

MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2006 AT 7.15P.M. AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford

Mr L Seymour, Mr D Chilcott, Cllr P Edwards, Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Gully, Mr B Watson.

1. Welcome Inspector Stuckes: Inspector Stuckes was welcomed to the meeting. Inspector Stuckes has been an Inspector for three years and in the Police Force since 1989. Now based at Keynsham Police Station he reported that there are currently 25 Police Constables, three Sergeants and two Police Community Support Officers. **Police Community Support Officers:** Inspector Stuckes reported that our current PCSO's, Paul Cornelius and Joanne Stagg focus 60% of their time in the Chew Valley Area including Publow and Pensford Parish. It was reported that Government are to offer funding for a further six PCSO's whom it is anticipated will be aligned to work with a Beat Officer. Beat Officers are to be aligned with Political Wards, therefore Glenn Lord will have his Beat Area reduced as Stanton Drew and Chelwood are covered by the Clutton Ward. With the introduction of more PCSO's Inspector Stuckes anticipates more foot patrols.

Regionalisation: Inspector Stuckes reported that in his opinion Regionalisation of the Police Force would not change every day policing and as Keynsham is a growing Town the need for a Police Station will always be there.

Crime: It was reported that in the last six months the crime rate is 50% lower than this time last year. Far less burglaries are being committed and there is far less vehicle crime. It was reported that the Chew Valley area suffers from Anti Social Behaviour issues and minor damage. Members of the public are urged to report matters when they occur, enabling the police to deal with them more effectively.

Communications: Inspector Stuckes was informed that often it is difficult to obtain a point of contact should a problem arise that is not an Emergency and requires 999 attention. We were advised to use the following numbers:

Police Force Call Centre: 0845 456 7000 or the main Portishead Headquarters: 01275 818181 (24hrs) – calls will be re-routed as necessary. Police Community Support Officers Paul Cornelius/Joanne Stagg 07810 791309. Inspector Stuckes can be contacted on 01225 842727 or tim.stuckes@avonandsomerset.police.uk

It was reported that Beat Managers have mobile phones and each Beat Station office has an ansaphone. Our Beat Manager Glenn Lord can be contacted on

Glenn.lord@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Mobile Community Contact Vehicle: This is reported to remain broken down at present, however the PCSO's should visit in place of the CCV. Clerk to find out dates for visiting Pensford Memorial Hall.

Questions/Concerns from Parish Councillors: It was reported to Inspector Stuckes that Lampers/Poachers have been seen in Lords Wood.

Cllr Edwards asked if it would be possible for a map of the operational area as Whitchurch appears to be covered by Broadbury Road and Keynsham Police Station.

It was reported to Inspector Stuckes that the top of Blackrock Lane is a problem area which needs to be policed because of concerns of possible drug taking. Communication and lack of visibility was the main criticism from a parish councillor who asked if Glen Lord could be seen more around the Village Hall and Car Park. Thanks were extended to Inspector Stuckes for attending the meeting.

2. Members of the Public: Clerk was asked to contact Mr Bond who has not attended the last two Parish Council meetings. Mr Heaford welcomed Sue Grimes to the Parish Council.

3. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Mrs B Bowes, Mr S Filer and Mrs S Loney.

4. Minutes of Monday 12th December 2005 were amended as follows:

Page 60/05 c) Pensford Memorial Hall: It was reported that if something is a Parish Council transaction, we as a Parish Council undertake the liability to ensure value for money, and the Hall Committee have no authority to agree a contract in the name of the Parish. It was reported that the contract was in the name of the Hall Committee and the invoice would be to the Parish Council.

Page 64/05: Rubbish bin by the Old Post Office was amended to Telephone Kiosk. Following the above amendments the minutes were signed as being a true record.

5. Matters Arising from the previous minutes: Safer Routes to School: Mr Watson reported that following the consultation of the plans for the new road markings the Clerk had spoken to Traffic & Safety who have reported that the markings will not restrict parking along the High Street, therefore confirmation of the Parish Councils agreement to the proposals was given.

Affordable Housing: It was confirmed that all details have been sent to Gary Ward and B&NES will now review the Parish Councils assessment. The Parish Council now await a reply and hopefully a future meeting with the Housing Association and the Planning Department. It was suggested that Gary Ward is contacted again in one month if no news has been forthcoming. Clerk to follow up with an e-mail.

