

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLAW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET
PENSFORD**

Present: Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson, Mr L Seymour, Mr D Chilcott, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs S Loney, Mr S Filer, Mrs J Gully, Vice-Chairman Pensford Memorial Hall: Mr G Beedell, Mr Hugo Pike and member of the public Mr Arnold

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, clerk was asked to report to B&NES that the sign on the bend by Nursery Corner on the A37 has been knocked down.

Mendip View, Priestdown: Clerk to report to Police that there is often a wide tractor parked outside of this address encroaching onto the highway.

Memorial Hall: Flat Roof: Six tenders had been circulated with three quotations being submitted. On discussion it was agreed Moore Roofing would be asked to carry out the works to the flat roof. Moore Roofing had additionally quoted £12 per sq mtr for damaged or un-serviceable boards.

Main Roof: Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the main roof working from the same job specification. This will help when making an application for grant money. Hugo Pike is to apply to Lottery Funding Awards for All Grant.

Clerk to inform contractors that the removal of inert asbestos will be required during work on the main roof. It was agreed to contact Moore Roofing and Matthews, Keynsham.

Windows at Memorial Hall: Two smashed windows at the Hall have recently been replaced with upvc blank white boards.

BMX Track: Further spoil is required to make the jumps higher and wider. Road Plainings were suggested. Cost of spoil was discussed as the Memorial Hall Committee have limited funds for this. Mr T Phillips has put a request in to B&NES for a litterbin. Clerk has sent Mr Phillips copies of e-mails already requesting the same without success. An oil drum offered by Mr Filer will be in situ in a couple of weeks.

Toddlers Play Area: A successful grant from B&NES for £2,800 for updating the play area for the under 9's has been secured. Chairman Mr T Phillips is engaged with companies to discuss equipment.

1) Members of the Public: Member of the public reported that he has documents in relation to the parking at the front of his property on Pensford Hill should anyone wish to see them.

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Heaford, Mr Wareham & Cllr Edwards.

3) Minutes of Monday 12TH OCTOBER 2009 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes: Car Park: There was nothing further to report.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) Memorial Hall /Flat Roof/ Play Area: Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

b) Core Strategy: Mrs Gully attended a drop in session at Whitchurch Village Hall on Friday 6th November. There were many displays and charts. Those attending had to place a pin in a map to show where they were from. Not many answers to many questions were reported to be forthcoming.

Supporting infrastructure does not appear to have been considered.

The 500 houses proposed for Keynsham raised concerns regarding the possibility of an increase of traffic onto the A37 which already suffers two very bad junctions and quiet back lanes possibly becoming rat runs for traffic. It was agreed that improved roads and transport system is needed. Mr Chilcott will consult the Core Strategy Document, and attend the next meeting on 23rd November 2009, 7pm – 9pm at Whitchurch Community Centre. The Chew Valley Area Partnership have informed Parish Council that there is an exhibition at the Farmers Market in Keynsham on Saturday 14th November between 9am & 1pm.

Cllr Edwards has submitted his response as Ward Councillor. Parish Council will submit their response in due course.

c) Affordable Housing: B&NES are now pushing for a meeting before the Affordable Housing Survey expires in December. It was agreed to wait for the Chairman to return from holiday before holding a further meeting with B&NES and Somer.

d) Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2009: There appeared to be less in attendance this year. Complaints were made to the Police regarding the stopping of the traffic. A letter of thanks will be extended to the Bugler who played extremely well, Noreen Busby for her help in the arrangements and the Police who were in attendance to stop the traffic for the silence. Clerk to find out about scale of charges for the poppy wreath for next year as it was thought a larger wreath would be better.

e) The Chapel – Mill Lane: A reply has been received from Colin Hudson in relation to the possible encroachment of the Right of Way. There are many factors to take into account and discussions are in place with the Council's legal advisers. It was reported that the refuse lorry no longer uses the lane. Clerk to contact the Fire Authority in relation to access for Emergency Vehicles.

f) Financial Quarterly Report to 30th September 2009: The Financial Report was circulated. Income had received £3 in bank interest. Very little movement was shown and there were no questions raised. A discussion took place regarding future donations to the Memorial Hall. Further meetings will be held to discuss their business plan. Discussions took place on how the hall could be made more attractive to encourage regular use. Screening off half of the hall was suggested to make it more attractive to smaller parties. The boiler will need replacing in the next 2/3 years. A railing was reported to be still down since the Beer Festival.

6) Clerks Progress Report: Speed Camera: Clerk reported that it is proposed that the installation work will be complete by Wednesday 11th November. Electronic equipment and BT work will still be necessary, additional work to improve the speed limit signing and install advanced camera warning signs will be required. The camera will be up within a week although not running until commissioned. Clerk to follow up the installation of the flashing slow down sign with Stefan Chiffers.

Church Street Parking Proposals: Clerk had placed details of this on the noticeboard with no queries being raised. Clerk to notify Traffic & Safety with the Parish Councils support to this scheme. A meeting will be convened to discuss further proposals for the village, possibly for a footpath in front of the lock up instead of yellow lines which will be more attractive.

