

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.15p.m.
AT CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

Present:

Chairman: Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson
Mr D Chilcott, Mr S Filer, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Grimes,
Mrs J Stephenson, Mr P Wareham. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg
There were seven members of the public present.

1) More Trees for BANES - Welcome Adam Gretton - BANES: Mr Gretton was unable to attend the meeting.

2) Members of the Public: Members of the public attended the meeting to raise further concerns regarding planning application no.08.02237/OUT which although it had been amended fails to answer previous concerns regarding the demolition of a barn which is part of the history of Pensford being part of the old market place. Concerns were also expressed regarding the amount of traffic which will be created in the form of delivery lorries etc and the fact that a small lane cannot sustain such traffic. English Heritage has been contacted in respect of the barn. Objections have been raised by many residents and the Parish Council.

3) Apologies for Absence: Cllr Edwards, Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Loney
Although absent from the meeting Cllr Edwards had submitted a report regarding the Regional Spatial Strategy. The note was read to the Parish Council by Mr Heaford with important points raised such as initially 15,500 new homes were proposed for the district by 2026 and now the number has increased to 21,300. The effect on Whitchurch is to raise the numbers to 9,500 of which 1,500 will be built within the Bristol City Boundary. A public meeting will be held at the Community Hall in Whitchurch on Friday 19th September and Parish Council members were urged to attend. Mr Heaford proposed that the Parish Council should respond in writing with objections to these proposals.

4) Minutes of Monday 14TH JULY 2008 having been circulated were amended to read on page 37/08 that Olivia Pinkney is to become Acting Chief Constable and then signed as a correct record.

5) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Car Park: No further update

Affordable Housing: There was no further update since Parish Council requested a better design for the affordable houses.

HGV Restriction North Somerset: See under Incoming Post for further details.

Hinton Organics: A half page report had been written in a recent copy of the Times newspaper reporting that a law case had recently fallen through because of Financial Guarantees.

Airport Noise: Further noise complaints had been lodged with BIA. A question was raised regarding the height at which small flying club aircraft should be flying as they have appeared recently to be quite low. The tracker system is still awaited.

6) Items for Discussion:

a) Bus Stop Update: A meeting took place between Parish Councillors and BANES on Monday 8th September. It was reported that BANES propose to install a new bus shelter outside the Miners Welfare Institute which will include the removal of 2/3 parking spaces. On the school side of the bridge BANES propose to install a longer sweep for the bus to pull in with a canopy type stop installed. This will remove possibly four parking spaces. All new stops will have electronic displays installed. Although requested in the past new stops are not anticipated for Hillcrest and Hursley Hill. Clerk was asked to email BANES and ask for the revised plan in relation to these works to enable the Parish Council to discuss further. It was suggested that the old bus shelter should be removed and the stone used to re-build the wall. It was reported that the steel barriers have gone from the front of the damaged shelter which remains in an unstable condition.

b) PACT Meeting Report: Another good meeting was reported. It was reported by Mike Weston (BANES Area Traffic Engineer) that following the meeting held with the Parish Council any improvements to Pensford Hill would require an extensive/expensive project and also traffic signals for HGV's were not possible at the moment. P C Glenn Lord gave a report on progress reporting that crime was down. New issues raised were nuisance youths and damage at the Memorial Hall. It is hoped that visits to Pensford by the Youth Team will have an effect on the anti-social behaviour around the hall. Discussions took place regarding the possible introduction of a BMX cycle track at Pensford Memorial Hall using funding from the Pathfinder money. The date of the next meeting is 14th October 2008. Venue to be confirmed

c) Chew Valley Area Partnership Report: This was attended by Mrs Stephenson where further discussions took place on the Regional Spatial Strategy Proposals, and that an increase in housing from 15,000 to 21,300 really is not acceptable.

d) Allotment Site: Clerk reported that there are now five people on the waiting list for allotment plots. Parish Council to look into providing space to the right hand side of the allotment site. Clerk had obtained details regarding Public Liability Insurance from the BANES Allotment web site. Insurance through a company called SWCAA Insurance means that an allotment holder for £2 per year can cover against injury to any person and damage to property and interference with or loss of enjoyment of property as a result of obstruction, trespass or nuisance. The cover is up to

£5,000.00 per individual. This will be brought to the attention of allotment holders at the renewal time of Annual Rent in January.

e) **Memorial Hall:** See under Clerks Progress Report.

