the time that a planning application would be needed.

**h) Allotments:** Mr Seymour & Clerk had visited the allotment site. Parish Council agreed for a skip to be placed on the site to remove a lot of the rubbish left behind by tenants. Vice Chairman to contact Abacus Skips.

**Car Wash:** Signage for the car wash has now been taken down. The board at the junction of the B3130 has also been removed.

**A Boards:** The A Board blocking the footway by the bus stop has now been removed.

#### **6) Clerks Progress Report:**

**Village Agents:** An article was sent to the Parish Magazine regarding the work the village agents do. A Village Agent Leaflet has been placed on the notice board outside of the Post Office.

**Neighbourhood Planning:** Booklets about Neighbourhood Planning have been received and will be given out.

**Street Closures for Jubilee Street Parties:** A licence is required for a Street Closure. The Officer in Charge is David Boardman. 01225 395386

**Tree Planting for Jubilee Celebrations:** Clerk has made contact with the Woodland Trust who are offering Community Tree Packs to groups. Applications for Spring 2012 have now closed however applications for Autumn/Winter 2012 have begun. Details have been sent to the Head teacher at the Primary School.

**Jubilee Mugs:** Clerk has spoken with Tara Avery regarding Mugs for the School. She has confirmed that they will require 70 mugs for school pupils and 10 for Woollard. Tara will inform Clerk of final cost before ordering in order that this can be passed by the Parish Councils RFO.

**The Orchard & Police Lane Development Site:** Clearing of trees had began at The Orchard and the site East Side of Police Lane opposite Police House. The road was shut but permissions not sought from BANES. Chairman reported this matter to BANES. Clerk obtained details of all planning permissions and their date of expiry.

**Footpaths:** No update from John Wilkins. It has been queried which footpaths have been cleared recently, and the area around the Lock Up appears to not have been cleared. Clerk to confirm with John which works have been carried out.

**Footpath - Church Farm:** Colin Hudson has been asked to look at the footpaths around the Farm following reports of paths being blocked by metal fencing. A reply is awaited.

**New Allotment Gate:** A resident in Publow Lane has raised concern regarding the new gate proposal. Clerk confirmed that the new gate will be positioned so that it opens inwards and not out to stop the gate from hitting the side of parked cars.

**Ringspit Lane:** No update on the installation of stronger posts at the entrance to Ringspit Lane.

**Notice board Replacement:** No update.

**War Memorial:** No update to offer at this present time.

**Belluton:** After informing Highways that there was again mud on the road, signage is now in place to warn motorists.

**Wall by Bus Stop:** Structures have been asked for an update. No reply so far.

**Woollard Lane:** Highways were asked to look at the problem with excessive water on Woollard Lane by Langford Farm as a matter of urgency. A follow up email has been sent.

**Footpath:** The footpath between the lay-by at the bottom of Hursley Hill and Pensford reported to Highways last month has now been looked at. Highways are to arrange for it to be “sided out” however, some “serious traffic management work” will have to be organised before the work can be done. Mr Whiting at Amercombe Bungalow has been notified.

**Riverside Cottage:** Overhanging vegetation on the footway from this house has been taken up again with Highways. Highways now report that a vegetation notice was issued back in November last year. BANES system apparently did not generate a 14 day notice. The process has been started again and a 28 day notice for the vegetation to be cleared was issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Planning Enforcement:** A further letter was sent to Cllr Curran on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 asking for a reply from letters sent on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011. No reply has been received to date.

**Possible Unauthorised Car Wash:** Following a site visit, Enforcement will be writing to the people on site asking them to remove the unauthorised signage. So far as the use of the part of the building for its current use, enforcement report that this may be permitted. Enforcement will discuss the details with a Senior Planner and Parish Council will be informed accordingly. Clerk has written a further email to enforcement reiterating again that in relation to the Car Valeting/Car Wash Centre it is not only the

signage that is the concern. Parish Council would like the possible change of use looked into asap, as people (staff) appear to be actually living on the premises? Also the concern over the disposal of Water on site needs addressing.

**Holly House, Hillcrest, Pensford** - Possible Unauthorised creation of another entry: A site visit has been made and works currently taking place appear to be as per the approved plans of the planning permission. There was no evidence of a new entrance being created.

**The Sidings Wick Lane:** Enforcement will be reminded about the continuing concerns still for activity on this site.

**Planning:** A letter has been circulated to all Parish/Town Councils from David Trigwell, Divisional Director Planning & Transport Development. The contents of the letter explain briefly how the planning department currently decide who to notify in relation to planning and other applications. Clerk has a copy for those wishing to see the letter.

#### **Incoming Post & Email:**

Notice has been given that BANES will no longer advertise in the local press any temporary street closure order.

**The Prince of Wales Award:** A new Award has been launched which is open to Community Organisations, schools, colleges and groups who have, through their own initiative brought about improvements to the lives of the rural population in a sustainable manner. Example of such projects would be The communal buying of a local asset. The development of allotments by villagers without gardens to grow their own vegetables for their own or village consumption or the collection and conversion of village waste into compost for the use of the community. Clerk has further details for those interested in applying.

**Pensford 10K Temporary Road Closures:** Clerk has been sent a list of roads affected during the event. Details will be posted on the notice boards.

**Village of the Year:** CPRE Avonside are again running their Village of the Year Competition. The standard format has been changed for this year and entrants will be judged solely on physical appearance. Care, tidiness and the absence of litter will be judged not the picturesque. Closing date for entries is the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

An email of thanks was received from Pensford Primary School PSA for the donation of £372.50 from the Parish Council for the purchase of a laptop computer.

## 7) Planning:

### Applications to discuss:

None to date

### Planning Outcomes:

12/00517/FUL The Shop on The Bridge, Pensford Hill. **WITHDRAWN.**

12/00139/FUL Mrs C Golesworthy Sunnycres Woollard Lane Publow.  
Installation of 3.93kw Solar Photovoltaic system mounted on garage roof.  
**PERMIT**

### Appeal Decision:

11/03778/FUL Mr J Rehbein Hillside View Pensford Hill Pensford. Appeal Dismissed.

## 8) Financial Matters:

### Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary March	555.04
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	27.80
ALCA	Subscription 2012/13	221.99

### Payments Received:

BANES	1 <sup>st</sup> Part Precept	5500.00
Mr Bragg	Payment for old Strimmer	50.00
Allotments	Rental	40.00

## 9) Any Other Business:

**Stowey Quarry:** A letter of support will be sent to Stowey Sutton Council with a copy to be sent to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP.

**Woollard:** A dog wandering around Woollard Village was recently reported to the Dog Warden. The matter was dealt with quickly.

**Planning Notices:** Notices for the footpath diversion in Woollard still remained on gateposts although the consultation period is over. Mrs Stephenson to remove them. Clerk to notify BANES.

**Water Leak** by Langford Farm in Woollard Lane has now been fixed.

**Draft Minutes:** A copy of the short minutes will be sent to the Web Site.

**BANES Neighbourhood Planning Event:** A Parish Council member is needed to attend this event on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 at the Council Chambers, Keynsham Town Hall 6 - 8pm.

Mrs Stephenson gave apologies for the May Meeting.

**10) Notice of Future Meetings:**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 AT 7.15 pm**  
**This will be the AGM & ANNUAL MEETING of the Parish Council.**