

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.15p.m. AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman:** Mr T Heaford

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

Beat Manager – PC G Lord and Nine members of the public present.

**Policing:** Glenn Lord was welcomed to the meeting. Parking issues at the High Street, Hillcrest and Station Approach were reported to have been completed and satisfactory.

Criminal damage was reported to have increased by three offences, possibly due to the recent vandalism experienced by the Tennis Club. Police have attended a recent Village Hall Committee meeting, following which PC Gerry Monks has carried out a Crime Prevention survey of the Hall and Car Park area. Children have been reported to have been causing a nuisance with motorcycles, cars & scooters. Youths causing noise have been reported recently on Publow Bridge.

It is hoped there will soon be a greater Police presence with an increase of visits to the village.

**Police Community Support Officers:** PC Lord reported that Avon & Somerset Constabulary have vacancies for these positions. There is a nationwide advertising campaign underway. Anyone interested in applying can obtain an application form from PC Lord or Paul Cornelius, PCSO. Or by logging onto the website.

**Neighbourhood Police Meeting:** A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 to discuss current local problems for Parish Councils. Mr Seymour and Mrs Bragg are to attend.

**Chew Valley Action Group:** PC Lord will continue to visit this meeting. PC Lord will next visit the Parish Council in April/May 2007 to provide the Parish Council with their next six monthly update.

**1. Members of the Public:** Members of the public attended the meeting to raise again the issue of speeding traffic along Old Road. It was reported that a member of the public had closely followed a lorry along Old Road, travelling at 45mph to keep up with the lorry. Mr Heaford reported that Traffic & Safety Team had been made aware of these concerns and had reported that a traffic count had been carried out in 2002 with 85 percent of cars travelling at 43mph. This will be followed up again.

**Surgery Bus:** Clerk reported to Members of the Public that other parishes which run a surgery bus pay £10 per week to the bus company, with passengers paying £1 to an honesty box. Clerk further reported that Keynsham & Saltford District Dial-a-ride will be expanding into the Pensford area in October. Clerk awaits further details and leaflets, once received they will be placed around the village. Dial-a-ride are also distributing leaflets in the area.

**Hinton Organics/Kelston Sparkes:** A response from Cllr Curran had been received. Planning permission for the Kelston Sparkes site ran out at the end of August. SLR Consultants have received a 'Working Plan' for Hinton Organics. A copy of which has also been sent to Compton Dando Parish Council. Members of the Public were advised to make direct contact to obtain a copy of the Working Plan. It was reported that Hinton Organics are to

spend 2.5 million on an In-vessel operation. Odour problems continue to be reported on a regular basis. Members of the public now feel it is time to call back representatives from all parties to meet again to try to gain a response to all original issues raised, as this still has not happened.

Lack of Enforcement action regarding the installation of the concrete pad still remains an issue. Concerns over the spores and health implications to local residents is still an ongoing concern.

A representative from the Environmental Health Department (Samantha Colley) made a site visit in June.

Conclusion of all discussions regarding both sites was for a meeting to be called for November to discuss the ongoing issues at Parish Council.

**Common Land:** It was reported that where the common land joins Sunnyacres along Woollard Lane the grass has recently been cut, leaving behind a large amount of litter. There is a seat there reported to be about thirty five years old and very dilapidated. Trees here have never been cut and have become very overgrown.

Blackthorn & Blackberry bushes are reported to be growing out into the road making it very difficult to walk along the lane.

Clerk to contact Cleansing at B&NES and request for the area to be cleaned.

S Toghill to be contacted regarding the overhanging vegetation problems.

B Watson to look at the Common Land.

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs J Gully, Cllr P Edwards, Mrs B Bowes.

**3. Minutes of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006** having been circulated and read were duly signed as being a true record.

**4. Matters Arising** from the previous minutes: Transport Needs Survey: There has been no further update and final report in respect of the survey. Clerk to follow up.

Affordable Housing: Clerk had circulated a note with the minutes updating Parish Councillors with details following a meeting held between Mr Chilcott, Mrs Loney, Gary Ward B&NES, Somer Housing and BBA, Architects.