Children's Play Area: The Parish Council have been offered 100% funding for improvement to the children's' play area under the Play Pathfinder funding Scheme. The Parish Council have accepted the offer and nominations for the sub-committee are Mrs J Stephenson, Mr B Watson and Mr T Phillips. Clerk to notify Andy Chard.

f) **Speed Camera:** Concerns have been raised with Traffic & Safety department at BANES regarding the removal of the speed camera after it had been burnt and the question taken up when will it be replaced. BANES informed clerk that the past installation and replacement of safety cameras was funded through the safety camera partnership. Changes to this now mean that it is the responsibility of the councils to fund the camera enforcement and there is little or no funding for unplanned costs. Traffic & Safety report that it is planned to reinstall the camera however a time scale cannot be given. Clerk was given a newspaper cutting from the Evening Post on Wednesday 30th July 2008 which was headed Curb Speed pleas for A37.

Chairman has written to MP Mr Norris and awaits a reply

Re-Addressing at Woollard, Bristol and Whitchurch, Bristol: Further details will be reported at the October meeting following further consultation from Mrs J Stephenson.

7) Clerks Progress Report:

Woollard Lane/Hedge cutting: A badly overhanging hedge by the Cattery at the top of Woollard Hill has again been taken up with Highways. They are to contact the owner. Residents of Woollard Lane remain concerned regarding the lack of attention to the triangle and the cutting of the grass. Clerk has forwarded all copies of requests made to highways to the concerned resident. Grass cutting of the triangle will be undertaken by a resident in Woollard Lane. One cut per year at £25.00 was agreed. Clerk was asked to look into if the Highway is adopted and therefore the grass cutting could be BANES responsibility.

Footpath: The footpath between Belluton and the A37 was reported to Highways again. A request for it to be cut and edged was made.

Ragwort: BANES were notified and details were passed to the officer within the Parks Department who deals with this problem.

Publow Lane: The tractor and mower often parked on the lane was reported to the PCSO's and they will monitor it and if thought to be a danger the owner will be asked to move it off of the road.

Parsonage Lane: Potholes at the bottom end of the lane have been reported.

New Road: An overhanging hedge along the footway has been reported to BANES.

Environment Agency: A report has been made to the Environment Agency regarding grass cuttings which are being tipped over the rear of a property onto the riverbank. Wooden pallets are also dumped by the river. A report made to the Environment Agency regarding a fallen tree in the river at Publow recently received prompt attention.

Car Park Church Street: A complaint was passed through to the dog warden regarding a dog-fouling problem in the car park. Dogs are being exercised here. A letter will be sent out pointing out that dogs are not allowed in the car park.

Man Hole Cover - Pensford Bridge: A man hole cover by the crossing was reported to highways as it had become loose and very noisy. Tarmac around the edge was also reported to be breaking up.

Youth Bus: The Youth Bus was on site at Pensford Memorial Hall on 7th August and on the 21st August. The second date included the Skate Park. Clerk has spoken to Eli Connah the Youth Worker who reported that it was really well attended. The winter programme starts again with visits to Pensford on a Tuesday evening. It is hoped to decorate the bus and could be on TV at the end of the month on ITV fixes. The Youth Workers would like to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss their future ideas and projects and possibly become involved with the BMX Project. They would like to discuss the possibility of grants through Active Leisure who provide sports equipment for youngsters. Clerk to invite them to a future meeting.

