

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 AT  
7.15P.M. AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman:** Mr T Heaford. Mrs B Bowes, Mr P Wareham,  
Mrs J Stephenson, Cllr P Edwards, Mr S Filer, Mr B Watson,  
Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Grimes. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

**1. Rural Youth Team, B&NES:** Eli Connor and Graham Baker from B&NES Rural Youth Mobile Team were welcomed to the meeting. The purpose of the Rural Youth Mobile Team is to help provide activities for ages 13 – 19 year olds in the form of a mobile unit being equipped with tv, video's, dvd, cd, laptop computers, mixing decks, craft equipment, games, microwave, fridge and much more. The support of the Parish Council is a help to this scheme, secondly the support of the community to help fund the provision by forming a steering group to work with the young people and to put forward grant applications for funding. Adults in the community who are willing to have an on-going commitment to the youth project and willing to commit their time would also be needed. It was reported that contact has already been made with children in the village. Police were notified prior to any approach to children being made. An open day is being held in Temple Cloud on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall which will help to advertise the group. The Parish Council agreed that it would be helpful to run a similar open day in Pensford as there is a definite need for activities for the Youth in the village.

**2. Members of the Public: Speeding problems:** It is thought that the newly installed speed check sign may have been stolen. Members of the public asked for consideration of Sleeping Policemen being installed or speed humps in the road.

Members of the public reported that residents living at Hillcrest and above are becoming increasingly concerned regarding the congestion along the High Street and especially outside of the George & Dragon Public House. Clerk to notify B&NES and Police. Cllr Edwards reported that B&NES should be pursued continually to try and solve this problem.

Footpath: It was reported that a footpath which runs from Whitley Batts to Pensford Garage is covered in wood following hedge cutting and needs clearing. Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way Department.

Woollard Lane/A37: A request for lights and a roundabout at this junction was made. It was reported that at peak times there is a huge volume of traffic along Woollard Lane waiting to get out onto the A37.

The Road surface along Charlton Road was reported to need attention.

**3. Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Chilcott and Mrs Loney.

**4. Minutes of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** were altered to read – page 04/07 It was reported that the Chevrons at the side of the A37 travelling South towards Chelwood Bridge are no longer at the side of the road. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting held.

**5. Matters Arising from the previous minutes: Elections:** Mrs Stephenson, Mr Seymour and Mr Watson confirmed that they wished to be re-elected.

**Parish Plan:** Agreed to defer this until a new council has been formed after the elections.

**Pensford Lock Up:** An application is in hand to apply for a grant. This will be considered by English Heritage at the beginning of March. The Parish Council are to offer a contribution of £300.

**Enforcement Issues:** A letter had been sent to A Pegler, Planning Enforcement highlighting outstanding issues. See under Clerks Progress Report.

**6. Items for Discussion: a)** Parish Councils Airport Association Meeting: Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 with an almost complete attendance from all parishes in the Chew Valley. Members attending the meeting were advised that although it has been noted that planes deviate from flight paths there is no system in place as yet which can tell which airline is deviating. North Somerset Council are to consider the Master Plan on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007. It was reported that the Government office of South West thought to be in favour of the Master Plan have not asked the PCAA to give evidence to press the strong views of the Community. The increase in the subscription has been accepted universally through the Parishes.

**b) B&NES ALCA Meeting Report:** Parish Plans were discussed. Concern was raised regarding the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Government Office of the South West. 2 – 2,500 units of accommodation could be placed on the West of Bristol. Planning: Concerns were raised with regard to the Enforcement Department. This will be discussed at the Parish Liaison meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Mrs Stephenson is to attend in place of Mr Heaford.

**c) Village Hall Update:** Chairman Mr Heaford extended thanks to Mr Chilcott and Mr Watson for their efforts with this problem. A discussion was then undertaken to ascertain the current position with the electrics. The Parish Council await the quote from B&NES Contractors before being in a position to move forward.

**d) Parish Precept:** Parish Council agreed to raise the precept to £10,000

**e) Scale/Paypoint Rise Clerk:** Parish Council agreed Clerks rise to Scale Point 20 following another year of employment. SCP19: £8.70 - SCP20: £9.01

**f) Flashing Speed Sign on High Street:** Following a site meeting it was agreed that the sign had not been placed in the best position. Cllr Edwards sent an e.mail to David Swift reporting that sign faces North and would be better facing South. A request was made that the sign be re-located on the 30mph post just North of Leigh Farm and near the property Lansdown View on the right hand side entering Old Road and for the sign to be facing South. Clerk to speak with David Swift.

