

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM
CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson
Mr L Seymour, Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Stephenson,
Mrs S Loney, Mr P Wareham, Mr S Filer. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg
There were two members of the public present along with Mrs B Bowes.

1) Welcome Eli Connor & Graham Baker Youth Workers for Bath & North East Somerset: Graham Baker reported that the Youth Team underwent a full OFSTED inspection in May of last year which was subsequently published in September reporting that the quality delivered was “good”. The Youth Team hope to have an office base at Chew Magna Fire Station and the Mobile will be stored there as well. A successful bid has secured £15,000 of funding to 2010 which will enable the team to deliver two extra sessions of work.

Although very much involved with the whole of the Chew Valley, the Youth Bus visits Pensford on a Tuesday night and regular sessions will start at 6.30 onwards. It was reported that ten children regularly visit the bus at the Memorial Hall and advertising is very much word of mouth. Discussions took place regarding linking the children to activities with the Tennis Club and the hope that there will be a BMX Dirt Track soon under the re-organisation of the play area. Activities which the children have taken part in included Road Safety and Bike Safety.

2) Members of the Public: A member of the Public attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the removal of the speed camera. Item covered under 6e.

3) Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr P Edwards and Mr D Chilcott

4) Minutes of Monday 13TH OCTOBER 2008 were amended to show Mr L Seymour under apologies for absence and then signed as a correct record.

5) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Regional Spatial Strategy: The group set up in Whitchurch - WAG has collected 1,500 signatures to a petition to be delivered to the Government of South West opposing the proposals.

Parish Councils Airport Association: Parish Councils are urged to attend a meeting on Wednesday 12th November at 6pm at the Town Hall Weston Super Mare where the Certificate of Lawfulness application for the proposed erection of a two-storey building to provide a covered walkway will be discussed.

Bristol International Airport: BIA have written to the Parish Council informing them that they will submit a planning application to North

Somerset Council for the development and enhancement of the airport in early 2009, and as part of the pre-application process BIA would like to share these details with the Parish Council. It was agreed that BIA should be invited to the January meeting.

Application 08.02926/FUL Mr Showering - All Weather Horse Riding Arena for personal use: Planning have deferred a decision on this application until a site visit has been made. Mr Showering has invited Parish Council members to attend and observe the site from within. It was agreed that Mr Watson, Mr Filer and Mrs Stephenson would attend. Clerk to arrange a suitable time and date with Mr Showering.

Affordable Housing: An email has been received from James Read, Somer Housing seeking a meeting with full Parish Council in order to push this scheme along. Clerk to invite James Read and Gary Ward to the February meeting.

6) Items for Discussion:

- a) **Car Park Update:** An update email has been received from Ian Ramsden. As the car park remains a problem with caravans being parked there and rear entrance to properties created without permissions the Parish Council agreed to liaise further with Ian Ramsden.
- b) **Play Area:** Mrs Stephenson and Mr Watson attended the meeting held at Victoria Park on 29th October. Only a small amount of time was allowed for discussion. A BMX dirt track will possibly be put in as this is the cheapest option. However, no plans are received to date, Mrs Stephenson will email Andy Chard to ask for a copy of the plan. It was reported that the Memorial Hall will put a secure fence up around the existing play area in the hope to stop the vandalism problem and this will be financed from money outside the Pathfinder Scheme.
- c) **Street Naming in Woollard:** The final decision has now been referred to the executive member for transport, Cllr Charles Gerrish.
- d) **Barbara Bowes - Church Tower:** The current planning application in relation to St Thomas a Beckett Church exclude the tower. Many thoughts on what should happen to the tower have been discussed with the Churches Conservation Trust South West and their new inspector Brian Clark. Prior to Geoff Calway leaving, the Parish raised a considerable sum towards works that are needed for the tower. It has now been decided that in the Spring work will start with a new floor and repairs to the Medieval Bell Frame will take place along with decorative work to wind and rain proof the tower. Electricity supply will be looked into. It is hoped to possibly create a quiet space in the village for parishioners to use as a meeting place or for people to come and make use of the facilities for a small fee. The tower will hold a dozen people comfortably. Mrs Bowes reported that in order to facilitate this work a committee needed to be formed, the committee is to be called Friends of the Tower of St

