

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2010 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

The meeting scheduled for Monday 11th January was postponed due to the bad weather being experienced.

Present: Chairman Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson

Mr D Chilcott, Mr L Seymour, Mr P Wareham, Mrs S Loney, Mrs S Grimes,
Cllr P Edwards, Mrs J Stephenson. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

Mr & Mrs Showering attended the meeting with their daughter.

Prior to the start of the meeting, clerk was asked to report to the local Beat Team cars turning right from Hursley Hill into Hursley Lane.

1) Members of the Public: No matters raised.

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J Gully, Mr S Filer
Apologies were received from Mrs Grimes for the February meeting.

3) Minutes of Monday 14TH DECEMBER 2009 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Cllr Edwards was asked to follow up when the Planning Committee will be discussing the housing development proposed for the South Side of Keynsham.

It was reported that the Free Stay car park in Keynsham is at present closed. Mr Chilcott further reported that the paying area is also closed. Cllr Edwards will follow up.

A37-Belluton Junction Safety Improvements: Details of a scheme aimed at reducing accidents on the A37 Pensford Hill/B3130 Belluton Junction were circulated. There appears to be little change to the road layout, however there is a proposal for much more signage. The Parish Council would like the road layout re-considered and the 30mph speed limit position reviewed. A letter was read out confirming the offer of land to facilitate any road improvements necessary. Clerk to reply to B&NES and send a copy of the letter.

Tractor at Priestdown: No further problems have been reported.

Chew Valley Partnership: It was reported that Chew Stoke and Chew Magna Parish Councils are unhappy about the partnerships title given the dominance from Keynsham and believe that voting representative from the Faith Groups, Residents Groups and Youth Groups who attend the meetings are more likely to come from the larger parts of Keynsham, Whitchurch & Saltford. This possibly having a detrimental effect to the local parishes. The Parish Council agreed that the meetings should still be attended.

Cluster Meetings: It was noted that many items on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting are items which should be dealt with at Parish Council.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) Memorial Hall: Clerk confirmed that quotations have been received from Moore Roofing for a replacement roof. Quotations are still awaited from Matthews at Keynsham. The quotations will enable grant applications to be applied for.

Vandalism is still reported as being a major problem at the Memorial Hall. Recently the main lock had been vandalised and a whole new replacement needed.

Clerk to arrange a future meeting with Geoff Beedell & Terry Phillips.

b) Core Strategy: The Parish Councils' response has been submitted and copies sent to neighbouring parishes. Details have been placed on the web site and the parish magazine.

c) Bristol International Airport: It was agreed to support the PCAA in writing to the Government Office of the South West asking them to 'call in' the BIA planning application for determination by the Secretary of State.

d) Parish Mapping Initiative: Clerk has replied to sign up the Parish Council to this initiative. Problems have been experience with setting it up. Further information is awaited.

e) Chew Valley Leisure Centre: A visit to the centre had been made by Cllr Edwards and Ashton Broad. The purpose of the visit to view the facilities available which currently are underused and help with the management of a three year action plan. Obtaining support from Primary Care Trust Referrals was suggested as at present patients are travelling to Keynsham or Wells to use Leisure facilities. Parish Council to arrange a future visit.

f) HGV Traffic which may affect Pensford/A37: An e.mail has been received from Care4Cary, to bring to the Parishes attention plans to build a large biomass power station at Castle Cary which may greatly increase the HGV traffic along the A37. The Power Station will need 136,000 tonnes of biomass each year which could possible lead to 50-75 HGV's per day.

B&NES are evaluating the matter. Once a reply has been received from B&NES the Parish Council will then reply to Care4Cary.

g) Computer Replacement for Clerk: Problems with the computer will be looked at by Mr Grimes if he has time available.

h) Community Contact Vehicle: A survey has been received from Radstock regarding the Community Contact Vehicle. Mr Seymour to reply with suggested times and venues for the Parish.

i) Quarterly Financial Report: Budget 2010/2011: Precept 2010/2011: The Financial Summary showing bank balances and reconciliation to 31.12.09 was circulated with no questions arising. The income and expenditure report was circulated. It was noted that all precept money had now been received. No major change in the income was noted. A donation from the Memorial Hall had been received in relation to the Flat Roof Repairs. The VAT element is in the process of being recovered. Allotment rental is awaited. A draft budget had been prepared. It was agreed to raise the Precept to £11,000.

j) Street Naming - Woollard: To finalise the street naming a copy of the ordnance survey plan extract showing the location of street name plates to be installed at Woollard had been received from Lyn Parfit at B&NES. Clerk to question size and design of sign.

6) Clerks Progress Report:

Speed Camera: Details are still awaited from B&NES regarding the commissioning of the camera. Speed limit terminal signs at the Station Approach junction have been upgraded and replaced. The camera is fixed only to enforce traffic in one direction.

Donations have been sent to the Brownies and the Jerome Harvey Trust. Brown Owl confirmed that contact has been made with schools, pre-schools, nurseries in an effort to obtain support and increase Brownie pack numbers.