Red Phone Box at Hillcrest: Clerk reported that she had obtained information called Adopt a Kiosk, which would be a way of retaining the red telephone box. The scheme involves either adopting the kiosk which means the kiosk will remain in situ but all equipment will be removed. The other choice would be to sponsor a Kiosk which would incur a yearly charge of £500. The Parish Council proposed to look further into Adopting the Kiosk. Clerk to follow up. The deadline is October 1st 2008.

Zero Waste Week Challenge: The person in charge of this initiative was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. Posters for display had been posted on the notice boards. Clerk reported that it would still be possible to take part using the downloadable application form.

Memorial Hall: Clerk had sent a letter to Sgt Alison Norman thanking her following the vandalism problem.

Log Cabin: Building Control are now looking into this and have reported that if a building is within a certain meteridge of an adjoining building it would require some form of fire resistance. Building Control is currently trying to contact the makers of the cabin.

Publow Lane: Concerns regarding Tractor Units parked in Publow Lane and driving up and down Blackrock Lane were raised with the PCSO's. It was reported that the owner was using the units to help him move and notification had been given to the police prior to them being parked in Publow Lane.

Planning/Enforcement: Access onto Wick Lane: Cllr Edwards had emailed Enforcement Officer asking if a Contravention Notice had been served. A site visit had been made and it was reported that a notice was not issued because the owner had stopped up the gap with a close-boarded fence. And there is no access from the site onto Wick Lane. All work is reported to be complete and vegetation growing over. The site of the tip had been cleared.

Old Down, Stanton Lane - 08/02721/FUL: Clerk had received a note from Stanton Drew Parish Council that a smaller application had been submitted for this address. Parish Council would like to look at the plan as the proposal would have an impact on residents in Station Approach and Belluton. Clerk to follow up.

Incoming Post:

a) Letters have been received from the new Police District Commander, Mr Gary Davies. Mr Davies is looking forward to attending various local meetings to meet people and hear views on policing in the local area. Clerk to invite Mr Davies to a future meeting.

b) Avon and Somerset Constabulary are holding their Annual Community Policing Awards in March 2009 and are now seeking nominations for Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Neighbourhood Team, PCSCO and Special Constable of the Year. And the Outstanding Customer Service Award. Closing date for applications is 30th November 2008.

c) The ALCA AGM takes place on Saturday 4th October. Clerk to forward apologies

d) Newsletter no.2 providing an update on the Local Framework has been received from BANES and was circulated at the meeting.

e) Clerk has received notification from BANES regarding the experimental weight restriction on the A368 between the A38 at Churchill and the junction with the B3134 at Burrington Combe. The aim being to reduce HGV's using this route. Compton Martin Parish Council has replied raising concerns. Chew Magna Parish Council have written urging North Somerset Council to encourage consultation with BANES to get a scheme to ban HGV's both on the B3130 and the A368 from the A37 to A38.

f) Avon Wildlife Trust has produced first copies of their Avon Biodiversity Review. Copies were given to Mr Watson and Mr Filer.

g) Details regarding a Community Planning Event have been received. This

is being held at Compton Dando Village Hall on Thursday 20th November 2008 10.00a.m. - 2 p.m.

Planning:

Applications looked at by Sub-Committee:

08/02483/FUL Mr Buck Stepstones Hillcrest Pensford Link area between bungalow and garage, new roof over existing building and erection of existing garage into a bedroom Parish Council Support

08/02499/FUL Mr Flexman Roundlands Farm Blackrock Lane Publow Erection of rear extension 2 no. side extensions and new raised pitched roof with rear dormers to provide additional accommodation (resubmission) Parish Council support

08/02599/REN Mr. & Mrs. Hunt 39 Hillcrest Pensford. Detached dwelling (renewal of permission 03/01856/FUL) Parish Council Support.

08/02539/LBA Mr P Baxter St Thomas A Becket's Church Conversion of existing redundant church into a single dwelling (excluding tower) Parish Council support letter sent subject to access.

