

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM
CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson.
Mr D Chilcott, Mrs S Loney, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Gully
Mrs J Stephenson, Mr S Filer, Mr P Wareham. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg
There were two members of the public present.

**1) Welcome Mike Littleton, Community Relations Manager and
James Gore, Head of Communications, Bristol International Airport:**

The Parish Council welcomed Mike Littleton to the meeting, James Gore was unable to attend due to current workload following the snow disruption at the Airport. Mr Littleton gave a slide presentation on the past, present and plans for the future of the airport. Following which questions were asked about Noise Pollution, Infrastructure and Aircraft which appear to continually deviate off of their flight path. Parish Council members offered to have noise monitors positioned at their addresses in the summer of 2009. At present there is no public transport from Bath to Bristol International Airport. This will be looked at in the future. Transport from Weston Super Mare will also be looked at. It was reported that the Bristol Flyer remains well used since its start up in 1998.

The Parish Council will make a submission to the planning application when it is made. Individual members were encouraged to comment. Cards for comment were left with the Clerk. www.bristolairport.co.uk

2) Members of the Public:

Member of the public attended seeking an update on the Car Park situation. There is no further progress to report at the present time.

3) Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr P Edwards.

4) Minutes of Monday 12th JANUARY 2009 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

5) Matters Arising:

Ringspit Lane:

There was nothing further to report regarding the 4 x 4 use. Clerk has reported the poor condition of the road surfaces.

Speed Camera:

It has been confirmed by Traffic & Safety that Pensford will be getting a new Speed Camera. Installation will however be on the North Side of the village up above where the current flashing 30mph sign is. The 30 mph flashing sign will be re-located to where the original camera was situated. Exact position of the new camera will

depend on electrical supply. The 30mph speed limit will be extended further up the hill.

DTLR Planning Guide for Householders:

Parish Council members were issued with a new up to date copy of this booklet.

6) Items for Discussion:

a) Police Lane: Lyn Parfitt, BANES had been contacted regarding having the Lane named. A letter had been sent to all residents in the lane and signed agreements had been collected by Mr Seymour from all the residents agreeing to be re-addressed as Police Lane. There were no objections from the residents. The signed agreements were sent to BANES. BANES will now place Notices of Intention at either end of the road within the next few days. Provided No Objections are raised the road will be formally named after 28th February 2009. Mr Seymour was thanked for his hard work and credit given for making good progress.

b) PACT Meeting Report: A well-attended meeting was reported. A crime and disorder update was given and it was reported that crime is currently down. An initiative on drivers not wearing seat belts and using mobile phones whilst driving has been undertaken by the Police and PCSOs. 59 people have been caught speeding. PCSOs are to visit schools to promote Road Safety. An anti-social behaviour Team now work within BANES, the team is made up of three retired Policemen. It was reported that weed spraying is carried out 2/3 times a year. Potholes in Old Road were reported at the meeting and details given to the Clerk to report. The problem with Door to Door Salesmen was raised and the concern that they become aggressive if you do not purchase items from their bags. Members of the public are advised to get their name and the company for which they are working, if there are any concerns then telephone the Police. Non-Emergency: 0845 456 7000 or PCSO: 07825 103289 / 07810 791301.

c) Airport Consultative Committee/PCAA Report: A very long meeting was reported, which was in two halves where Mr Sinclair put forward a presentation of the development plans at the Airport.

d) Parish Magazine: Due to the costs of producing the Church Magazine, Parish Council agreed that a £50 donation should be made towards the Church Magazine on the condition that extracts of the Parish Council are included each month.

e) Play Area: A meeting was held to discuss the BMX track proposals. It was been agreed that the Memorial Hall will fund the BMX Track, the clearance ready for the installation of the track, the maintenance of the track and also look into the correct Insurance in respect of the track. There will be no security-fencing put up as there are no funds to do it. Pathfinder are to fund a Shelter, Jupiter Swing and two benches. The original designers have now been replaced by a new design company. Mrs Stephenson held a meeting with Eli Connor from

the Youth Team and children from the village. The children were enthusiastic and commented that the track is just what they would like. Concerns were raised when comments made by the Youth Worker appeared to be encouraging Anti-Social Behaviour. Lighting was suggested for the track and the suggestion made that the Parish Council could pay for it. Mrs Stephenson was asked to summarise the Play Area Project to date, and the meeting with the Youth Worker. It was reported that Mr Parfitt from the village is to clear the site for the track and Mr Watson has offered to supply the diesel for the tractor.

