

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10th JUNE 2013 AT 7.15p.m. AT THE MEMORIAL HALL PUBLW LANE
PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford **Vice-Chairman:** Mrs J Stephenson
Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Grimes, Mr S Filer, Mrs L Cains, Mrs J Gully, Mr J Kelly,
Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

There were two members of the public present.

1) Members of the Public attended the meeting to enquire if anything further had progressed with the Affordable Housing Scheme. Chairman confirmed that there had been no progress so far, however the Chairman has remained in contact with Curo.

Curo are to be invited to the July Meeting. Representatives from Pensford Action Group will also be invited to attend.

Members of the public reported that two Ash Trees had been cut down along Old Road where it meets the A37. All debris had been left on the pavement. Clerk to report.

Hillcrest: Members of the Public reported that by the Post Box there is a small pathway which is in need of tidying up. The surface has broken up and members of the public would like it tarmaced and cleared of weeds. They have in the past cleared it themselves. Clerk to progress with Highways.

High Street - Wall on corner of Back Lane: Members of the Public reported that this wall is now in a dangerous state. Part of the wall has collapsed and the remainder is unstable. It is understood that it would be the homeowner's responsibility to put this right. Clerk will write and inform of the complaints received.

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr P Edwards and Mrs J Jones.

3) Minutes of Monday 13TH MAY 2013 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Memorial Hall: It is likely that Memorial Hall may need financial support from the Parish Council for a future project. The Parish Council considered this and agreed that support would be offered subject to need. The Memorial Hall Committee currently awaits a decision on the Ward Councillors Initiative Grant.

Fracking Meeting: Chairman reported that a Fracking Meeting was being held in Chew Magna and unfortunately it clashed with the Parish Council Meeting. Apologies had been sent and notes from the meeting requested. Many questions regarding Fracking were recently posed at the B&NES ALCA Meeting.

Community Trust: There were no further nominees for a Representative Trustee.

War memorial: Clerk to follow up further.

CPRE AGM: No Parish Council Members were able to attend this meeting in Clutton. Clerk to request a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

Police House: Mr Seymour reported that he was correct in reporting that the Police House still belongs to Avon & Somerset Constabulary. Mr Seymour has lodged with

Headquarters a complaint in respect of the untidiness of the grass surrounding the property. It is thought that the property will eventually be sold.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) Financial - Agree and Sign Annual Return: The Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2013 was circulated, Mr Kelly ran through the contents of it explaining money spent on Local Projects. Allotment costs were over budget but a tremendous amount of work had been carried out on the site. A £400 provision for a penalty imposed by Revenue & Customs had been made. The Balance Sheet was circulated and no queries were raised. Parish Council agreed the accounts and the Annual Return was signed. Mr Kelly was thanked for his hard work in preparing the accounts.

b) Gypsy & Traveller Site Update: Chairman reported that the resubmitted plans have been received. Any comments personal/Parish Council have to be lodged by 13th June. Many objections have been lodged already. The Parish Council were asked to decide to agree or object to this re-submitted application. The Parish Council were unanimous in their decision to object to this proposal. Clerk will reply principally as per the last application.

c) Anaerobic Digestion Day at Re-Organics 21st May 2013: Five Parish Council members attended the open day. It was reported that there appears to be no funding in place at present until Planning Consent is achieved. Operations are hoped to be in April 2014. Conflicting replies were received on the day regarding where the waste is to be accepted from. Questions are still will it be B&NES or Bristol, but as the lorries are travelling from the A37 to the site it is presumed that the waste materials will come from Bristol. A comment made was that the tonnage amounts do not equate to 3 trucks per day? (As per the web site). A strong odour had been noted at the site this week. Outcomes are awaited from B&NES who were meant to be considering the Hinton Organics Planning Applications at the Development Control Committee on the 5th June.