Following the meeting it concluded that the allotment land would be the preferred option. A report to this effect will be prepared and passed to Gary Ward. Mr Chilcott to follow up.

**5. Items for Discussion: Hinton Organics/Kelston Sparkes:** It was confirmed that a meeting will be convened for November. Drainage concerns were raised in relation to the Kelston Sparkes site which should now be wound down with only the import of soils onto the site and no further material leaving the site. It was reported that there still remains a mountain of concrete to come out of the site.

**b) Regional Spatial Strategy:** As a Parish Council we have responded although no acknowledgement has been received. The Consultation Process will now continue.

**c) Bristol International Airport Consultative Committee:** A meeting took place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August to discuss a Chew Valley Representative to BIA Consultative Committee. Mr Heaford attended the meeting and reported that Neil Cowan, Chairman of Chew Magna Parish Council had been appointed to this position.

**d) Pensford Tennis Club Hut/Vandalism:** The Tennis Club have suffered vandalism five times during the month of August. The tennis club hut has had three attempts to be broken into with considerable damage being caused. The Tennis Club lights have also been broken by paving stones. Youths of 13/14 years old were reported to have damaged the hut with 18 year olds causing damage to the lights. It was reported that the Police were very helpful. It was suggested that maybe the Police could visit the school to address behavioural issues. Mr Watson to speak to the school.

At this point of the meeting Mr Watson reported that alterations to the school are running behind schedule but hope to complete by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The skip blocking the bus stop will be looked at and moved if possible.

**e) Fernlea/Parsonage Lane:** Mr Heaford reported that following consultations with other Parish Council members a letter had been sent to the planning authorities. A reply from the Enforcement Department informed the Parish Council that a site visit was made, photos were taken and highways have been contacted and enquiries continue. It was agreed that the Parish Council were right to register their complaint. We await full plans.

**f) Memorial Hall Update:** Following a recent review of duty of care it was found that the Committee needed to hold an IEE Certificate for the hall electrics without which the insurance would be invalid. A specification for the works was written and three tenders were sent out. All companies were confirmed to have necessary qualifications to provide this certificate. JRD Electrical have been appointed to carry out the work. All invoices will be in the name of the Parish Council.

Comments from the Police at the Hall Committee meeting to help with security were to install gates at the Memorial Hall Car Park. The issue of the wall stability was questioned. Clerk confirmed that a reply in writing has never been received from Martin Davis at B&NES. The Hall Committee will consider the suggestions of gates and any proposals will be brought to the Parish Council.

**6. Clerks Progress Report: Mr Coles resignation from Parish Council:**

Clerk has written to Mr Coles thanking him for his valued input to the Parish Council and wished him well for the future. Details of the vacancy will again be sent for advertising in the Parish Magazine. Clerk also to advertise the vacancy on the notice boards.

**Traffic & Safety Issues: White Lines at Hillcrest:** Clerk received a reply from Mr D Swift, Traffic Technician at the Traffic & Safety Team, B&NES who informed the Parish Council that the issue at Hillcrest was now sorted out. PC Glenn Lord had offered to speak to the resident about parking on the Keep Clear. It was confirmed that a fee of £100 would have been paid for the line to be put down. Clerk reported that Cllr Edwards had finally received a reply following his enquiry about the line and his request for a traffic count. It was reported to Cllr Edwards that a speed count completed in 2002 showed 85 percentile speed of around 43mph on Old Road, not considered by Traffic & Safety Team to be overly fast.

**Keep Clear Line/Station Approach:** All reported to be complete with the lining contractor able to install the lines whilst the car obstructing the work was moved.

**White Lining request/The Orchard:** Traffic & Safety Team do not consider that a keep clear line opposite the junction is needed, as any vehicle parked

there would not cause major problems for cars exiting The Orchard. Clerk was asked to contact Mr Swift at Traffic & Safety Team.

**Safer Communities Initiative Fund:** Clerk has informed Traffic & Safety that the Parish Council are to put a bid for funding on hold until 2007/08. A request for ideas in relation to traffic calming along Old Road have also been asked.

**Church Street:** Clerk has requested that the Parish Council should see any proposals regarding alterations in and along Church Street, especially at the No Entry by the Post Office.

