

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006 AT 7.15p.m.  
AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford**

Mr L Seymour, Mr D Chilcott, Mrs J Gully, Mr B Watson, Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs S Loney. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

Four members of the public present.

**1. Members of the Public:** Members of the public were informed that representatives from Hinton Organics have been invited to our November meeting and have accepted the invitation. The Parish Council were asked by a member of the public to follow up a retrospective application in respect of the concrete pad which has been laid at the Hinton Organics site without the necessary planning consent.

**Woollard Lane:** It was reported that a hedge cutter had been along here, hand picking litter and a mechanical sweeper had also been along the lane.

However the hedge outside of Sunnyacres still encroaches onto the lane making it very difficult if walking along the lane. It was suggested that the Parish Council write to the owner of Sunnyacres asking them to arrange for their hedge to be cut back.

**Back Lane:** It was reported that following building work along here sand and cement has been left along the lane. Often the lane is blocked by cars parking across the lane. Clerk to speak to Traffic & Safety and highlight the parking difficulties. Cars outside of the new properties on the High Street are reported to be parking on the pavement.

**Speeding Hillcrest/Old Road:** It was suggested that possibly a 20mph limit should be enforced because of the elderly and children in the area. Clerk to recommend to Traffic & Safety Team.

**The Sidings, Wick Lane:** Concerns have been raised regarding concrete lorries entering this site. Clerk confirmed that she had already spoken with the enforcement team who are looking into reports of a two storey building being put up.

**Old Down:** Concerns over the caravans and generator noise here were reported. Clerk to make contact with Stanton Drew Parish Council Clerk.

**Dial-a-ride:** Leaflets have been received by residents in Hillcrest. Clerk to find out more about the possibility of running a Surgery Bus.

**2. Apologies for Absence** were received from Councillor Edwards, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs B Bowes, Mr S Filer.

**3. Minutes of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006** were altered as follows:

page 46/06 Traffic & Safety Issues: parking on the white line.

Page 48/06 building materials being stored at 39.

The minutes were then signed as a correct record.

**4. Matters arising from previous Minutes:** Regional Spatial Strategy: The Parish Council have received acknowledgement to comments submitted.

Reference was made to a link road from Weston Super Mare, South of Congresbury, following Wrington Vale to join the A38 South of the Airport.

This proposal is currently being promoted by North Somerset.

**Tennis Club:** It was reported that the roofing on the shed had been torn off again. The lights have suffered no further vandalism although they are not repaired as yet. Broken glass was reported in the grounds of the Memorial Hall around the Pavilion Room area. Clerk to notify Hall Committee.

**Memorial Hall Electrics:** No further update.

Gate Proposal: For future thinking. It was reported that there has been a greater Police Presence recently.

**Fernlea, Parsonage Lane:** It has been established that Parsonage Lane is a Class 4 road and therefore not a classified road for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning requirements. This means formation of an access to a highway which is not a classified road and where the access is required in connection with permitted development is allowed. There are some issues with the access which may require planning consent. The Enforcement Officer will keep the Parish Council updated as matters progress.

Following discussions it was thought that Publow Lane is a C Road and Priestdown is a C road and classified as such.

**Affordable Housing:** No further update. D Chilcott to e.mail Gary Ward.

**School Pavement:** No work has taken place to date.

**Car Park:** It was reported that another set of gates have been installed at the back of a property in Church Street.

**5. Items for Discussion: a) Hinton Organics:** It was reported that B&NES are experiencing problems with other recycling sites.

**b) Parish Council's Airport Association Meeting:** Mr Heaford attended the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Master Plan is due to be published and amongst it consideration for a relief road for Barrow Gurney. Also the relief road from Weston Super Mare. Residents who have concerns over increased night flights or lower flying aircraft due to the change in flight paths are advised to attend one of Dan Norris's surgeries. Once finalised the Master Plan will be used as a basis to North Somerset for future planning applications.

**c) ALCA Meeting:** A presentation by Chief Constable was made at the meeting. A resolution was proposed by a Parish Councillor who wanted ALCA and NALC to oppose the proliferation of unelected bodies. It was suggested that encouragement should be given for Junior Parish Councillors and that the age should be reduced from 21 to 18years. It was suggested that maybe the current vacancy on the Parish Council could be filled by a younger member? Mr Heaford also attended the B&NES Group meeting.