Thomas. The Parish Council extended every good wish to the committee and offered assistance if needed.

e) Speed Camera: Member of the Public attended the meeting to report that he had requested with Traffic & Safety a risk assessment based on the removal of the speed camera but has not had a reply. It was reported that as a parish council we have been pressing Dan Norris, Traffic & Safety about the re-instatement of the camera and will continue to keep pressing for a replacement camera as it was effective in what it did.

f) Parish Liaison Meeting Report: A well attended although lengthy meeting was reported where discussions took place on Green issues, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Development Framework.

g) Remembrance Sunday Parade: This was well attended, although the traffic was stopped it was allowed to pass whilst prayers were being said. Mr Watson proposed that a letter should be sent stating the disappointment that there was no vicar in attendance, Mr Seymour seconded this point. It was noted that the War Memorial needs re-pointing and the conifer hedge behind it needs cutting back - Clerk to deal. Clerk to write to the Bugler and thank him for attending and ask if he has a nominated charity for the Parish Council to make a donation to. A donation of £25.00 will be made to the British Legion for the supply of the Poppy Wreath.

h) PACT Meeting Report: The three issues from this meeting were Speeding, Anti Social Behaviour and Parking, especially on the Zig Zag areas outside of primary schools. The police will visit areas of difficulty and if necessary put notices on cars. A concern raised was the elderly who use mobility scooters, many of them are not visible and the safety of their driving was questioned.

i) Bus Shelter: Clerk reported that repairs to the bus shelter had been completed and the bus shelter has now suffered some graffiti. This has been reported to the police. The police are also aware of the vans which regularly park in the bus pull in area outside the Miners Welfare Institute. Clerk to contact BANES and request that the barriers are now removed. Clerk had written to BANES reporting that although the Parish Council agreed with the proposals they remained concerned about the loss of the parking spaces. A reply received from BANES stated that they believed that the Parish Council was happy with the proposals, Clerk to reply.

7) Clerks Progress Report:

Highways: Old Road: The poor condition of the road surface has been reported to Council Connect and has been put on the programme for works.

Footpath Nursery Corner - Car Sales: The footpath was reported as needing attention. Highways report that this was cleared twelve

months ago and Highways can't keep spending money on footpaths between villages which aren't urgent.

Conifer Hedge at 41 Hillcrest: Although reported on 1st October 2008 still awaits an inspection to be carried out.

Horse Manure on Pavement: This was reported to Council Connect who say that it is not in breach of any by-laws and considered ok.

Log Cabin: There has been no response from the supplier to Building Control or from the owner.

Woollard Village Litter Bin: A request has been made for a new bin in the village and for a new one outside of the Lock Up.

Overhanging hedge behind the War Memorial: This has been reported.

Cleaning Vans parked by Miners Welfare Institute. Clerk has been informed that the Police are aware of the situation.

Footpath at the top of Pensford Hill: A letter and photographs from a resident on Pensford Hill reporting that even after the path was cut the path in many places has disappeared and in others is very dangerous. Walking to the bus is very hazardous next to the A37. A request has been made for the path to be reconstructed and fresh tarmac laid. Clerk has sent a copy of the letter and photographs to the Highways department.

Police: Chief Superintendent Gary Davies will be attending the January meeting.

Community Liaison Officer: Clerk reported that we have a new Officer, Joanna Brain who would like to attend a meeting with a view to discussing any issues we may have within our Parish. The liaison team can become involved with litter picking, hedge cutting, graffiti removal and re-painting. Clerk reported that she has made contact with Joanna in relation to the request for the new litterbins and the graffiti in the bus stop. Clerk to invite Joanna to the February meeting.