Goal Posts: Junior Goal Posts will be put up.

Upkeep & Maintenance: The track will need stripping once a year at a cost of approximately £1,000.

Pictures of the proposed equipment have not been received to date. Parish Council would like to know who is managing this project.

Football Club: The hedges have been cut following complaints from the football club. Who will pay for the hedge cutting work has yet to be decided.

f) Allotment Site: Residents in Redland Houses, Publow Lane are concerned regarding the problems with parking because of the increase in allocation of allotments plots. The Parish Council will address the problem by obtaining three quotes for the clearing of a corner of the site to provide parking for allotment tenants. Residents in Publow Lane will be written to asking them not to fly tip garden waste onto the allotment site. Allotment tenants will be written to asking them to be considerate when parking and not to use the allocated residents parking bays. Clerk will contact Redland Housing and ask them to re-paint the marking bays.

Wessex Water: The new meter has now been located, its position is outside of no.6 Publow Lane in the road. The Parish Council will receive a water bill in May.

g) BANES ALCA Meeting Report: A long meeting was reported. Chief Superintendent Gary Davies attended. Chairman reported that Chew Magna Parish Council are forming a small group to look at Affordable Housing.

h) Scale Point Rise: Parish Council agreed a rise from Scale Point 22 to Scale Point 23 an increase of 0.29p per hour following another year's employment of the Clerk.

7) Clerks Progress Report:

Police: A letter of thanks had been sent to Chief Superintendent Gary Davies for attending the January meeting. Parish Council await a copy of his monthly newsletter. Contact details for Chief Superintendent Davies will be added to the web site.

Footpaths Officer Position: Clerk has made contact with Mr Wilkins in Woollard Lane. Mr Wilkins has checked insurances for Public Liability and has been made aware of the need for a risk assessment. Mr Wilkins has spoken with Mr Gillett to gain details regarding the job requirements. A meeting will be set up to clarify start date.

Precept Form: This has been completed and returned to BANES. The first instalment will be made on or near April 1st.

Icy Conditions: Outside of a property in Publow Lane were reported to BANES. They will be clearing the gully below the drainage pipe, so that any water which drains from the field will fall into the gully below and not across the lane and subsequently freezing during the cold spell.

Memorial Hall: An email has been sent to T Phillips asking about documents relating the village hall boundaries.

Orange Barriers/Bus Stop: These were reported again, it is now confirmed that they have been collected. Clerk also spoke with Jon King, BANES who is in charge of the bus stop proposals. Mr King reported that the new shelters will be installed between June and November of this year, starting at Whitchurch first and working towards Pensford. Clerk re-iterated concerns of the Parish Council in respect of the loss of parking spaces.

Woollard Lane: Cleansing were asked to litter pick this area. It has not been done to date. Clerk to follow up.

Church Street: The bad condition of the road surface was reported to BANES.

Top of High Street leading onto Old Road: The road surface and pot holes were reported to BANES following information received at the PACT meeting.

Hursley Hill: Cleansing were asked to litter pick.

Web Site: The hosting account for the web site name is due for renewal on 7th March 2009. It has been confirmed to Titan Accounts that the invoice should now be in the name of the Parish Council for VAT purposes. Steve Grimes will continue to do the administration and technical work in relation to the site. Parish Council to extend thanks to Steve for his continued work in respect of the web site.

Birchwood Lane: The lane suffered a fly tipping problem, this was reported and the fridges and rubbish dumped were cleared the next day.

Grit Bin - The Orchard: A request was made to BANES for a grit bin to be placed at the top of the entrance to The Orchard. The bin which used to be there is now further down the hill and its' contents were used by residents in the new build on the High Street. BANES are unable to supply a new bin as The Orchard is not adopted by

Highways. A request will be made for a grit bin to be installed at the end of Station Approach and also at the top of Blackrock Lane as these areas have been difficult during the current freeze.

Public Footpath CL17/22: This footpath requires a new stile, Public Rights of Way were unable to determine the landowner. Parish Council confirmed it belongs to Mrs M Flower. Clerk to report back to BANES.

Hedge at The Orchard: BANES have been asked to issue a vegetation order to the owner of the hedge by the entrance to The Orchard. Mr Seymour contacted the owner asking for the hedge to be cut, however to date nothing has been done. All details are now with BANES.

St Thomas a Beckett Churchyard: Clerk has spoken to a lady who has relatives buried in the Churchyard. The lady was very concerned regarding a pile of rubble close to one of her relations headstones. The rubble was created by Churches Conservation Trust and has now been sorted out. Concerns about the builders skip in Church Street were raised as it did not appear to have any lights around it.

