

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM
CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

Present:

Vice-chairman: Mr B Watson

Mr D Chilcott, Mrs J Stephenson, Mrs J Gully, Cllr P Edwards, Mrs S Loney,

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

There were four members of the public present.

1) Members of the Public:

The poor condition of the Old Road surface was reported, primarily where there is no pavement and the road meets the kerb edge there are large parts of tarmac broken away causing a tripping hazard. Clerk to report

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mr T Heaford, Mrs S Grimes, Mr S Filer, Mr P Wareham.

3) Minutes of Monday 8TH September 2008 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Car Park: There was no update on the Church Street Car Park. Clerk reported that this would be followed up. There were no further matters arising.

Holly House: Mr Watson brought to the attention of the Parish Council a letter received from Mr Rigby and Miss Dark in relation to recent vandalism caused to their motor vehicle whilst parked at Hillcrest.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) **Bus Stop Update:** The Parish Council had received final plans following past meetings which have taken place between Parish Councillors and BANES Public Transport Department. 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 and 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. The Parish Council have emphasised to BANES the importance of these parking spaces both to the school and the Post Officer. All new stops will have electronic displays installed. Parish Council to stress that the buses need to run to time Now that BANES have confirmed that they will not be removing the old bus stop, the Parish Council will arrange for it to be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Clerk reported that two quotes had been obtained from a local builder. One to repair the bus stop and the other to remove the shelter Parish Council agreed to repair the existing shelter. Clerk to request for a new litterbin by the old bus shelter.

b) Memorial Hall/Children's Play Area: A meeting had been held at the Guildhall, Bath and a site meeting held to survey the site. Members of the toddler group, Pensford 10K, Tennis Club and Parish Council attended the site meeting. The current toddler area will remain where it is with a limited upgrade and the remaining Pathfinder money used for play facilities for 8 - 13 year olds. It was therefore proposed to site the new play facilities incorporating a BMX track towards the back of field near the white box hut and waste area, this would enable mothers with more than one age child to supervise both the existing play area and the proposed area at the same time. It would also clear up the current waste area. The plans had to be submitted by 13th October and completed before the end of March. A Multi-Use-Games area was also suggested for the Tennis Courts; however problems with this have arisen through the Lawn Tennis Association. Security Gates were suggested which could possibly be funded by remaining Youth Club funds, however the question would remain as to who would lock and unlock the gates. The entitlement figure from the Pathfinder Grant will be questioned as there appeared to be a query between the amounts Cllr Edwards had been informed of and that of the Parish Council.

c) Street Naming in Woollard: It was reported that this initial process started because Emergency Vehicles were not reaching Woollard Village. Call centres could now possibly be moved to London or Newcastle. A meeting was held between Mrs Stephenson, Mr Watson and Clerk following the realisation that Publow with Pensford Parish Council had been left out of the loop of correspondence and consultation. A letter bringing this to the attention of Mr Laker, GIS Team was sent. Clerk then read out the reply received from Mr Laker which explained what will happen and why. All of which the Parish Council agreed. It was proposed that a further meeting be held between Mrs Stephenson, Cllr Edwards and Clerk to clarify points to Cllr Edwards and send a letter of confirmation to Mr Laker of all proposals. This meeting would take place on Tuesday 14th October at 1.30p.m. Cllr Edwards reported that he had received an email informing him of objections to the naming of Hunstrete Lane made by Mr & Mrs Stephenson to the Magistrates Court. These details were incorrect and a follow up by Cllr Edwards will be made.

d) Regional Spatial Strategy report - Mrs Stephenson attended a meeting in Keynsham which was well represented by Parish Councils. . Concerns regarding the infrastructure to support the proposed 21,500 houses was discussed. In response to the lack of infrastructure the public were urged to make better use of public transport an example of which might be to get to Bristol International Airport, could require taking a bus to Bath, a train to Bristol and then the Bristol Flyer to the Airport. A concern that green belt land would be used in priority to brown field sites was reported, because it is more expensive to cleanse the brown field sites of impurities in the land. A question was raised as to why there were so many empty properties in the area and why aren't these used before new homes are built. There was no answer given. The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and Mrs Stephenson left at 9.00 pm. The meeting was anticipated to go on until 11.00p.m. Cllr Edwards reported that following the meeting held in Whitchurch at which 150 people attended an action group has now been formed with Dundry Parish. Forms will be delivered to the Government of South West

once completed. Possibly in the region of 3.000 forms completed by householders will be delivered.