Applications to be looked at:

08/02926/FUL Mr K Showering Mountain Stables 178 Publow Lane. All weather horse-riding arena for personal use. Parish Council object Clerk to reply regarding the disfigure of the landscape. Visibility from neighbouring properties and those within the Conservation Area Query regarding Listed Building Status

08/03022/FUL Mr & Mrs Tremlett 49 Hillcrest Pensford Two storey side extension - Parish Council Support

08/02237/OUT Mr Rigby Holly House Hillcrest New dwelling following demolition of existing barn. A letter had been received from the owner of Holly House and was read out by the Chairman. Clerk to reply to Planning and register objections to the proposal, and the proposed removal of a barn which is an important part of the history of Pensford. Concerns remain regarding traffic and parking problems and the impact that the proposal would have on the neighbouring property Castell. Parish Council to contact English Heritage regarding the Listing of the Barn

Outcomes:

08/00047/AR Punch Taverns Travellers Rest Pensford Hill - display of externally illuminated fascia and freestanding sign - REFUSE
Clerk to follow up with enforcement.

08/01992/FUL Mr & Mrs Jones 3 Wesley Terrace High Street Pensford - summerhouse - permitted.

08/02111/FUL Mr Rummins 45 Hillcrest Single storey rear extension REFUSE.

08/02483/FUL Mr S Buck Stepstones Hillcrest Pensford Link area between bungalow and garage, new roof over existing building and erection of existing garage into a bedroom - permitted.

08/02499/FUL Mr Flexman Roundlands Farm Blackrock Lane Publow Side extension and addition of dormers to roof (Resubmission) Permitted

APPEAL DECISION:

3 and 2 Hillside Cottages Pensford Hill - to extend existing dropped kerb to allow parking (parallel) in front gardens. Appeal dismissed.

9) Financial Matters:

Payments authorised during August:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary July Net	481.30
Mrs J Bragg	Clerks Imprest	36.80
DCM Computers	Repairs to Clerks Computer	70.00
P & G Contractors	Emergency Repairs for Memorial Hall	517.00

Receipts to Note:

Memorial Hall	Donation	440.00
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary August Net	481.30
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	25.50
Mazars	External Audit Complete to 31/3/08	158.62

10. Any Other Business:

Financial: the 2007/08 Audit process has now been completed. Clerk to display the Annual Return notice on notice boards and a copy will be placed on the web site.

Conifer Hedge: A note was passed to the Parish Council regarding a hedge at Hillcrest which is next to the public footpath which runs from no's 32 to 36. Clerk to notify BANES to try and get it cut back.

Woollard Lane: Clerk was asked to speak to the Planning Enforcement team regarding a block and tiled structure which is being built adjacent to the Cattery in Woollard.

Horse Riders with Dogs: It was reported that Horse Riders often ride the lanes with dogs running loose by the side of them. Clerk to speak to Dog Warden to find out if the dogs should be on a lead. Complaints have been

made about dogs being exercised in Lords Wood, sometimes between five and seven dogs at a time.

Woollard Lane: Potholes were reported at the lower end of Woollard Lane. Clerk to speak to Highways.

High Street Post Box: It was reported that this is very overgrown by vegetation and brambles and in need of cutting back.

Davies & Way For Sale Sign: It was reported that this sign is attached to an electricity pole. Clerk to report

Birchwood Lane: There are two large potholes along the lane. Clerk to report

Bus Shelter: It was suggested that Clerk obtain advice regarding the re-building of the wall on the bridge from the Structures department of BANES before the removal of the bus shelter.

Old Road, Wall: Clerk to find out if structures are to be repairing wall. Details were passed through to them last month.

BANES Contractors: It was reported that Atkins will be the new contractors for BANES.

Apologies: Mrs S Grimes gave apologies for the October meeting.

11. Notice of Future Meetings:

ALCA AGM Flax Bourton Village Hall Saturday 4th October at 10.00 am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.15 p.m.