

**THE NEXT MEETING OF PUBLLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.15 pm. AT CHURCH ROOM
CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford. Mr J Kelly, Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Grimes, Mr S Filer. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

1) Welcome Village Agents: Village Agents Denise Perrin and Karen Lyne attended the meeting. The Village Agent Scheme is now in its third year of funding and works as a signposting service to people in isolation in our rural areas. The main aim of the Village Agents is to help people stay in their own homes for as long as possible, helping them to stay safe and secure. This may mean adding some free smoke alarms, getting grants for loft and wall insulation, booking community transport to medical appointments. The village Agents have received 25 referrals in the last three weeks, these are mainly people with transport problems. The move of the Chew Medical Practice will be a large problem for some people. Keynsham Dial a Ride in Keynsham have a remit to deliver transport to the rural areas. There is also a Voluntary Car Scheme with Voluntary Drivers to take people to surgery or clinical appointments. Contact the Village Agents for further information. Their office telephone number is 01275 333700.

2) Election of Vice-Chairman: Mr Kelly proposed Mrs Stephenson this was seconded by Mrs Gully and carried unanimously. The resignation of Mrs Jones from the Parish Council was accepted with regret.

3) Members of the Public: Public attending the beginning of the Parish Council meeting were informed of the Parish Councils decision on a recent planning application see ref: 11/05430/OUT.

4) Apologies for Absence: Were received from Mr Wareham, Mr Seymour and Cllr P Edwards.

5) Minutes of Monday 9th January 2012 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record

6) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Neighbourhood Planning Meeting: Chairman & Clerk are booked to attend the workshop on Monday 5th March at Long Ashton Community Centre. Clerk to obtain Neighbourhood Planning Booklets produced by CPRE for all Parish Councillors.

Diamond Jubilee: A 60's dance is being held at the Memorial Hall, a Street Party is being held in Church Street, a party is taking place in Woollard on the 4th June and a party is taking place in Blackrock Lane on 5th June.

Allotment Site: Covered under Clerks Progress Report.

Pensford Hill: After a full discussion Parish Council agreed to put forward to Stefan Chiffers the suggestion of re-instating the camera, a mandatory 20mph speed limit and a raised/higher pavement for pedestrians to walk below.

6) Items for Discussion:

a) The Weirs: A site meeting had taken place. The project of The Weirs and the Old Mill will be put to English Heritage. It was reported that The Weirs are not listed and not a public right of way. Parish Council are concerned that if The Weirs were closed off a Historic part of the village would be lost.

b) Affordable Housing/Allotment Site: A meeting took place on Wednesday 8th February with English Rural, BANES & Somer. The conclusion of the Survey was discussed which shows there is a housing need in the village for Affordable Homes. The Survey also highlighted families which have a need for Affordable Housing but are not on the Homeseach Register. BANES stressed that in order to apply for an Affordable rented Home the households much be registered on the Homeseach Register. This can be done online at www.homeseachbathnes.org.uk or an application form can be obtained by phoning the Homeseach team on 01225 396118.

Allotments: Are a Statutory Site meaning that the Parish Council would have to find land to re-locate the allotments should the site be used for Affordable Homes. A possible site suggested was the bottom of the Football Field at the Memorial Hall. This will be put forward to Somer. Clerk to invite Gary Ward, BANES and Craig MacDonald, Somer to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Woollard Lane: A debate continues between Compton Dando Parish Council and planning Enforcement regarding a Log Cabin which has been put in a field without the necessary Planning Consents. A meeting is to be convened with David Trigwell, Planning at The Riverside, Keynsham. The meeting will take place on 29th February at 2.30p.m. between Cllr P Edwards, Cllr S Davis & Mrs Trigwell. Mrs Gully and Mrs Bragg will attend.

d) Primary School - Grants: The Primary School PSA, have formed a new committee who have been busy fundraising for the benefit of their children and the School. A new venture is to purchase 10 laptops to enable a whole class to work individually and the PSA had written to the Parish Council seeking a grant of £372.50 which will purchase one laptop. Parish Council agreed to support this.