**d) Quarterly Financial Report:** Mr Chilcott circulated the Income & Expenditure Financial Report for the three months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the Financial Summary as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Allotment costs have increased due to the installation of the new supply but a surge in interest will help to contribute a little to the costs. Mazars & Underwood Lamb have been paid in respect of Internal and External Audits. Mr Chilcott reported adequate funds in line with the budget.

**e) Chew Valley Transport Needs Survey/Dial-a-ride:** All Parish Councillors attending the meeting were given the final copy of the Transport Needs Survey. Clerk to thank Community Action for this useful exercise. Clerk to contact the manager of the Doctors' Surgery to ascertain details for the proposal of a Surgery Bus.

**f) Remembrance Sunday Parade:** All arrangements are in place. Clerk has contacted all involved parties. Clerk has spoken to British Legion members and they are to deliver the wreath to Mr Seymour. Mr Watson is to lay the wreath on the War Memorial. The British legion asked if the Parish Council could re-consider their donation and increase it from £20 - £25. Parish Council agreed £25.

**g) Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods Roadshow:** Clerk explained that details have been received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary regarding this

Roadshow which is being held on November 6<sup>th</sup> 12 noon onwards at Priston Mill, Bath. The Roadshow will introduce what is planned for the area and will include input from serving Police Community Support Officers. Mr Watson or Mrs Stephenson possibly to attend.

**h) Police Parish Forum Report:** Mr Seymour and Mrs Bragg attended on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Very few parishes attended. There was a large presentation on the recruitment of PCSO's. Local crime was discussed with elderly people being encouraged to contact police. Clerk reported that Police & Planning Authorities can sometimes work alongside each other and Police will liaise with Architects of new builds.

Neighbourhood Beat Panels are to be introduced. Inspector Stuckes will be organising this.

**6. Clerks Progress Report: Highways/Traffic Speed:** Clerk reported that an e.mail had been sent to David Swift at Traffic & Safety, bringing to his attention the speed of the lorry reported along Old Road. The speed of traffic along Publow Lane was also highlighted. Clerk asked for better signage or any advice for traffic calming. Traffic & Safety reported that they would look up any existing speed data on record for Old Road and that Publow Lane would be looked at. A second e.mail received reported that existing speed data showed a speed of 34mph, just on the limit for enforcement. The number of vehicles using the road was considered to be reasonably low, therefore it would not be worthwhile adding this road to the Community Speed watch Programme. However Traffic and Safety Team would like to add the site to the speed box (mobile flashing sign) programme. This would be in the New Year. The Parish Council agreed that this should be considered, however the Parish Council will press for traffic calming measures due to the number of elderly residents and children in the area.

It was also reported at the meeting that Safer Routes to School were not happy with a 'Walking Crocodile' which was proposed to walk from Hillcrest to the Primary School.

Woollard Lane: An e.mail has been sent to Spencer Toghill asking for him to contact the Landowner of the hedge along Woollard Lane which is overhanging the highway.

Bench/Common Ground: The condition of the bench has been reported and a replacement requested. Also ownership has been queried.

Station Approach: The condition of the bollards has been reported.

Car Park: Church Street, the brambles and overgrown vegetation have been reported. The Willow Tree has now been cut back.

Cleansing: Problem areas were highlighted to Cleansing i.e. Woollard Lane, Priestdown and Publow Lane. Clerk requested for a thorough clean and sweep around the village. A number of fridges were reported when dumped at the bottom of Woollard Hill. It was reported that the Enforcement Team had to remove them.

Parsonage Lane: Clerk had received notification from B&NES that the lane will be closed for four days from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 whilst BT carry out Duct Laying works.

Hursley Hill Lay-by: Trays of rotting meat were reported to cleansing after they were dumped in the lay-by.

Parish Council Vacancy: Clerk has written to B&NES asking for posters to advertise the vacancy.

Allotments: Clerk has written to Whitehall Garden Centre asking for a donation of an incentive for the best kept allotment plot. Clerk has received two further enquiries for an allotment plot, we now have a waiting list. Mr Watson is to look into the price of a new water trough.

