

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2006 AT
7.15p.m. AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

In the absence of Mr Heaford, Mr Watson Chaired the meeting.

Present: Mr B Watson, Mrs B Bowes, Mr D Chilcott, Mrs S Loney, Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Grimes, Cllr P Edwards, Mr L Seymour, Mrs J Stephenson. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

Members of the Public: Mr G Calway, Mr & Mrs P Wareham, Mr Bond.

1. Members of the Public: Mr Calway attended the Parish Council meeting to thank the Parish Council for their organisation in respect of the attendance of the Police and a Trumpeter for the Remembrance Sunday Parade. Thanks were extended to the Clerk. Mr Calway also reported that it is hoped work will start shortly on the Tower at St Thomas a Beckett Church. The Churches Conservation Trust are to be re-fixing the memorials on the wall. The floor will be levelled to the lower flagstone level. New doors will be put in and a new glass screen for the lobby. Electric will be put in. The cost of this work is in the region of £25,000 and has a £10,000 shortfall. There has been no official appeal started as yet however if anyone would like to donate an amount they can do so. It was also reported that the Churchyard walls will need repairing in the future.

Mr Wareham was welcomed to the Parish Council.

Mr Bond thanked Cllr Edwards for his latest newsletter and in his opinion his good suggestion regarding HGV's on Pensford Hill. Concerns were raised again regarding the turning to Keynsham from the A37 travelling into Woollard Lane. It was noted that the Regional Spatial Strategy will possibly resolve these issues and concerns, with 3,000 houses being built the correct infrastructure will have to be provided to alleviate these problems.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Heaford and Mr Filer.

3. Minutes of Monday 13th November 2006 were amended prior to the meeting to read (page 57/06) Survey Roof: It was noted that a survey was carried out at the hall roof and building structure and that the Parish Council hold a copy on file. Minutes were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Items for Discussion: **a) Pensford Lock Up:** We await details of a possible grant from English Heritage.

b) Memorial Hall: The electrics are moving ahead. An on-site meeting has been held with B&NES. A design specification is still awaited before the tender process can begin. Details of progress will continue to be placed in the Parish Magazine to keep the community up-to-date with progress.

c) Parish Council Web-Site: An offer to set up a web site for the Parish Council had been made by Mr Grimes. The Parish Council agreed that this is the way forward. The cost of setting up the site will be approximately £120.00. The Parish Council web-site will have a link to the Pensford web-site. Mr Grimes to liaise with Clerk.

d) Bristol International Airport Master Plan: The Parish Councils' Airport Association have produced a response to the Master Plan, and Parish Councils are encouraged now to make their own response using matters which relate to their parish. It was suggested that we respond making specific reference to flight paths, through traffic. The response has to be in by 22nd December.

Cllr Edwards confirmed this to be a wise presentation looking after our local population. Further discussion took place on co2 emissions and also the benefits the airport has for local people who use it.

e) Patient Participation Group Meeting Report: Mrs Loney and Mrs Gully attended the first Patient Participation Group and reported a very impressive meeting with important topics being discussed. Topics included a possible review to the existing appointment system, a review of how to contact the surgery for repeat prescriptions. The future link with Keynsham Dial-a-Ride to provide a service to the surgery. A letter had been received from the Practice Manager who is now keen to set up a second meeting. Clerk to reply with suggested meeting dates avoiding the monthly parish council date.

Mrs Bowes asked for volunteers to help her deliver prescriptions. Mrs Gully offered to help.

f) Christmas Tree Donation: A donation of £25.00 was agreed towards the cost of the Village Green Tree.

6. Clerks Progress Report: Remembrance Sunday: Clerk confirmed that an e.mail had been sent to Inspector Stuckes thanking the Police for their attendance and help. The donation of £35 had been sent to the Treasurer of the City of Bristol Brass Band, a letter of thanks had been sent to the new trumpeter Gill Gordon and the donation of £25 had been sent to the Royal British Legion.

Public Rights of Way: A letter will be sent to B Gillett in the New Year asking him to produce a risk assessment.

Highway Issues: A request for a new sign at the end of Birchwood Lane has been made. A re-paint of the white lines where Parsonage Lane meets Blackrock Lane has been requested and the suggestion of a Give Way sign at this junction has also been made.

Hillcrest: Residents have a continuing problem of dog fouling along the pavements. Clerk has requested some deterrent signage to be put up and for the cleansing team to visit and clean where necessary.

Pensford Bridge: Clerk contacted B&NES and asked for work to be carried out on two man hole covers which had become very noisy.

Chew Valley Community Action Group Meetings: Clerk contacted Roy Ireson who reported that he will be arranging a meeting date for the New Year. Meetings have been avoided recently because of the Police Forum meetings which have been held.

Speed Warning Signs: An enquiry from Chew Magna Parish Council had been received asking about the effectiveness of the Speed Warning Sign on Pensford Hill. Clerk has replied reporting that the quality of the sign is impressive and has a greater impact than either a normal road sign or a speed camera which is only effective for a limited distance.

High Street Traffic: Clerk reported that Cllr Edwards had received an e.mail from a resident at Hillcrest who reported concerns at the speed of traffic using the High Street, the congestion with parked vehicles and the concern that recently an ambulance was unable to get up the High Street to Hillcrest and had to go back to the A37 and approached from Old Road. A suggestion to alleviate this problem was made to take the green out and install a mini roundabout. Also the suggestion that signage on the entrance to Old Road from the A37 stating No Through Road to Keynsham to stop commuters using this as a rat run.