Parish Charter Questionnaire: An e.mail of thanks has been received to all who completed this questionnaire. The results will be analysed and reported back to the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 28th January 2010.

Environment Agency have been e.mailed regarding the Weir. A reply is awaited.

Highway Issues: Man Hole covers at the bottom of **High Street** have tarmac breaking up around them. This has been reported.

The Road Sign on the corner by the **Lock Up** has been reported.

Back Lane has been reported as needing a tidy up. Highways have informed clerk that they cannot give an idea when these issues will be dealt with.

Grit Bin, Station Approach: A resident in Station Approach has e.mailed clerk regarding obtaining a grit bin for Station Approach, a request was made last year but no outcome was achieved. A further request was made and B&NES have informed the Parish Council that

Station Approach does not meet the criteria for a grit bin. Cllr Edwards has been informed and will be taking up the matter with BANES.

BIA Tracker Update: The installation of the Tracker has been completed and the system is currently being evaluated. Staff will be trained in its use and the system will be going live on Monday 1st February 2010. Data will initially be made available through the present noise management process, with direct public access via BIA website possible in the future.

The portable noise monitor is currently receiving a software upgrade and will be available for use when back and the weather has improved.

Overgrown Vegetation - Church Street: The area surrounding the War Memorial is private land and not adopted highway. Where the hedge abuts New Road a notice will be served asking the owner to cut it back. It is hoped then that the whole perimeter will be cut back.

Bus Service - 376: It is understood that First Bus may possibly be introducing an hourly bus service from Broadwalk Shops on the 376 service. This will run on every other bus, but at present there is no definite information on which bus will be affected. This has arisen during the tender process where 1st Bus were not awarded a certain section of bus route and the service 379 was.

Clerk to find out about the A Bus - Brislington which travels through Belluton. It is understood it may be a school bus.

Incoming Post:

a) BANES are asking that rubbish and recycling is put out on a normal day to help with tackling waste backlog following the bad weather.

b) An update of the Joint Waste Core Strategy document has been received. Representations can be made until 1st March 2010.

c) BANES are conducting a consultation on Public Toilets. Further information can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk. Go to Of Interest then Public Convenience Provision.

d) An e.mail has been received from Community Action regarding Chew Valley Transport. A meeting has been arrange for Tuesday 9th February 7.15 pm at the Old School Rooms, Chew Magna. Community Action intend to act as an umbrella for community car schemes across the area, providing co-ordination, insurance and other support. Also to operate a wheelchair -accessible MPV which will be available to help small groups of people access community events and services in the area.

7) Planning:

Applications discussed: 09/04550/FUL Mr G Carpenter Windyridge Woollard Lane Publow. Erection of replacement dwelling. Parish Council Support.

09/04583/FUL Mr K Dawe Church Farm Peats Hill Publow. Erection of a new agricultural barn. Parish Council Support.

10/00028/FUL Miss C Batten, 1 Wesley Terrace High Street Pensford. Erection of a two storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey extension. Parish Council Support.

Planning Outcomes: 09/03387/FUL Mr Alec Hucker, Railway Bungalow Bristol Road Pensford. Erection of a two storey dwelling to replace existing single storey dwelling (Resubmission) **PERMIT**

09/03981/FUL Miss J Flower Bridge House Stanton Lane Pensford. Creation of new vehicular access and provision of 2 no parking spaces on land opposite Bridge House. **REFUSE**

APPEAL DECISION:

APP/F0114/A/09/2106128 Mr K Showering, Mountain Stables, Publow Lane, Woollard, Pensford, All-Weather horse riding arena for personal use only. **Appeal Granted.**

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary Dec	535.39
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.65
1 st Pensford Brownies	Donation	150.00
Jerome Harvey Trust	Donation	25.00
ALCA	Clerks Training Course	25.00

Payments Received:

None to report

9) Any Other Business:

De-Fibriliator for Village: Parish Council gave their support to Cllr Edwards is to pursue this. The cost of a de-fibrillator is approx £2,000. The possibility of obtaining a sponsor will be looked into.

Tennis Club: Lottery grant has been applied for. No damage has been caused to the courts by the recent snow.

Christmas Tree: Comments have been made that it was not as impressive this year. It was agreed to look at this again prior to Christmas 2010.

Bus Stop: The new shelter has been put up on the bridge. The installation of the electronic timetables is awaited.

Scaffolding - Church Street: The length of time it has been up was questioned and if it requires a permit.

Inconsiderate parking High Street/Old Road: A van which constantly parks at the top of the High Street is causing a danger to other motorists.

P.I.R Lights: It was reported that some properties have these lights coming on which are very bright and shine directly onto oncoming motorists. Question raised in relation to legislation of Department of Environment Light Pollution/Nuisance of it.

Pensford Garage: It was reported that many cars are still being parked along the pavement outside. Motor Bikes are also being repaired at the garage and are reported to be very noisy.

10) Notice of Future Meetings:

**Chew Valley PACT meeting Wednesday 13th January 2010, 7pm,
The Old School Room Chew Magna. (Cancelled) A Further date is awaited.**

Parish Cluster Meeting, Thursday 21st January 2010

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.15 pm