d) Neighbourhood Planning: A Sub Committee meeting was held to discuss on how to progress a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a steering committee would be needed to drive this initiative. The plan would reflect what the Parish would like in relation to traffic, planning, roads, schools etc. It was agreed that the way forward would be to advertise in the Parish Magazine the need for parishioners to come forward to help. This will be included in the September Magazine. A Member of Public has suggested an alternative process. It was felt this would detract from the Parish Council initiative and could not therefore be supported. It was however hoped that the two ideas could come together at some point.

e) B&NES ALCA Meeting 29th May 2013: Election of Officers was undertaken. An interesting demonstration was put forward by Dunkerton Parish Council who operate an entirely paperless Parish Council. Very interesting, however they have a parish population of approximately 70 people.

f) Curo Meeting: An email had been received from Craig MacDonald asking if he can attend the July Meeting. Parish Council agreed to invite Craig along with representatives from the Pensford Action Group.

6) Clerks Progress Report: Japanese Knot Weed: The problem of Japanese Knot Weed in a field Off Charlton Field Lane was raised at the last meeting. It had also been noticed by a member of the public along the bridal path (off Charlton Field Lane). It is understood that the land belongs to Kelston Sparke's Group.

This has all been reported to the Environment Agency and the Council are aware of the presence of Japanese Knot Weed. The Environment Agency is the body responsible for dealing with the problem of Japanese Knot Weed and will be chased up.

Church Farm Footpath: Another email has been sent to Colin Hudson requesting a meeting with him regarding this footpath. Further concerns have now been raised which are as follows:-

The footpath running to the north of the river from Church Farm to Woollard. The landowner has deposited an amount of building waste which appears to result from his building works on this side of the river. As a result, the land has slipped significantly, impacting on the river, and making the footpath pretty impossible to use over the wet winter months. This whole area has turned from a spectacular beauty spot into an ugly waste tip. The member of public reporting this has asked that the Parish Council can confirm that the Environment Agency is aware of the impact on the river channel. This person would also be interested to hear the Footpaths Officer's opinion on this and would like their ongoing concern that this footpath be reinstated.

High Street: Two dead trees over hanging the High Street were reported to Highways There is concern that they will fall onto the highway and cause a nasty accident and one in particular is leaning badly and is supported by another, living, tree. The patch of ground the trees are on is near the top of the High Street, on the left as one comes up the hill. Go up past the turning right into Hillcrest, and then on past the track on the left, that leads to a footpath. The patch of ground is on the upper corner of this track. The land is on the roadside of a property called "Maryland".

Highways have passed the details to their arboriculturalist to have a look at and deal with as necessary depending on if they are private or council owned. If there is an imminent risk then the tree gang will deal with it straight away.

Wick Lane: The procedure for having a Disabled Parking Bay has been raised with Highways and questioned whether the Parish Council would necessarily be notified. A reply is as follows A resident may request a bay, we would send out an application form requesting details and proof of address etc., we then carry out a site visit, if there are any concerns over safety issues or locations we then discuss the application with the traffic and safety engineer for that particular area. As the area is adopted highway and the bay is an advisory marking there is no requirement for consultation on implementation.

Woollard Bridge: An email has been sent to Structures in B&NES again asking if they are in a position to let the Parish Council know when the re-painting of Woollard Bridge will take place. It was reported that the bridge has been looked at.

Environment Agency: An email has been sent to them regarding the tree that still remains in the river in Woollard. They have also been asked if anything can be done about the debris which remains in the riverbanks now that the water levels have subsided. A reply is awaited. The Environment Agency has reported to a Woollard Resident that they will do nothing about the tree in the river. The tree has now started sprouting and concerns are that if heavy rain is experienced then flooding is more likely to occur. The Environment Agency is reported to have said that if flooding occurs due to the tree it is the landowner's responsibility. Parish Council to find out the Trust Details and write to them.

Police House, Police Lane: An email was sent to Inspector Stuckes asking about ownership of the Police House, enquiries have been made and it is confirmed that the property does belong to the Estates Department of Avon & Somerset Constabulary. The Beat Team is aware that the property is empty.

