

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 8th MARCH AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET
PENSFORD**

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

Mr L Seymour, Mr P Wareham, Mr S Filer, Cllr P Edwards, Mrs S Loney,
Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Stephenson.

1) Members of the Public: There were no members present.

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mr D Chilcott.

3) Minutes of Monday 8th February 2010 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Grit Bins: An individual consultation with Parishes will take place by Kevin Packer, BANES. Routes and provision of council bins will be looked at and the replenishment of bins owned by Parish Councils and BANES. At a recent PACT meeting the need for a grit bin at Station Approach was raised.

Safety Railings: A reply is awaited from member of the public who has been invited to attend a meeting with the Parish Council.

Parish Liaison Meeting: Attended by Mr Heaford. Parish Councillors in Clutton raised concerns in relation to accident statistics. A report was given on finance and the Council Tax rise of 2.5%. The Parish Charter was discussed.

Tracker System: Information has been received on the Tracker System. The tracker can record incoming and outgoing flights from ground level to 11,000feet. Complaints have been made regarding aircraft deviating from the flight path. Cllr Edwards will take away details of the short cuts taken over Pensford by aircraft.

The noise monitor is still awaited and it is reported will be in place in Early Spring.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) Defibrillator Update: A Public Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday March 30th at 8p.m. at the Memorial Hall. A demonstration of the defibrillator will be given by Emergency Response Systems. Any questions can be directed at their representative Mr Andy Gibson at the Public Meeting. Leaflets will be distributed to every household in Pensford and Woollard notifying them of the meeting.

Location of Defibrillator: Possible locations proposed will be outside of the Post Office and possibly the Telephone Kiosk in Woollard. Clerk to speak to BT.

Training: Will be given by Emergency Response Systems. At a cost of £25 per person.

Fundraising/Donations: All money raised will be towards the cost of the two defibrillators. Pensford 10K will be involved in the fundraising.

b) Bristol International Airport: Following its hearing at the South Area Committee meeting on March 3rd the application will now be considered at the next planning meeting at the end of April.

c) Parish Mapping Initiative: Clerk & Mrs Stephenson to attend an update on 17th March 2010. Details have now been received of the second year student who can be contacted for further guidance and help with mapping our Parish.

d) Co-option of Mr A Hillman onto the Parish Council & Position of Responsible Financial Officer on a temporary basis: Chairman proposed the co-option of Mr A Hillman, Parish Council members supported.

e) Play Area following meeting with BANES: An inspection of the wooden shelter was made at the meeting. BANES reported that the cost was £3,000 for the shelter. The roof timbers have split, more wood has been removed and the shelter has suffered graffiti. BANES suggest immediate repairs to deter any further vandalism. A final figure for the cost of the play equipment although requested from BANES has not been received. BANES were concerned at the lack of signage at the play area.

Cars are reported to have been driving across the field.

A clean up day was suggested.

f) Chew Valley Partnership: Cllr Edwards reported a good meeting convened by Chew Magna Parish Council. Ad hoc meetings will be held in future. Parishes are being encouraged to submit their top five items which are a concern to them which may then make up the agenda for the next meeting. The date of next meeting is 31st March 2010.

g) Chew Valley Leisure Centre: Visited by the Chairman who reported difficulty in parking during the day. Fees appeared expensive compared to other Leisure facilities.

6) Clerks Progress Report:

Double Yellow Lines: A letter was sent to BANES agreeing to the proposed yellow lines. A further request for them to be placed on the corner of Publow Lane, in front of the Lock Up and down to the A37 was made. BANES report that the whole process can take between 4 – 8 months because of the legal process needed in relation to any enforceable line.

Parish Cluster Meeting: Items discussed included Blue Recycling Bag distribution throughout BANES which was reported to be a disaster. Possible sites for gritting bins to be suggested to BANES. Core Strategy: No Link road plan around Whitchurch pre 2026 so housing plan for South Bristol probably a long way off. Planning Enforcement Policy: Usual discussion about its ineffectiveness.

Speed Camera: No further update received.

Road Conditions – Highways: The Batch: Sunken tarmac was reported.

Woollard Lane: Pot Holes were reported.

Woollard Hill: Water coming down the hill was reported. Causing icy conditions during the recent frosts.

Parsonage Lane: Flood water reported.

Gullies on Woollard Hill: Were reported.

Pensford Hill: Road Narrow sign which has been knocked by a vehicle and turned around was reported.

Pensford Hill: A reply from the Highways Inspector reports that a resurfacing request has been put onto the consideration list.