**7. Clerks Progress Report: Village Parking:** Steve Atkinson from Redland Housing has made a site visit and consulted with residents. Three prominent signs are to be put up.

**Affordable Housing:** A new planning officer to replace Anthony Hollingsworth is now in place. A meeting has yet to be arranged between Gary Ward from B&NES and the new officer Tim Guymer.

**Highway Issues:** Priestdown pot holes have been filled in.

Blackrock Lane: Dangerous looking tree limbs have been reported to Highways for inspection. Member of the Public reported that there appears to be a lot of Dutch Elm trees which have cracked during recent winds. It is thought to be the landowners' responsibility to have them made safe.

Hursley Hill: In light of another recent accident clerk has spoken to David Swift from the Traffic and Safety Team to ask if anything can be done to highlight the No Right Turn.

Clerk suggested changing the colour of the road markings. The problem of motorists continuing to turn right is being looked into.

High Street Parking Problems: It is hoped to arrange a meeting between Traffic & Safety, Dorothy Miley Parking Team Manager B&NES and Wendy Lineham from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Road Sign on corner of Publow Lane: Although reported to highways this still remains pointing the wrong way. Clerk to notify highways again.

Missing Chevrons: The missing Chevrons at Whitley Batts have been reported although Highways cannot pin point where they have disappeared from. Clerk to pursue.

Church Street Car Park: An email received from Ian Ramsden reports that a letter has been sent to one of the parties who have contacted B&NES to report that they do not have a rear access. Mr Ramsden to make a site visit and report back.

Elections 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Clerk has been in touch with B&NES to confirm that all details they hold are up to date for the Parish Council. A notice has been placed in the Parish Magazine.

Patient Participation Group: The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Details have been sent to Mrs Loney.

Dial-a-Ride: There has still be no take up of the service running into Keynsham two days a week. Parish Magazine details have been given to Chris Bunton of Dial-a-Ride. Dial-a-Ride are seeking a donation from the Parish Council Clerk to find out what amount they may be seeking. A suggestion made at the meeting is to notify groups such as Monday Club that this service is now in place.

Footpaths: A letter has been sent to the Footpaths Officer asking for a risk assessment to be put together.

**Planning/Enforcement:**

A letter has been sent to Andy Pegler asking for an update of the current position on outstanding enforcement issues. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Cllr Edwards and Peter Duppa-Miller. Prior to the meeting Clerk received a telephone call giving an update from the Enforcement Department. A written response is expected to be received.

- 1) Hinton Organics: The lorry movements are continuing to be monitored as well as the odour problems.
- 2) Parsonage Lane, Pensford: A site visit is to be made by Morgan Baynham, who is also aware of the application submitted by Fernlea, Blackrock Lane.
- 3) Pensford Vehicle Centre: This is reported to be ongoing - A planning contravention notice has been served and there are ongoing conversations with the owner.
- 4) The Spangles: The Portacabin is reported to be permitted development. However another issue here is that the house is reported to have been split into two properties a situation which will require planning consent.
- 5) The Sidings, Wick Lane: Another site visit will be made.
- 6) Wick Lane: Mr Breach has been asked for a planning application in relation to the works carried out on creating a new entrance. There has been no response to date.
- 7) Hursley Hill Farm: A site visit is needed and will be made.
- 8) Milestone Bungalow: The owner is to be reminded of his duties following the Enforcement Notice previously served.
- 9) The Old Stables, Belluton: Yet to be followed up.

Following this report it was suggested that Clerk write to planning and clarify the position regarding Permitted Development in relation to a Portacabin considering it is having a visual impact on the village. Also look into the expiry date of a planning contravention notice.