Dogs running on Memorial Playing Field: It was reported that a couple with 3 children and two large dogs were playing on the fields at the Memorial Hall. The dogs were not on leads. The owners of the dogs were informed that dogs are not allowed on the playing fields and said that there was a sign to this effect. The answer was that they were locals and that they would take home any mess that the dogs left on the fields and continued to play on the field for some time. The brownies then started playing in the corner of the field. This matter was reported to the Dog Warden, who reported that NO DOGS should be allowed here as per the signage and this should be enforceable. The Memorial Hall Committee has been made aware of this.

Parish Cluster Meeting: Takes place on Thursday 20th June, we have had a request for agenda items.

Planning Enforcement: A query was raised by a neighbouring property to Pentivae House to the effect that major excavation work were taking place in a field by Pentivae House BS14 0QS which is on the corner with Hursley lane just inside Publow with Pensford. The neighbour has been informed that there is a planning application in 13/01585/FUL for change of use of existing stable to dog grooming business at this property. The plans contain information that a Septic Tank will be used to dispose of waste, this could possibly be why there is some excavation work being undertaken. However there has been no decision on the Application to date. The issue has been taken up with Enforcement.

Milestone Bungalow: Clerk will follow up with B&NES when a planning application is likely to be submitted in respect of the garage erected and the removal of the wall to allow access in and out from the lay by.

Children's Play Area: A follow up email was sent to Jane Robson about the Play Area. She has reported the following: "Sorry for the delay in reply. We have been swamped with repair requests! I have asked contractors that we use to visit and quote for removing the teen shelter and the basket swing legs, to weld the tube and to fabricate the panels. In order to get the play area opened again, we suggest that the highest risk items area resolved i.e. to remove the rope and replace with a shorter length of rope or chain and to put up a sign. You or I can make a temporary sign; if you want me to do it I need local contact details and your logo, please. I can get a proper sign printed when I reprint my own signs, which will be done in the next couple of months. If you do design the sign, please send me the artwork. The signs will be A3 size." See <http://www.rosipa.com/leisuresafety/adviceandinformation/playsafety/signs.aspx> For us to replace the rope and clean the surfaces would be £10 for chain plus 3 hours labour @ £29.50 per hour plus VAT.

Holly House: Clerk emailed Liz Jones at Planning Enforcement to say that the Parish Council remain concerned about this address in Pensford and the detrimental effect the current situation appears to be having on neighbouring Castell, and reported to her the recent movement of soil from the site to another property in Wick Lane. Liz reported that all that has happened on this site is permitted development. The removal of soil was not a concern, but if it occurs again we must inform Enforcement straight away.

25 Hillcrest, Pensford - 13/016161/FUL: The application for a new attached dwelling at this address has been referred to the chairman of the development control committee who has determined that the application should be decided under delegated powers. The decision will therefore not be taken by the development control committee.

Peats Hill: The problem with water lying here has been raised again with Highways. They report that it is a complex problem. An Engineer has been out and the problem is in hand. Nothing further has progressed. Clerk to follow up.

Incoming Post:

View Keynsham's regeneration on time-lapse film

A time-lapse film of the demolition of Keynsham town centre is now available on Bath & North East Somerset Council's website. The Film has been put together by Students from Bath Spa University and can be viewed at www.bathnes.gov.uk/keynshamregen together with more information about the project. The project will show the transformation of the site and capture key events throughout the build and occupation of the premises. As the redevelopment progresses further videos will be put online.

7) Planning:

Applications to be discussed:

13/02104/FUL Ms K Summerhayes Waterside Cottage Church Street Pensford. Extension and alterations to The Flat Waterside Cottage. Parish Council support. However a letter will be sent to planning with concerns regarding the removal of parking spaces in Church Street. This property is in the heart of the Conservation Area and any works carried out should be sympathetic to this. The surrounding outside area of the property is in need of a tidy up.

13/01765/FUL Mr M Daniels Miners Welfare Institute Pensford. Change of use of lower snooker room (use Class D2) into tea room/coffee shop (Use Class A3) resubmission. Parish Council agreed to support this application. However parking issues remain a concern. It was suggested that maybe parking restrictions could help this business if planning permission is granted.