Planning & Enforcement:

Holly House: No decision to date

178 Woollard Lane: Site visit by Planning to take place on 17th November and Committee hearing on 26th November. Clerk was unable to obtain an update from enforcement regarding outstanding enforcement issues. However Mr Pegler reported that he would look into the new stables which have been put up in Belluton.

Incoming Post:

a) A guide called Registering Your Land; a guide for Parish Councils has been received.

b) Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document has been received. The consultation period is 30th October - 10th December. Copies are available on the web site www.bathnes.gov.uk/ldf

- c) ALCA AGM takes place on Saturday 29th November at 10.00a.m. Clerk to send apologies.
- d) Communities in Control consultation details have been received. Consultation closes 24th December.
- e) CPRE have launched an anti-litter campaign to help combat litter and fly tipping.
- f) BANES have written informing the Parish Council that the document Adoption of Existing Dwellings in the Green Belt Supplementary Planning Document was adopted on 6th October 2008 and will now form part of BANES Local Development Framework.
- g) An invitation has been received for the Parish Council to attend an Oak Tree Planting Ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Wednesday 10th November.

8) Planning:

08/03447/FUL Mr P Baxter St Tomas A Becket's Church. Conversion of former church into single residential dwelling (excluding tower) and restoration of boiler houses in churchyard. The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposal but will write to BANES stating that they wish to ensure that the surrounds are properly protected and any damages re-instated, but are happy with proposals to the knave.

08/03741/LBA Ms L Hurley Publow Oak Barn Blackrock Lane. Internal and external alterations to include single-storey garage extension and provision of new opening to link main building to converted garage (Regularisation).

08/03743/FUL Ms L Hurley Publow Oak Barn Blackrock Lane. Erection of single-storey garage extension (Retrospective). No objections raised to this retrospective application which the Parish Council believe has been carried out sympathetically.

08/04093/FUL Mr Hucker Railway Bungalow Bristol Road Pensford. Two storey dwelling to replace existing single storey dwelling. No objections raised.

Outcomes:

08/02539/LBA Mr P Baxter St Thomas A Becket's Church. Conversion of existing redundant church into single dwelling (excluding tower)

9) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

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| Mrs J Bragg | Clerk Salary October | 502.70 |
| Mrs J Bragg | Clerks Imprest | 34.20 |

Royal British Legion Donation to Poppy Wreath

25.00

Receipts to note: None to note

10) Any Other Business:

Patient Participation Group Meeting: Mrs Loney reported that the next meeting takes place on Tuesday 18th November at The Baptist Hall, Tunbridge Road, Chew Magna 7pm - 8pm. The surgery currently have a petition running for patients to sign regarding the proposals to do away with the Dispensary. Everyone is urged to sign this petition.

Lane in Belluton: It was reported that a fridge freezer has been dumped here. Clerk to report.

10 Hillcrest: Complaints have been received regarding the dog fouling being caused along a footpath which leads down to the A37. A neighbouring property has put up a solid fence but the pathway is continually being used to exercise a dog along here. The Housing Officer has been made aware of the situation. Clerk to write to Somer Housing.

Kerbs: It was reported that many of the kerbs around the village have greenery growing out of them. Clerk to report to BANES.

Alpaca Field: It was reported that a driveway has now been tarmaced here.

Old Road Sign: A new sign has been put up at the junction of Old Road and the A37 however it makes vision very difficulty when exiting the junction. Clerk to report to Traffic & Safety.

Noise Complaints: Noise complaints have been lodged with BIA regarding aircraft appearing to deviate from their flight paths and therefore being noisy as they cross Pensford. Anyone wishing to report Aircraft Noise can do so on 01275 473799.

11) Notice of Future Meetings:

Chew Valley Partnership Meeting, Wednesday 10th December at 7.00p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.15p.m.