Brookside, Woollard: Clerk reported that a problem with a cess pit shared by the three cottages here had occurred. Wessex Water were contacted who informed Clerk that it was Environmental Health Department who could advise on the problem. A site visit by Mr Seabrook is awaited who will give the resident advice on legal positions.

#### **Incoming Post:**

1) Leaflets from B&NES regarding the Community Alarm Service have been received and will be kept on file for future reference.

2) Details from B&NES have been received regarding Zero Waste Week Challenge taking part Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**7. Planning: Applications looked at by Sub-Committee: 06/03232/FUL** Mr James Hillside House Pensford Hill. First Floor side extension following the removal of existing flat roof to be replaced with new pitched tile roof. (Resubmission). No objections.

**06/03174/OUT** Mr & Mrs N Bailey 25 Hillcrest Pensford. Detached dwelling & formation of new driveways. Object.

**06/03140/FUL** Mr & Mrs Ford Parcel 5900 Priestdown Lane Publow. Retention of existing stables. No objections.

Applications looked at: **06/03361/FUL** Mr & Mrs J Heaford Bellevue Publow Lane Publow. Increased height of garage roof with two dormers & garden room attached to garage, replacing existing conservatory. This application was discussed under AOB.

**06/03470/FUL** Mr & Mrs Brain Stoneleigh 118 Hillcrest Pensford. Single storey side extension to provide porch, wc, cloakes and sun lounge. No objections to proposal. There appeared to be enough room to accommodate the extension and materials are in keeping with the surrounds. However clerk to bring to the attention of Planning Authority the address that the Parish Council believes should be 118 The Common.

Outcomes: **06/02517/FUL** Mr & Mrs Arnold Turnpike Cottage Wells Road Chelwood. Single Storey Granny annexe following demolition of existing detached garage. Refused.

**06/02771/FUL** Castle Tynings Ltd Development Site The Orchard Pensford. Erection of a dwelling and formation of new access with associated works to land North of Fermain (Resubmission). Permitted.

**06/01957/FUL** Mrs S Thompson 178 Publow Lane Publow. Change of use of land and formation of vehicular access in association with adjacent house. Permitted.

#### **8. Financial Matters: Payments to be authorised:**

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary September Net	443.14
Mrs J Bragg	Imprest	35.20

#### Receipts to Note:

B&NES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Part Precept	4325.00
Nat West	Treasury Stock Interest	340.87
Nat West	Reserve Account Interest	3.07
Nat West	Capital Reserve Account Interest	52.56

**9. Any Other Business: Flowers/Planters** – The placing of planters with seasonal flowers was suggested again to brighten up the village.

Costs etc are to be looked into. The suggestion of obtaining barrels from the reclamation site was made.

PCSO's School Visit: It was suggested that the PCSO's be asked to contact the Head of the School to visit possibly once a term to discuss any Anti-Social Behaviour issues.

50 Hillcrest: Reported to be in hands of the Enforcement Officer.

Ringspit Lane: Flattening of the land and re-turfing here was reported.

Church Street Car Park: A discussion took place regarding the new set of gates which have been installed at the back of a property in Church Street, and the urgent need to determine ownership of the Car Park. Although split into three parts between Bristol Water, B&NES and the Miners Hall it was reported that there was a cottage originally in the Car Park before the flood. Two years after the flood occurred the area began to be used as a Car Park. Parish Council agreed to write to residents and point out that the Parish Council are concerned that the Car Park should continue to be used as a Car Park for the village as it has been for nearly forty years.

One Way/Church Street: It was reported that cars are continuing to enter the wrong way into Church Street.

**Planning:** At this point of the meeting Mr Heaford left the meeting, allowing the Parish Councillors to discuss a Planning application relating to his property. **06/03361/FUL** Mr & Mrs Heaford Bellevue Publow Lane Publow. Increased height of garage roof with two dormers and single storey garden room attached to garage replacing existing conservatory. There were no objections to this application. Parish Council agreed that the overall proposal reflects more closely the existing character of the dwelling.

**10. Notice of Future Meetings: Parish Cluster Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Club Lounge Riversuite Keynsham.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7.15p.m.**

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