Amercombe House: Clerk has spoken to the owner and informed her of the Speed Camera proposals and possible changes to the Belluton junction. Any further updates from Traffic and Safety will also be passed on.

Change of Postal Addresses from Woollard Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol to Woollard Lane, Publow, Bristol: The delivery office manager has said that the properties in question are outside of the delivery area and that in his opinion are better served by the Bristol South East Office. Therefore as there is no operational benefit the Royal Mail are not in favour to proceed with the change. A trial will be undertaken by BANES sending two letters out using the two different addresses. Residents in Woollard Lane are seeking clarification as to who the manager is in Pensford, can he define his area fully. Also why is he unable to cover the Woollard Lane properties as they are in the Parish of Publow with Pensford and why are they best served by the Bristol South East Office.

Enforcement Update: Following a lot of work put in by Cllr Edwards a reply had been received on the follow Enforcement Issues:

Access from a property in Back Lane onto the High Street:
Permitted development.

Belluton Farm: A small loose box has been put up, the owner believes it is a temporary structure on skids. A further site visit has been arranged.

2/3 Hillside Cottages: Photos of the work carried out have been taken.

Hursley Hill Plantation: It was reported to Mr Chapple that the large shed he was erecting did not replace a previous barn as satellite photos from 2005 and 1999 showed no evidence of any building which could have been replaced. Mr Chapple reported that he had misunderstood local knowledge, the storage shed has now been removed and the enforcement case closed.

Blackrock Lane: Field Shelter and new gateway: Confirmation of address details are required.

Incoming Post:

- a) A letter from Allianz, Insurers confirms that the file in respect of the bus shelter claim is now closed.
- b) The Consultation Document from the West of England Partnership regarding Waste within the West of England has been received. Mr Heaford to consult.
- c) A copy of the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Calendar has been received. It contains a photo of Pensford following the floods in 1968.
- d) The Planning Authority have written to confirm that they have no objection to the pruning of a Norway Spruce Tree in a Conservation area at Mill House, Woollard.
- e) Clerk read out an email received from Cllr Edwards giving details of refuse collections for week commencing 9th February.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: A letter of disappointment had been sent to the Parish Council following the rejection to offer financial support for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Parish Council will reply stating that they did not intentionally mean not to offer encouragement for the Scheme.

8) Planning:

Application to be looked at:

09/00155/FUL Miss R Tonks The Old Surgery Wick Lane Pensford. Change of use from doctor's surgery (Use Class D1) to two-bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3) Resubmission. There were no objections raised by the Parish Council, observations made were that white UPVC windows would not be suitable for the conservation area, the Parish Council understand that the building was last used as a doctors surgery until the floods in 1968. Vehicle parking states no cars, are there likely to be cars parked in the future?

Outcomes:

08/04420/FUL Mr C James Leigh Cottage 127 High Street Pensford. Single Storey Rear Extension. **Withdrawn**

08/03447/FUL Mr P Baxter St Thomas A Becket's Church, Church Street, Pensford. Conversion of former church into single residential dwelling (excluding tower) and restoration of boiler houses in churchyard. **Permit**

08/04317/FUL Mrs M Bignell Development Site The Orchard Pensford. Two 3 bed semi-detached houses with gardens and off street parking for 4 cars (Revised Scheme). **REFUSE**

9) Financial Matters:

Payments authorised:

Trustees Church Room	Hire July, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan	60.00
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary January	513.12
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	24.80
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink refill - Black & Colour	26.00

Payments Received:

Mr Littler	Allotment Rental	40.00
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10. Any Other Business:

Church Street: Mrs Gully reported that there has been confusion over works in the Churchyard between Mr Baxter and the Churches Conservation Trust. However, all residents in Church Street are reported to be happy with the current working situation.

High Street: The hedges at the top of the High Street are reported to be overhanging. Clerk to report.

Priestdown: There is a large pothole.

Tennis Club: LTA have now been spoken to. Application for loans will be looked into.

Chew Valley Gazette: It was reported that two businesses are advertising in the Gazette from their home address. Details will be discussed with the Planning Department. Concerns regarding a scrap business being operated from a home address were also raised.

Civic Reception: Mr & Mrs Stephenson to attend.

11. Notice of Future Meetings:

Chew Valley Area Partnership Wednesday 11th February 2009, 7.00 pm at Keynsham Town Hall.

Parish Liaison Meeting 25th February 2009.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 9th MARCH 2009 7.15 pm