6. Items for Discussion: a) Publow Bridge: It is anticipated that works will be complete in 2.5 weeks time and the bridge will be open on 23rd January 2006.

b) Pensford Lock Up: Following recent damage to a lintel above the door an appointment has been arranged with Mr Bob Sutcliffe of the Listed Buildings Department at B&NES to meet on 20th January 2006.

c) Memorial Hall: It was reported that the Memorial Hall now have the highest priced quote to pay for the decorating. The conditions that have to be met in order that VAT can be re-claimed by the Parish Council were not met.

Car Park Wall: Another point raised was that the wall may possibly need replacing in the near future or that it may need strengthening. Cllr Edwards offered to contact B&NES Surveyors department to arrange for a survey of the wall to be carried out.

Roof: Surveyors recently gave the roof a five year life span however it was reported that although it is sound at present and the guttering is ok, the roof will need looking at again shortly. The Memorial Hall Sub-Committee should be looking at priorities to keep the hall up together, but at present the Sub-Committee have not held further regular meetings. It was agreed that the Wall should be prioritised against the roof.

Goal Posts: Mr Seymour reported that after 2007/08 Season the goal posts in situ will not be able to be used. New sets are approx. £800, grants are available.

Fire Regulations: It was reported that from 1st April each function held at the hall will have to have a fire officer present. It was recommended at the meeting that it is put in writing that the person hiring the hall is responsible for the fire regulations.

d) Quarterly Financial Report and Consideration for Parish Precept/Draft Budget 2006/07 e) Clerks Salary (Rise from SCP 18 – SCP19): The Parish

Council considered the Financial Report for the 3 months ended 31st December 2005. The report shows a £1,500 surplus with further income anticipated from the Treasury Stock. Mr Chilcott then circulated the Draft Budget for 2006/07 for consideration. Costs have been kept in for the Memorial Hall/Youth Club Expenditure and allowance made for the clerks salary increase. Mr Chilcott reported that after consideration of the draft budget the precept should rise from £8,400 to £8,650. Mr Heaford proposed that the Parish Council were happy with the draft budget, this was seconded by Mr Watson.

e) Clerks Salary: Following another years service approval was given for the clerks salary to rise from SCP – 18 to SCP19/£8.45 per hour.

f) Allotments: Clerk reported that the request for rental payments have been sent out. A further two enquiries have been received for an allotment plot. Clerk has sent out application forms but advised that we await the clearing of the allotments before plots can be allocated. Future allocation will be to the left of the allotment site. Cllr Edwards reported that B&NES now want to see supporting infrastructure before considering the proposals for 5,000 houses in the area.

7. Clerks Progress Report: Safer Routes to School: Clerk confirmed to Traffic & Safety that the Parish Council were happy with the proposals as long as the parking situation along the High Street is not disrupted in any way. It was reported that the flashing Wig-Wag signs will be put on the existing school posts with new school signs being put up as well. Markings were anticipated to be starting soon.

Church Street: The white no parking sign by the Church Room will be re-painted as soon as B&NES are able to do it when it is clear.

No Entry end of Church Street: Clerk e-mailed Spencer Toghill at B&NES with concerns of cars entering the wrong way. It was confirmed to the clerk that the conifers outside of De-Gratton House will be removed shortly which should alleviate the problem of not being able to see the sign clearly. Traffic & Safety Team may look at putting up a larger sign.

Flashing Slow Down Sign: Clerk reported that the bracket has been installed and the sign is fixed in place, however the radar on the top of the sign appears to have been tampered with.

Rubbish Bin/Woollard: A request was put through to Action-line to empty this.

Pot holes in Publow Lane & Priestdown again were requested to be filled in, so too was the pot hole at the bottom of the driveway of Bradleigh House, Belluton.

Hursley Lane: A request for attention to this lane has been made again and a request to be notified of proposed works.

Publow Lane, Wall: Another e-mail has been sent to Spencer Toghill reporting that the wall still awaits repairs from the contractors.

Keynsham Dial-a-Ride/Community Action: Both parties have confirmed their attendance at the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss Travel Needs Assessments in the Chew Valley. Clerk reported that an updated draft of a survey designed to go out to households throughout the Chew Valley had been received for consultation. On consultation of the Survey it suggested that Question Three which relates to locations, should be altered as not many people from the Chew Valley would travel to Norton Radstock to shop, attend medical appointments etc. Clerk to forward comments.

Bristol Water: Clerk reported that a further letter has been received from Bristol Water showing the official diversion route whilst the 10 week closure is in place from mid-February 2006 along the B3130 from the A37 towards Chew Magna ending by the junction with Bromley Road around the end of April.