Footpath – Pensford Hill and Footpath from Garage to Chelwood Roundabout: Clerk reported that B&NES have not responded regarding complaints about these footpaths to the clerk however they have responded to Dan Norris reporting that weed killing works will be undertaken along the pathway from the bus stop to the garage. B&NES inspected the footpaths in Pensford on 12th October and no safety defects were identified on either path. Dan Norris has been invited to a future Parish Council meeting. Clerk has written with available dates, a reply is awaited.

Church Street Repairs: Were carried out on Monday 9th November.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme: Information packs have been received by Mr James who proposes to hold a meeting to find out if this can be a scheme to work alongside the Neighbourhood Watch.

Footpath by Mousehole: This was reported to Colin Hudson to look at.

Kissing Gate in Woollard: A gate has been damaged possibly by a tractor and hedge cutter. Colin Hudson has been given location details.

Footpath by Publow Church: Clerk has written to Colin Hudson passing on the Parish Councils' thanks to all involved with the repairs to the footpath.

High Street: Overhanging brambles and bad road surface have been reported to the Highways Inspector who is looking into it.

Conifers from Riverside Cottage: Another concern was raised regarding these conifers overhanging the pavement causing pedestrians to walk out near the road. B&NES were to issue a Vegetation notice to the owner. The overgrowing conifers are also causing the rear of the War Memorial to turn green. Parish Council will write to B&NES with these concerns with a copy to the owners. Cleaning of the War Memorial will be necessary.

Planning – Enforcement:

Clerk reported application no: 09/03020/FUL Mr & Mrs D Parnell, erection of three dwellings following demolition of existing 2 no. garages and stone wall,
09/03026/CA Mr & Mrs D Parnell demolition of existing 2 no garages and stone wall will be considered at the development control committee on 18th November 2009.

09/03387/FUL Mr Hucker, Railway Bungalow, Bristol Road. Erection of a two storey dwelling to replace existing single storey dwelling (Resubmission) will be considered at the committee on 18th November 2009.

09/03326/FUL Mr Younie, Old Church Cottage, Church Street. Conversion of property into 2 no 1 bed dwellings will be considered at the committee on 18th November 2009.

Chapel Farm, Rehabilitation Centre: A visit has been made by the planning authority. A revision of the rates has been made. The altering of the roof without necessary permission was discussed.

Possible Unauthorised erection of a log cabin, Woollard Lane, Woollard: A site visit has been made. Investigations will be ongoing.

Roundlands Stables, Blackrock Lane: A letter has been sent to enforcement regarding this site. A site visit has been requested to clarify use of the land as equestrian or agriculture.

Incoming Post:

1) A Planning Update has been received from Bristol International Airport. The Chairman of the PCAA has circulated an e.mail reporting that this is a very misleading document aimed at blunting the impact of some 6,000 objections to the planning application.

2) Details regarding CPRE AGM which is being held on Saturday 14th November have been received.

Safety Barriers by School: A discussion took place regarding the latest publicity regarding the newly installed barriers. It is reported that the barriers have been installed to B&NES specifications and are sited in the same position as barriers further along the pavement. The barriers do make access slightly difficult for the access/exit of a wheelchair to the school. A continuous barrier has been suggested, the Parish Council would support on the condition it is in-keeping with the village. The suggestion of a higher pavement with a barrier behind it was made. Clerk to write to the Head of the school.

7) Planning:

Application to discuss:

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. Parish Council raised concerns regarding no vision splay and the danger of pulling out directly onto the highway.

Outcomes:

APPEAL DECISION: 08/04710/FUL 4 Ways Pensford Ltd. Erection of two 3 bedroom semi-detached houses and gardens with garages and parking for each house. **Appeal allowed, planning permission granted.**

Tree Works Application in Conservation Area:

09/04121/TCA Mr N Hyde Chew Cottage Publow Lane Publow. Felling of tree. Parish Council Support.

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary Oct	537.04
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	28.04
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink Cartridges	26.00
British Legion	Donation for Poppy Wreath	25.00

9) Any Other Business:

Publow Lane: White lines on Publow Bridge need re-painting. Clerk to notify B&NES and request again the re-painting of the lines at the bottom of Parsonage Lane.

Birchwood Lane: Mrs Stephenson to look at the plaque at the end of Birchwood Lane which relates to the flood.

Youth Workers: Clerk to follow up what is happening with the Youth Bus and the Youth Workers. The bus has not been visible at the Memorial Hall for many months.

Play Area: A meeting will be arranged to discuss the condition of the Play Equipment and the BMX Track.

Old Road, Wall: Clerk to contact structures at B&NES and ask about the removal of ivy from this wall.

Woollard Hill: Clerk to contact B&NES to find out if it is possible for some road signs to be cleaned.

10) Notice of Future Meetings:

Patient Participation Group Meeting. Tuesday 10th November, 6.30 pm at Baptist Hall, Chew Magna.

Parish Cluster Meeting, Thursday 21st January 2010.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.15p.m.