**Incoming Post:**

- a) The Winter Issue of Somer Times has been received.
- b) Details from Community Action regarding training and networking in relation to Parish Plans has been received and will be kept on file.
- c) B&NES Community Safety and Drugs Partnership Strategic Assessment booklet has been received.
- d) Details from ALCA regarding Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members has been received. Also similar details have been received from Communities and Local Government.
- e) Monthly Newsletter from Avon and Somerset Police has been received.
- f) Details regarding home composting have been received and literature promoting the benefits of home composting.
- g) Rubbish or Resource? The second phase of consultation has now started looking at technologies available for the treating of municipal waste that is left after recycling and composting. Clerk has details.
- h) Clerk reported that the Publow Bridge Restoration Team have won a design award for their careful restoration of the historic bridge. Complications encountered included the presence of Daubentons's bats roosting in cavities under the bridge and the White Clawed Crayfish in the river below.

**8. Planning: Applications to be looked at: 07/00218/FUL** Mr & Mrs P Sessford Pensford Post Office Pensford. Rest Room at first floor level over existing postal sorting office. No objections raised.

**07/00279/FUL** Mr & Mrs A Burbridge Fernlea Blackrock Lane Publow. Alterations and extension to house to form attic accommodation. No objections raised to the alterations and extension to the house. However Clerk to forward the Parish Councils' objections to the rear access to the property already created off of Parsonage Lane. A small country lane which is already being eroded, and will be worsened by vehicles bringing materials to the rear of the property.

**07/00026/FUL Land at Old Down**, off Stanton Lane – Agricultural building and stables, change of use to equestrian use. Clerk to forward the Parish Councils' strong objections to this proposal. Comments made by the Parish Council were that the proposal will have an impact on the area of green belt land, lack of exact dimensions do not give a final height to the eaves of the building. The visual impact it will created, the Increase of traffic generated should the proposal be permitted would affect the residents of Church Street.

Outcomes: **06/03361/FUL** Mr & Mrs Heaford Bellevue Publow Lane Publow. Alterations to garage roof to include two dormer windows; replacement conservatory with pitched roof extension and other alterations. **Permitted.**

**APPEAL: 06/02517/FUL** Mr & Mrs Arnold Turnpike Cottage Wells Road Chelwood. Demolition of detached garage & erection of single storey granny annexe. Appeal dismissed.

**9. Financial Matters: Payments to be authorised:**

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary January Net	455.41
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	26.32

**Receipts to Note:**

Allotment Rental from all plots	Total Income	135.00
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**10. Any Other Business: Parsonage Lane:** Clerk confirmed that the white lining request has been noted by B&NES. Clerk to report large amount of water running down Blackrock Lane.

**Road Sign:** Sign to Compton Dando & Hunstrete has been bent. Clerk to report.

**Snooker Hall:** Rubbish behind the snooker hall has been reported. Mr Watson to have a look at clearing. Clerk also to speak to B&NES.

**Trees:** It was confirmed that anyone wishing to carry out tree works to large trees needs to obtain permission.

**Bristol International Airport:** Cllr Edwards has been in contact with Mike Littleton, Liaison Manager at the Airport regarding recent correspondence regarding aircraft appearing to deviate from flight paths. Mr Littleton has invited four members to visit the control tower and afterwards discuss current issues and concerns. Members to attend are Cllr Edwards, Paul Wareham, Janette Stephenson and Sue Grimes.

**Publow Lane:** The problems with cars being continually parked on the corner of Publow Lane by the Lock Up was raised again. It was reported that a BT Van continually parks on this narrow part of the road. Clerk to contact B&NES and Police.

**A37/Hursley Hill:** The lack of reflecting Cats Eyes in the middle of the road travelling towards Chelwood Roundabout was noted. Also Hursley Hill appears to have a lack of cats eyes. Clerk to speak to B&NES.

**Pensford Hill:** Delays are expected due to the ongoing Water Main works.

**Primary School:** The Primary School has just completed its' Ofsted inspection. It was reported that extra security is required with a keypad system along with 6ft high gates and railings. It is understood that planning permission will be necessary.

**Birchwood Lane:** The No Through Road Sign has not been replaced. Clerk to follow up. Pot holes were also reported.

**Web Address:** After further consideration it was agreed that the Web Address should be – [www.publowwithpensford.gov.uk](http://www.publowwithpensford.gov.uk)

**11. Notice of Future Meetings:** Community Safety Action Group – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.00p.m. Chew Stoke Methodist Hall.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.15p.m.**

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