BT Poles: Clerk awaits a further update from Steve Werrett of BT.

Footpaths: Mr Gillett has dealt with the Nursery Corner footpath and is compiling a report to send to B&NES regarding obstructions or damage to stiles and gates.

Mobile Activated Signs: Clerk reported that although a reply had been sent to B&NES with our suggestion for a temporary location for one of these speed boxes, the first 13 week programme does not include our Parish.

Planning/Enforcement Issues: 05/03775/FUL Mr & Mrs Smart Sandhills

Birchwood Lane Publow. Raising roof to include provision of 4 no. dormer windows to form additional living accommodation. Clerk has replied to planning with the Parish Councils concerns regarding the proposed balcony.

Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to Andy Pegler who is now head of Enforcement and Appeals. He has replied with the following:

1) Hursley Hill: A site visit will be made and monitoring of the site will continue. It was reported at the meeting that lorry loads of tyres have been reported to be entering the site.

2) The Sidings: Previous correspondence will be consulted.

3) Pensford Garage Site: Mr Pegler asked if Parish Council can monitor site and report any further concerns. It was reported that the owners of the Hot Tub adverts have been written to requesting their removal.

4) Old Road Property: Exact addresses are required by the Enforcement Team before they can act.

5) Bungalow in Woollard: Clerk reported again, that the exact name, number is needed.

6) Wyvern, Publow Lane: Site visit has been requested.

Mr Pegler reported to the Clerk that they are holding interviews for another Enforcement Officer and it is anticipated that Paul Meyers will return at the end of January.

Incoming Post:

a) Clerk reported that notification of Tree Works at Mill House Woollard have been received. No concerns were raised.

b) A copy of the Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future have been received and clerk will keep them on file.

c) A letter of thanks from the British Legion has been received for the £20.00 donation towards the Remembrance Sunday Wreath.

d) Information of NALC and ALCA have been received. Clerk to action any necessary details.

Spatial Strategy: Mr Heaford reported that meetings continue. Cllr Edwards reported that the SWRD have now raised the total of houses to 100,000 with 5,000 proposed between Whitchurch/Hicks Gate eastwards of the A37 to the edge of Stockwood.

8. Planning: Applications looked at: **05/03950/FUL** Mr & Mrs D Evans The Poplars High Street Pensford. Demolish existing lobby and construct new larger lobby. **No objections were raised.**

Outcomes: **05/03106/FUL** Exors. Mrs S Thompson 178 Woollard Pensford. Formation of Vehicular Access. **Refused.**

05/03333/FUL Castle Tynings Ltd Land Adj Fermain The Orchard Pensford. Erection of new dwelling and associated works to land north of Fermain (Resubmission). **Refused.**

05/03589/FUL Mr & Mrs Davies Lilac Cottage High Street Pensford. Conservatory to rear. **Refused.**

05/02788/FUL S Filer Woodleigh Peats Hill Publow Single Storey rear/side extension and extension to existing porch. **Permitted.**

9. Financial Matters: Payments to be Authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	December Pay at SCP 19	431.70
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Virus Protection Renewal	25.41
Mrs J Bragg	Clerks Imprest	25.53
Publow Parochial Church	Donation	150.00
K C Printing	Photocopying 4/10/05 – 9/11/05	8.39
Bristol Brass Band	Donation	25.00

There were no receipts noted at the meeting.

10. Any other Business

Peats Hill: Water collecting along Peats Hill was reported. Mr Heaford to speak to Mr Filer.

Whitchurch Parish Council: It was reported that Sleep Lane will be closed for the first two weeks of February whilst sewer works are completed.

The crossroads in Whitchurch by the Maes Knoll Public House will be under controlled lights for the 26th & 27th January whilst CCTV cameras are put along the new works as there is a problem.

Hursley Hill: Clerk was asked to contact Cleansing Department and ask them to clear along Hursley Hill.

The Orchard: Clerk to contact Traffic & Safety and ask if a Keep Clear/White Lining can be put opposite the turning into The Orchard to deter cars from parking opposite the junction.

High Street: The problem of a car being parked on the footway near the junction at the bottom of The High Street was reported.

Speed Camera: Clerk to contact Safety Camera Partnership to find out if the camera is working.

Football Hut - Graffiti: Although raised as a concern was reported to be the responsibility of the Football Club.

11. Notice of Future Meetings:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13th February AT 7.15 p.m.

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