Clerk to forward all of these suggestions to the Traffic & Safety Team asking them to seriously consider the alternatives suggested and the serious situation which now exists on the High Street and Old Road.

It was reported at the meeting that a BT Van had been parked on the corner of Publow Lane for a number of weeks.

Youth Provision: As part of the B&NES Rural Youth Project clerk has received an e.mail from Mr Rob-Rumming-Pain who has been involved in looking at the Youth Provision within Publow & Pensford Parish Council. It was agreed to invite him to a future meeting.

Car Park, Church Street: A map of the car park has been received and returned to B&NES with the position of the gates marked on it. A covering letter was returned with the map explaining that at the back of no.1 Church Street the gates open into the Car Park and are beyond the boundary wall. No. 3 the gates open into the Car Park and are 2' into the car park from the wall. The gates at the far end by the river open inwards. B&NES have informed clerk that they can take action re: no.3 and the property at the end of the Car Park. No.1 is not council land, however South West Water will be advised. Clerk has been asked to notify the planning department. Clerk to notify B&NES that there are photographs of the property with no gates at the back of it. It was also reported that rubbish has been left at the back of No.3 which can now be identified as Council land.

Planning & Enforcement Issues: Clerk has e.mailed outstanding enforcement issues to Andy Pegler. An e.mail has again been sent to the Enforcement Officer asking for an update. No update has been received so far. Clerk has also telephoned for an update but told Enforcement Officer although in the office was not at her desk. The issues of importance were reported to planning as follows:

- 1) The Sidings, Wick Lane – A site visit requested.
- 2) The Spangles, Publow Lane – Portacabin.
- 3) Pensford Vehicle Centre: Complaints continue to be received from the residents who overlook the site. An increase in the number of vehicles on site has been reported and notices on site indicate extra vehicles are on display at the rear of the property. Cllr Edwards has also e.mailed enforcement regarding this problem.
- 4) Gateway/Wick Lane: It was also reported that a gateway and drive had been cut through a hedge off of Wick Lane on a dangerous corner. JCB's were on site and many trees removed. To date no response had been received from the Planning Authorities it was suggested that the Clerk write to John Everett, Chief Executive and bring to his attention the lack of response from Enforcement. (Reference should be made to the minutes of the last Parish Cluster meeting).

Incoming Post:

- a) Clerk reported on the monthly update from Chief Superintendent Olivia Pinkney. An e.mail from Inspector Stuckes at Keynsham had also been received updating the Parishes on current issues.
- b) A letter had been received from B&NES seeking help from the Parish Council with leaflet distribution.
- c) Parish Precept Requirements for 2007/2008 had been received and will be passed to Mr Chilcott.
- d) Details from ALCA have been received informing the Parish Council of a budge figure of £217.40 for next years subscription.

7. Planning: Applications looked at: **06/03936/CLU** Mr B Cooke 5 Belluton Villas Pensford Hill Pensford. Provision of loft conversion with rear dormer (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use). The definition of CLU was discussed, the Parish Council made comment that the proposed application would alter the terrace roof line and that there are already additions to this property. Clerk to reply to planning.

Outcomes: **05/01993/FUL** Hinton Organics Charlton Field Lane. Increase size of concrete storage area and variation of condition 13 of planning permission 97/02626/MINW to accept wood waste. **Approve.**

06/03140/FUL Mr & Mrs Ford Parcel 5900 Priestdown Lane Publow.

Retention of existing stables. **Permitted.**

06/03470/FUL Mr & Mrs Brain Stoneleigh 118 Hillcrest Pensford. Single storey side extension to provide porch, wc, cloakroom & sun lounge. **Permit.** Queries were still raised regarding the correct address. Clerk confirmed that Planning have been informed that the Parish Council believe the address should be 118 The Common.

06/03517/FUL Mr & Mrs Hartrey The Firs Hillcrest. Single storey extension (as amended by plans 28th November 2006). **Refuse.**

8. Financial Matters: Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary November Net	443.24
Mrs J Bragg	Imprest	34.20
Mrs P Parnell	Christmas Tree Donation	25.00

9. Any Other Business: Hursley Hill: It was reported that cars are continuing to turn right at the top of Hursley Hill into Hursley Lane. Clerk to report.

Pre-Submission Consultation Draft: Parish Council are to respond to the Statement of Community Involvement Pre-Submission Draft prepared by Planning Services. Chairman reported that it is possibly very good in theory, however the report omits the councils' responsibility to inform the applicant within a certain time scale. Clerk to reply.

A footpath which leads from the A37 to Whitley Batts is blocked. Clerk to inform B Gillett.

Back Lane: Still needs attention from Cleansing Services at B&NES.

Belluton Villas: The pathway has been cut.

Birchwood Lane: Cllr Edwards reported that he has been called to help in relation to acoustic levels surrounding the proposed new property at the end of Birchwood Lane. He will keep the Parish Council updated.

Tennis Club: Have recently formed a working party who tidied up around the tennis courts and cut back untidy hedging.

A Woollard meeting was held where the possibility of mains drainage for Woollard was discussed.

It was reported that the Wells/Bristol signpost in the village by the War Memorial is pointing the wrong way round. Clerk to report.

Mr Watson closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their help through the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

10. Notice of Future Meetings:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2007 AT 7.15p.m.

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