e) Red Telephone Box at Hillcrest: Clerk reported that in order to adopt the telephone box an Unmetered Electricity Supply Contract between Western Power and the Parish Council had to be entered into regarding the costs in relation to the light inside the box. This cost would be approximately £17 per year. After discussion it was thought that the Telephone Box could possibly become a liability to the Parish Council should it suffer vandalism. A vote took place and the majority vote was to have the Telephone Box removed. Clerk to speak to Mr Wareham.

f) Quarterly Financial Report: Mr Chilcott had prepared the Financial Report for the three months ended 30th September 2008. Income received showed small amounts of bank interest and a donation from the village hall. Income in relation to the footpaths officer had also been received although we await his hours of work to be submitted. Mr Chilcott reported that to date the Parish Council have not made a donation and that Allotments costs for water are still awaited, small costs are anticipated in relation to the Village Hall. However the Parish Council finances are running in line with the budget.

g) Remembrance Sunday Parade: Clerk reported that all arrangements are in hand for this year's parade which takes place on November 9th. An email has been sent to the Police seeking their assistance again. Noreen Busby is to contact the bugler from last year, and it is hoped to have three uniformed representatives at the service. The poppy wreath will be ordered and delivered as per previous years.

h) Parish Councils Airport Association Report: In the absence of Mr Wareham there was no update

6) Clerks Progress Report:

Speed Camera: Two letters had been received from MP Dan Norris regarding the speed camera. One confirmed details which clerk had reported previously that the responsibility now lies with BANES to replace the camera but there are no funds at present. Secondly the cost of a replacement was reported to be £45,000 - £50,000. Parish Council suggested that a 30mph flashing sign may be more effective.

Youth Bus: Eli Connor, Youth Worker for BANES has been invited to the November meeting.

Log Cabin, Memorial Hall: Building Control report that they have been unable to track down the supplier of the Log Cabin so still do not know if it has been correctly treated. The owner will now be asked for details regarding any treatment and if these cannot be provided the owner will be asked to apply a new fireproof treatment to the building.

Audit 2007/08: The audit notes and accounts forms were displayed on the notice boards for the required time. No enquiries were received.

Conifer Hedge - Hillcrest: A letter regarding problems with a conifer hedge at 41 Hillcrest which is next to the footpath which runs from 32 - 36 Hillcrest was reported to the Parish Council who in turn have reported this to Council Connect for their attention. The hedge is reported to be too tall and hangs over the path.

Horse Riders with Dogs: This question was raised with the Dog Warden who reported that there is little that can be done, as long as the dogs are under control, meaning they can be called to heel or into the side of the road when a car comes. The Police could deal with control on the roads. In relation to dogs being exercised in Lordswood, the Dog Warden believes this is private forestry and under the Dog Fouling of Land Act, land used for agriculture and woodland is exempt.

Woollard Lane: Pot Holes were reported.

High Street, Post Box: The overgrown vegetation around the box was reported to Council Connect.

Birchwood Lane: Potholes were reported.

Davies and Way Sign: Reported and re-located.

Pensford Hill Proposals by Traffic & Safety: A sketched plan of the proposals to re-align the Belluton Junction have been received from Traffic & Safety. The team stress that at present there are no funds to implement this scheme but it has been added to the list of schemes to be prioritised for funding next year. It is reported that Stefan Chivers has now stepped back into Mike Weston's' position at Traffic & Safety.

Planning Enforcement: Old Down Stanton Drew: An application for a smaller agricultural building on this site has now been refused. Clerk contacted the case officer to inform him that the Parish Council had not had notification of this planning application and would like to be kept informed of any future applications in relation to this site.