Footpaths: Colin Hudson has been emailed in relation to the style in Woollard which needs repairing and also a style which needs repairing along Blackrock Lane.

Colin has also been made aware of the piles of earth and rubbish along the footpath by Church Farm.

Village Agent: The new Village Agents based at the Mill in Chew Magna have been invited to the April meeting. It was confirmed that the agents do not cover Pensford/Publou at present. 10 Parishes were chosen for the initial pilot scheme.

Bus Stops: BANES reported that the new bus shelter will be installed at Hillcrest on 1st & 2nd March. It was reported that cars are being parked in the bus stop at school collection times causing difficulties for other road users. Many cars are double parking causing obstruction onto the A37.

Camper Van: A camper van has been seen in the area, often parked in Blackrock Lane. Police are aware of the vehicle and have all necessary details logged.

Mini Moto Problem – Blackrock Lane: Police have dealt with this problem and spoken to youngsters concerned.

New Addresses in Woollard: The address changes officially took effect on Monday 15th February. The Great Western Ambulance Service were also notified and ready for the change over.

Training: Clerk attended a Minute Training Course on 25th February 2010.

Incoming Post:

- 1) Details were received from CPRE regarding Village of the Year Competition 2010.
- 2) Victim Support have written to the Parish Council seeking funding. Details will be kept on file.
- 3) Notification has been received from Environmental Agency in relation to an appeal made to the Secretary of State by Hinton Organics against conditions in permit granted in 30/11/09 to carry on regulated facility at Queen Charlton Quarry.

4) Acknowledgement of receipt of Parish Precept requirements has been received. First payment will be 1st April – 2nd Part 1st October 2010.

7) Planning:

Applications to discuss:

10/00612/FUL Mr G Carpenter, Windyridge Woollard Lane Publow. Erection of replacement dwelling (Resubmission). Parish Council Support.

10/00574/LBA: Ms Linda Hurley Publow Oak Barn Blackrock Lane Publow. Modifications to approved elevation of the study. Parish Council Support.

Planning Outcomes:

None to report

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary Feb	535.39
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	15.30
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink refill x 2	27.00

Payments Received:

HM Revenue & Customs	Incentive Payment for filing on-line	175.00
Allotment Rents		200.00
H M Revenue & Customs	VAT Claim	113.63

9) Any Other Business:

Blue Recycling Bags: Properties in the whole of Woollard and Publow still await delivery of the blue bags.

Youth Club: PC Glanfield is looking into the provision of a Youth Club.

Woollard Lane: Water running down Woollard Lane was reported to the Clerk, who has notified Council Connect.

Road Signs: It was reported that there are 26 road signs when travelling from the Memorial Hall to Woollard.

Bus Stops: A letter from a member of the public in relation to the bus stop at Hillcrest and bus timetables received the support of the Parish Council and will be sent to BANES for their attention.

Footpath – Church Farm: It was confirmed that the Parish Council have no details of a proposal to change the footpath here.

Woollard Lane – Rubbish: Rubbish dumped along the lane by the Cattery was reported. Council Connect will be notified.

Electric Transformer: An electric transformer was installed behind a property in Peats Hill. Western Power have been contacted but are able to install without

any notification to neighbouring properties under an Overhead Lines Exemption Act.

Wall – A37: Clerk to contact structures department at BANES again regarding the wall at the end on Old Road.

Flashing Sign on Southern Approach: Clerk to notify Traffic & Safety that the Parish Council are concerned about the lack of attention regarding the installation of the flashing 30mph sign.

Highways: Mr Seymour had met with the Highways Inspector to travel around the village and pinpoint all problem areas. Great concern was given to the bottom of Blackrock Lane and the collection of the water. This will receive immediate attention. The water along Priestdown was reported to be there due to the incorrect installation of the gullies.

Ditch opposite the Alpaca field: Will receive attention to clear it of rubbish.

Church Street: The road surface is reported as still not good.

Riverside Cottage: An order has been raised for the cutting of the conifer trees.

Snooker Club: A meeting of the Miners Welfare Institute was attended.

Church Street: It was noted that members of the public continue to allow their dogs to exercise and foul the car park.

10) Notice of Future Meetings:

Thursday 11th March Core Strategy, Policy C Briefing Keynsham Town Hall, 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

PCAA – 23rd March 2010

Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting: 31st March 2010 (Now postponed to 28th April).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12th APRIL 2010 AT 7.15p.m.