**Station Approach Visibility Problems:** Were brought to the attention of the Traffic & Safety Team and Highways were again notified.

It was reported to the clerk at the meeting that the bollards at the end of Station Approach need attention.

**Footpaths Officer:** Clerk has spoken to Will Steel, PROW at B&NES regarding the risk assessment and Mr Gillett working alone. Simple systems should be in place such as someone being notified where Mr Gillett will be working and approximately what time he will return, he should carry a mobile at all times and possibly a first aid kit. B&NES have put together a Safe Working Practices Manual and have offered to meet with a Parish Council Member to discuss it further. The Parish Council agreed that simple systems should be in place.

**Annual Return:** Mazars have now signed off the Accounts and copies of the Annual Return and Conclusion of the accounts notice have been placed on the Notice boards.

**Allotments:** Agreements have all been issued and returned to Clerk. A Whitchurch resident has made an enquiry about renting an allotment plot. Mr Watson suggested the installation of a small tank for tenants to obtain water. The suggestion of a gift voucher to be presented at the end of the year to the tenant with the tidiest plot should be made. Clerk to write to Garden Centres asking for a donation.

**School Pavement:** Clerk has asked Highways to survey the condition of the pavement out side of the school and repair where necessary.

**Policeman's' Lane:** Clerk has brought to the attention of Highways and the Traffic & Safety Team a lorry which recently caused damage whilst trying to drive up the lane. Clerk reported that Castle Tynings have now been granted planning consent for a new dwelling and signage for a width and weight restriction should be considered. Parish Councillors agreed that notices are needed.

**Priestdown:** The large pot hole here was reported and has now been repaired.

**Ragwort:** All areas with Ragwort growing have been reported to B&NES and will be added to their yearly programme.

**Hillside House:** B Gillett has cleared the footpath next to Hillside House. A copy of his report has been submitted to the Public Rights of Way Department.

**Dog Fouling:** A request for signage at the footpath on Publow Lane was submitted. New signs have now been installed.

**Planning/Enforcement:** Clerk reported that there is a new enforcement officer Jeanette Bokacz. Clerk has highlighted the problem sites.

The Sidings: A site visit is proposed

Milestone Bungalow: Cars are appearing again for sale. A site visit will be made.

Pensford Vehicle Centre: Planning consent will be looked at and a site visit made.

The Spangles: A site visit has been made and a request to tidy the site made. Another visit will be made.

Crestbank, Hursley Lane: Property owned by Mr & Mrs Cano. A query had been made to the Clerk regarding building works here. Clerk reported that planning permission was granted in 2002 for the conversion of a stable block to form a two bedroom dwelling over two storeys.

It was reported at the meeting that building materials being stored at no.50 Hillcrest have now been moved round the back to a neighbouring property. Clerk to follow up.

**Incoming Post:**

1. Delivery Report, First Local Transport Plan 2001 – 2006 (passed to Chairman for further consultation).

2. Details regarding Cleaner Communities have been received from B&NES, posters have been placed on the notice boards. Information included how residents can report issues such as fly-tipping and abandoned cars.

A parish councillor asked about the law in relation to Horse Manure on pavements? Clerk to follow up.

3. A letter had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

4. A quarterly newsletter from Somer Housing has been received.

5. Notification of Community Action Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October has been received.

6. An invitation to attend a Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Exhibition on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September had been received from Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

7. A guide produced by EnCams was received which provides updated information on laws relating to litter, dog fouling, waste, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, graffiti etc. Mr Watson has taken the booklet to look at further.

**7. Planning: Applications looked at by Sub-Committee: 06/02517/FUL** Mr & Mrs Arnold, Turnpike Cottage Wells Road. Single Storey Granny Annexe, demolition of existing detached garage. **Support.**

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

**06/02478/FUL** Mr D Rogerson 1 Belluton Villas Pensford Hill. Installation of rear and side dormers. **Object.**

It was reported at the meeting that the footpath which runs along the back of Belluton Villas is completely closed off. Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way Department.