e) Memorial Hall Update following Quarterly Meeting: A meeting was held with chairman of the Memorial Hall and Parish Council Chairman and Clerk. The new Stage Curtains are in hand. The Memorial hall Committee would like to replace the ovens in the kitchen over the next year. Parish Council await further details regarding costings. There are new Licensees in place on a trial basis who are hoping to bring extra bookings to the hall. The Music Festival may possibly be holding a Wild West Theme Weekend. The BMX Track needs money spending on it to improve the surface. The Tennis Club have asked if safe storage space can allocated to the Tennis Coach, this was not thought to be a problem and suggested that Mrs Grimes speaks to Mr Phillips directly.

f) Parish Cluster Group Meeting: Traffic measures in Corston were discussed and a 20mph limit travelling towards Saltford. Bus Shelters and Flooding in Compton Dando were discussed. The Travellers Site on the outskirts of Queen Charlton is undergoing a Judicial Review. A Planning Contravention in Saltford was discussed.

g) Parish Council's Airport Association: PCAA have now withdrawn from Stop Bristol Airport Campaign. BIA Planning Applications were discussed and the condition attached to Application Number 09/P/102/OT2 which is an Airport environment Fund. A fund of £100,000 per annum to be made available to a limited number of parishes for environmental improvements. Government had approved funding for the South Bristol Link which means that it would go ahead sometime in the future.

h) BANES ALCA Meeting: Not attended. However information following this meeting will be gleaned from the forthcoming ALCA Executive Meeting on Thursday 16th February. ALCA office is now being run using Volunteer Support and does not have a permanent Secretary in place.

7) Clerks Progress Report:

Neighbourhood Planning: Two places have been booked for the Clerk and Chairman to attend the event being held by CPRE in Long Ashton.

Footpaths: John will be collecting the new strimmer this week. He has delivered old strimmer to Clerks address. He will be strimming and tidying by the lock up in due course. Colin Hudson has been given all of John's up-to-date details. A request for an identification badge for John to wear whilst out on the footpaths was made and a reply still awaited. A request for high visibility jacket was also made. A further request for direction signs for the footpaths was lodged. A reply from Colin is awaited. Clerk has been given a copy of John's Public Liability Insurance.

Ringspit Lane: The 4 x 4's have been using Ringspit Lane again, this has been reported to Colin.

Affordable Housing Survey: All Parish Council members will be given a copy of the survey.

Precept Form: The form was returned to BANES keeping the claim the same as last year £11,000

Notice board Replacement: No further progress.

Pensford Hill: Traffic & Safety report that there is "no Solution to the Problem and that no pedestrian had had an accident for many many years" - Parish Council to discuss further. (See Matters Arising).

Tipping Hursley Hill: Progress made so far is that we now have a reference number and an allocated officer by the name of Christopher Gaylard. A message has been left at his office seeking an update.

Hursley Hill Lay-by: Parish Council to look at the sign in the lay-by.

Snack Van: Clerk to find out who the current licence holder for the Snack Van in Hursley Hill Lay-by.

War Memorial: Clerk emailed the Telegraph Newspaper following a recent extract regarding War Memorials. Details were given to the War Memorials Trust who have now been in touch with Clerk. The War Memorials Trust supported a grant to have a name added to the War Memorial in 2003. War Memorials Trust are now asking for further information regarding current concerns and necessary works to the War Memorial and also photographs. Clerk to proceed further. The Telegraph may run a story on Pensford in the near future and have expressed an interest to be informed of the progress with the War Memorial.

Back Lane: Highways have been asked to tidy up Back Lane and ask for the removal of the wire mesh fencing.

Belluton: Clerk has informed Highways that work has started on the cottage in Belluton which recently had planning permission granted for a rear extension. However since the digging work has started there has been a lot of mud on the road making the surface a danger to motorists. Highways will monitor and sweep if necessary.

Priestdown: A call was made to Council Connect to inform them of mud on the road here, prior to them coming out to grit the roads.

Bus Stop: Clerk has spoken to the Head teacher at the Primary School regarding the parking situation. Clerk was promised that parents would be made aware of the problems this is causing by parking in the bus bay. The School have tried a stop and drop system whereby the parents just pull up by the school and there is a nominated person from school waiting to collect the child/ren and escort them into school. This minimises the time the car is parked outside of the school. The school remain concerned that the Pedestrian Crossing lights are not working properly and that motorists are not always stopping when the lights are on red. There have been many near misses recently. Clerk has made Traffic & Safety aware of this situation and asked if the school could possibly benefit from a Crossing Patrol Person at School Time. This request has been passed to Beryl Miles for her attention.