08/02926/FUL Mr Showering Mountain Stables, All Weather Horse Arena: The Parish Councils reply to the application was sent to planning raising objections to the disfiguring of the landscape and conservation area and questioning the listed building status. Letters have been received from the applicant questioning consultation comments and Policy and Guidance the Parish Council use for consideration of Planning Applications. As the Parish Council are not the Planning Authority they can only make comments based on local knowledge of the area and represent views of local parishioners.

Holly House, Hillcrest: The Parish Councils reply was sent to planning. It was reported that on the weekend of the 27th September part of the barn was demolished. This was confirmed by Planning Enforcement to be permitted development. English Heritage are of the opinion that the building is not of special architectural interest or historic interest and should not be listed. A site meeting with Highways had been arranged for 14th October 2008. A member of the Parish Council will attend.

Stoneycroft, Woollard Lane: Enforcement Officer to site visit. An application was permitted in April for a conversion of a storage barn to a residential annexe ancillary to the main dwelling house.

Hursley Hill: A flat packed wooden building has been delivered to site. Enforcement are aware and will monitor. Owner has reported that the wood will be used for fencing.

Belluton: Mrs Loney reported that two brand new wooden stables have been put up in the yard at Belluton Farm and permissions for this will be questioned with Enforcement.

Blackrock Lane: A field shelter has been put up in a field. Permissions in relation to this have been raised with the Enforcement Department.

3 Hillside Cottages: Owner has removed the front wall and installed a south cerney pull in area to the front of the property. Enforcement to monitor

Knights Folly Farm: an email received from Cllr Edwards reported that a minimum of 21 loads plus loads of highway debris equating to approximately 270 tonnes of rubble have been deposited on site. This has been taken up with Enforcement.

7) Planning:

No Applications Received

Outcomes:

08/02191/FUL Mr J Packer - Agricultural buildings between The Bungalow and Cottles, Blackrock Lane, Publow Conversion of barn and outbuildings and new extensions to create residential dwelling - REFUSED. It was reported that this application was referred to committee for a decision to be made. Highways recommended refusal on the grounds that a reliance on the car as a major mode of transport recommended refusal. This point was raised by a member of the public.

08/02599/REN Mr & Mrs G Hunt 39 Hillcrest Erection of a detached dwelling (Renewal of permission 03/01856/FUL) PERMITTED

08/03022/FUL Mr & Mrs Tremlett 49 Hillcrest Pensford - Two-Storey Side Extension - REFUSED

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary September Net (R £127.60 tax)	624.52
Mrs J Bragg	Clerks Imprest	33.40
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink	10.00
Shaw & Sons	New Accounts Book	93.26
HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk Tax & NI	108.86

Receipts to note:

Nat West Bank	Reserve a/c interest 31/3/08 - 30/6/08	0.62
Nat West Bank	Capital Reserve Int. 31/3/08 - 30/6/08	113.06
Nat West Bank	Reserve a/c Interest 30/6/08 - 30/9/08	0.62
Nat West Bank	Capital Deposit a/c 30/6/08 - 30/9/08	109.74
BANES	2 nd Part Precept	5200.00

9) Any Other Business: Litter Bin, Woollard: A request will be made for a new one as the current one is very rusty.

Nursery Corner to Garage: Pavement is very uneven and dangerous and also suffers overgrown vegetation. Clerk to report

Belluton: It was reported that BANES representative Mark Cassidy attended to overhanging trees with remarkable speed whilst the road was closed. A very satisfactory job was done.

Bus Stop: Concerns were raised regarding the Cleaning Vans which are repeatedly parked outside of the Miners Welfare Institute often encroaching into the bus stop and also taking up valuable parking spaces for those wishing to use the Post Office.

Car Park: A caravanette still remaining parked in the car park was reported.

Apologies: Mr Chilcott gave his apologies for the November meeting.

10) Notice of Future Meetings:

PACT Meeting Tuesday 14th October, Chew Magna.

January 13th 2009: PACT Meeting will take place in Pensford Memorial Hall.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.15 pm