**06/02771/FUL** Castle Tynings Ltd Land North of Fermain. New dwelling and formation of new access with associated works. **Object.** It was reported at the meeting that Andy Ross, Planning had made a site visit along with residents of Sprytona. It was further reported that Planning Department may allow this application to go ahead. The question was asked that if sufficient objections are made could the application be referred to committee?

**06/02879/FUL** Mr M Howie Land South of Jaycee Back Lane Pensford. One four bedroom dwelling. **Support** if a reduced scale is submitted.

**Planning Outcomes: 06/00068/FUL** Cotswold Homes Ltd. The Oaks High Street Pensford. Redesign of unit including reduced roof height and additional roof light at Plot 5 (in accordance with revised plans received 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006). Permitted.

**06/00696/FUL** Mr & Mrs P Sessford 111 Wells Road Chelwood. Erection of a replacement dwelling (previously 111 Whitley Batts). Permitted.

**06/00889/FUL** Mr & Mrs Clouting Newbridge House 198 Publow Lane. Single Storey garage with attic space, demolish existing dilapidated garage (Resubmission). **REFUSED.**

**06/01579/FUL** Mrs J Ford Parcel 5900 Priestdown Lane Publow. Use of land as a site for a mobile home as a temporary dwelling for five years in conjunction with a new agricultural business. **REFUSED.**

**06/00978/FUL** Mr & Mrs Clouting Newbridge House 198 Publow Lane. Single storey replacement garage and storage space. **Permitted.**

**06/01454/FUL** Mr & Mrs D Jones Nursery Farm New Road Pensford. Erection of 1800mm high stone facing wall behind the existing hedge on the garden perimeter with side access gate as amended by revised plans received 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006. **Permitted.**

**06/01487/FUL** Castle Tynings Ltd Land/Development site Police Lane Pensford. New dwelling and formation of a new access and associated works (resubmission). **Permitted.**

**06/01426/FUL** Mr I Locke Woodland View Pensford Old Road Pensford. Conversion of loft on existing bungalow to form additional storey change from flat roof to pitch roof on garage. **Refused.**

**06/02384/FUL** Mr & Mrs Harrison Westover, Priestdown Lane Publow. Single storey rear extension (resubmission). **Permit**

**06/02478/FUL** Mr D Rogerson 1 Belluton Villas Pensford Hill Pensford. Installation of dormers to side and rear. **Refused.**

#### **Appeals:**

**05/02378/FUL Appeal Ref: 05/00100/RF** Castle Tynings Ltd Development Site The Orchard Pensford. Erection of a new dwelling & associated works.

#### **Appeal withdrawn.**

#### **8. Financial Matters: Payments authorised during August 2006:**

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary July – Net	443.14
Mrs J Bragg	Clerks Imprest	36.80
DCM Computers	Repairs to Clerks Computer	88.13

#### Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary August – net	443.24
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	21.43
Mazars	Completion of Audit to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2006	141.00

Parish Councils' Airport Association Subscription for Year 2006 50.00

**9. Any Other Business: Litter:** The general state of the village and lack of cleansing was commented upon. Clerk confirmed that cleansing have requested that any problem areas should be reported to them as and when they occur and the matter will be dealt with. Woollard Hill, Priestdown and Publow Lane were reported as needing attention. Clerk to deal.

**Speed A37:** Concern was raised in respect of vehicles coming down the A37 into Pensford with suggestion made that the Parish Council look into becoming involved in a Community Speed Watch Programme.

Publow Lane was reported to be used as a 'rat run' since the closure and the re-opening of the A37, cars do not stick to the 30mph speed limit.

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It was reported that cars speed around the bend by the Lock Up into Publow Lane, this is not helped by a van which continually parks on the corner.

**Playground Litter Bin:** Reported to need emptying. This was reported to be the Hall Committee's responsibility.

**Parish Forum:** Comments were made that the forthcoming Parish Forum meeting will not give Parish's the opportunity to obtain answers to concerns.

**Car Park:** It was reported that the brambles along the steps need cutting back again. The Willow Tree is also in need of cutting. The area looks untidy. B&NES are to be contacted.

**10. Notice of Future Meetings:** Keynsham Sector Police Parish Forum, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.00p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> October 2006 at 7.15p.m.**

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