13/01965/FUL Mr T Smart Old Colliery Yard Wick Lane. Change of use of land from B2 to 12 pitches for Gypsy & Traveller use with associated works 12 dayrooms & hard standing (resubmission) See Previous Discussion.

Planning Outcomes:

12/04597/OUT Fields North of Orchard Park Staunton Lane Whitchurch. Residential Development (up to 295 dwellings) REFUSE

05/00723/VAR Hinton Organics Ltd Charlton Field Lane. Variation of condition 13 & 16 of planning permission 97/02626/MINW to allow permanent recycling of cardboard waste and increase in truck movements. To be considered by the Development Control Committee on 5th June 2013.

11/00022/VAR Hinton Organics Ltd Parcel 5319 Charlton Field Lane. Variation of conditions 13, 16 & 19 of permission 97/02626/MINW to extend composting operations, increase movements & permit cardboard & wood recycling. Will be considered by the Development Control Committee on 5th June.

12/01666/FUL Mr P Hoare Parcel 8152 Hursley Hill Publow. Change of use of land to pony paddock from agricultural and erection of a stable. PERMITTED

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary May	581.36
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	16.22
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink	10.99
DCM Computers	Remote Support (2 nd Issue of Cheque)	60.00
DCM Computers	Repairs to Computer	80.00
J Wilkins	Footpaths 10/12 - 02/13 + fuel	239.00
J Wilkins	Cutting of Woollard Triangle	30.00
AON	Insurance Renewal	954.03
National Allotment Society	Membership Renewal	20.00

Receipts to Note:

Allotment Rental	40.00
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9) Any Other Business:

St Thomas A Becket: It was reported that cuttings from the Churchyard had recently been thrown into the river. Parish Council agreed that this is unacceptable.

Parking by St Thomas a Becket: It was reported that the owner of the Church continues to park by the entrance to the Churchyard on the No Parking Zone. This is making access to the Church Rooms very difficult.

Finger Posts: The Finger Posts around the village are in need of re-painting. Clerk to also follow up when the Publow Finger Post will be returned.

Lock Up: It was reported that foliage is hanging over the top of the Lock Up. The Property Owner adjacent to the Lock Up will be contacted. The Footpaths Officer will be asked to trim and tidy up around the Lock Up and the Bench.

Planters for the Village: Curo have been contacted and it was reported that they have a Community Enhancement Fund where a grant of up to £500 is available. A quote for planters will be obtained from Green by Design and an application will be progressed by Mrs Cains.

Chew Valley Gazette: The Parish Council minutes did not appear in the Gazette due to a breakdown of the Clerks Computer.

Grass Cutting of the Village Green: Clerk to reply to Mr Newey regarding this.

PACT Meeting: Mrs Stephenson is unable to attend this meeting.

Have I Got News For You: Parish Council agreed that Jacob Rees Mogg was very good on this programme recently.

Broadband Meeting: A meeting of the Chew Valley Broadband Group was taking place on the same evening as the Parish Council Meeting. It was reported that the group are to form and register a Community Interest Company, called Wansdyke Telecom CIC, with a plan to provide not superfast (up to 24 Mbit) but hyperfast (up to 1,000 Mbit) broadband to all houses and businesses in our rural areas and to have customers on the new network by early 2014.

A Parish Councillor had recently had problems registering on the connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk web site.

High Street Resurfacing: Highways have reimbursed a resident at The Orchard High Street for damage to a vehicle caused by the Kerb which was left following the resurfacing works.

The Weirs: Chairman is to meet with the Rising Sun Owners to discuss The Weirs which are in need of substantial refurbishment.

10) Notice of Future Meetings: Parish Liaison Meeting 19th June 2013
Parish Cluster Meeting 20th June 2013 Avon Room Saltford
PCAA including AGM Meeting 25th June 2013

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013 AT 7.15 pm