Allotment Site: New Gate is in hand. A memorial plaque has to be ordered. Clerk has been sent information from the Parks Department which includes Allotment Rules, Bonfire guidelines, Health & Safety, Use of Pesticides, Tenancy Agreement, 1st Warning Document, Tools & Equipment. Details of these will all be sent out with the invoice for this year's Allotment Rent.

A survey of the Allotment Plots reports that we have 19 plots available and 17 are being worked. However there are some which are not being worked as per allotment tenancy ruling. Clerk to make tenants aware.

Enforcement Matters: no update to report.

Incoming Post: Information had been received from BANES regarding the new guidance for the use of A Boards which will come into effect from April 2012. Clerk raise awareness of the new guidelines with businesses in the Parish who advertise their business using A Boards.

8) Planning:

Applications discussed by Sub-Committee: 11/05430/OUT Mr & Mrs Haines Hillgarth Hillcrest Pensford. Erection of a dwelling following partial demolition of existing bungalow. Parish Council Support.

11/04937/FUL Mr & Mrs Haines Erection of 3no. Timber construction stables for Shire Horses with covered walkway (Retrospective). Parish Council Object.

Applications to discuss:

12/00139/FUL Mrs C Golesworthy Sunny Acres Woollard Lane Publow. Installation of 3.92kw Solar Photovoltaic System mounted on the garage roof. Parish Council Support.

Appeal Notice:

Appeal Ref: A99/F0114/D/125/2168947 Mr J Rehbein Hillside View Pensford Hill Pensford. Part 3 storey, part 1 store rear extension to provide additional living and bedroom accommodation and front side extension to provide a new garage and all associated works.

Notification of Tree Works in a Conservation Area:

12/00500/TCA Mrs Lister Hill House Pensford Hill. Fell 5 x Sycamore Trees and 3 Cypress Trees. Parish Council Support.

9) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary JAN	555.04
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	25.65
Bristol Water	Allotment Water	66.40
Inland Revenue	Clerk NI & Tax	105.78
K C Printing	Photocopying Housing Surveys	24.00
Titan Internet	Web Site Services Renewal	120.00
John Wilkins	37hrs@£8/Fuel £7.48	303.48
Memorial Hall	Chairman BANES Donation	1000.00

Clerk to send the invoice for the photocopying of the Housing Surveys to English Rural for a possible re-imburement.

Parish Council Reserves: A query was raised about the level of reserves held by the Parish Council. The RFO responded by saying that in the current economic situation local organisations would be adversely affected for the foreseeable future by the dwindling disposable incomes of supporters and it was prudent for the Parish Council to hold reserves at this levels in order that it would be able to help where necessary.'

Payments Received: None to report

10) Any Other Business:

Publow Lane Housing: A letter had been received from a resident of one of the Publow Lane houses seeking the Parish Councils support in re-painting their home. Permission has been obtained from Redland Housing.

Centre of the Village: Concerns grow from Parishioners regarding the rubbish building around a property in Church Street. Environmental Health are aware of the situation.

Wall by the Bus Stop: Although Structures Department at BANES have said that there is not a problem with the wall here, Parish Council will request a further inspection.

Woollard Lane: The building of large high walls was raised. The recent cold spell created a large amount of ice on the road making it virtually impassable for cars.

Defibrillator for Hillcrest: It was reported that a donation may possibly be made by the Music Festival towards a defibrillator. A letter to Hillcrest Residents seeking a donation was suggested.

April Meeting: Parish Council agreed to change the date of this meeting to Tuesday 10th April 2012.

11) Notice of Future Meetings:

Parish Liaison Meeting 22nd February 2012 - Mrs Grimes to attend.

Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting Wednesday 15th February 2012

Chew Valley PACT Meeting - Wednesday 22nd February 2012, 7p.m. at Chew Stoke Methodist Hall.

CPRE Workshop Neighbourhood Planning: Monday March 5th 2012, 6.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Long Ashton Community Centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12th MARCH 2012 AT 7.15p.m.