

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MONDAY
8th OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.15 pm AT THE MEMORIAL HALL PUBLLOW LANE
PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mrs J Stephenson
Mr L Seymour, Mr S Filer, Cllr P Edwards, Mr J Kelly. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

1) Members of the Public: There were none present.

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Grimes & Mr P Wareham.

3) Minutes of Monday 10TH SEPTEMBER 2012 after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Railway Bungalow: Lorries delivering chippings to this site have been witnessed. This will be looked into.

Hursley Hill: Noise pollution problems have been experienced by residents in Gibbett Lane caused by motorbikes in a field on Hursley Hill. This will be reported to Environmental health.

Hinton Organics: Bristol & Avon Recycling have been fined for dumping the wrong material into the Hinton Organics Site.

Log Cabin, Woollard Lane: Enforcement have an order against this address. The question was raised why are they getting their refuse collected? This will be taken up with Compton Dando Parish Council who have issued their own statement against the appeal.

Gypsy & Traveller Sites: It was confirmed to Parish Council that the Old Colliery Site at Stanton Wick has been removed from the list. A site at Whitchurch did not meet the criteria, and a site at Queen Charlton has been added to the list. The Lower Bristol Road, Bath site is to be made permanent. Clerk to reply to email from Planning Policy on 8th October 2012 headed Allocations Development Plan confirming that there are no suitable sites and Affordable Housing should have priority.

Chairman's Community Awards: Mrs Stephenson & Clerk have this in hand.

The Weirs: It appears that there is no definite map to state that the Weirs have been a Right of Way. Written statements are being sought from those that have used it for a very long time.

Old Road: 20 mph speed limits are being trialled by B&NES. Clerk has asked for Old Road to be put on the consideration list for a 20mph speed limit. (See Clerks Progress Report).

Church Farm: The footpath has been walked by Mrs Stephenson. Photographs of the new bridge have been taken. It was confirmed that part of the footpath is blocked by electric wire and is not easily accessed. Copies of the photos will be sent to Colin Hudson. A request for the Modification Order will be submitted as the original path has been walked for in excess of 26 years.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) **B&NES ALCA Meeting:** Mrs Stephenson attended an interesting evening. The February & May minutes had only just been circulated. Any queries should be sent to Mr Duppa-Miller. Training sessions will be held in June & September. Publow with Pensford hope to arrange joint sessions with Stanton Drew.

Plans for a cable car in Cheddar were discussed.

Precept: Parish Councils were advised to give careful thought to the Precept because of the current climate.

A fence of asbestos built over 3m in height was discussed.

A new Learning Centre will be created within the Roman Baths.

b) **Memorial Hall Update following meeting:** Parish Council were informed that there is an event at St Thomas a Beckett Church on 27th October 2012. 50 tickets will be available from Laura & Paul. The Toddler Climbing Frame had been painted. The BMX Track had been sprayed with weed killer. It is not used a great deal. The gutters at the hall have been cleaned. The Hall Floor project has been put on hold. New ovens for the kitchen are in hand. Parish Council agreed to reclaim the VAT on this purchase. There is no room for a dishwasher in the kitchen. The curtains have been damaged slightly. The Hall Committee are looking into purchasing a Marquee. The Bar Licensees are doing an excellent job and conditions for Bar Hire have been revised. The Hall events coming up are the Christmas Fair and the December Meal with entertainment. The Cabaret nights organised by the SWAG group were a great success. Date of next meeting is Wednesday 9th January at 10.00am.

c) **Remembrance Sunday - 11TH November 2011:** All in hand. The Police have been notified and agreed once again to help. The bugler is in place again. Council Connect have been asked to put out cones around the War Memorial to deter parking by it. Clerk will also ask if Church Street can be swept prior to the Remembrance Sunday.

d) **PCAA Meeting Update:** Mrs Grimes attended the meeting. The PCAA are to submit a response to the Governments Sustainable Aviation Framework. This also covers noise factors and deals with traffic issues. It is in its Draft form at present. Chair suggested that Parish Councils should submit their support to the Department of Transport. Cllr Edwards to find out how much has been collected in fines from those breaking the Noise Limit.

e) **Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting:** This was also the AGM. Tony Crouch remained Chairman. A presentation was given by the Executive Director for Curo Louise Swain. Re-organisational changes were discussed and the neighbourhood services which Curo offer.

Village Agent Scheme: Following extra funding secured from B&NES the Village Agent Scheme has been secured for a further two years. Denise Perrin, Manager presented a summary of the scheme and highlighted the Transport problems which affect many residents in the Chew Valley and are consistently arising. An on-line survey has been prepared and Parish Councils are being asked to complete and return them.

B&NES Web Site: This was discussed with many reporting that navigationally they are finding it hard to manage. Any thoughts or improvement suggestions should be

sent to Sara Dixon. An information exchange took place. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 5th December at the Millennium Hall Chew Magna.

f) Community Land trust Workshop - 24th September 2012: Poorly attended meeting due to the adverse flooding. No one from the West of England Rural Network attended. There was not much more to come out of the meeting apart from the point that Community Land would mean that the Parish retain control over it. B&NES officers were present.

g) Affordable Housing Meeting 18th September 2012: A good meeting with the possibility of some 30 houses being discussed. 18 would be affordable homes, 4 shared ownership and 8 private sale. Although the proposal may be outside of the village development boundary it was considered a better proposition than the allotment site. Points were raised by Mrs Stephenson following a conversation with B&NES. An email of queries will be raised and the project requires further clarification.

h) Public Consultation Proposal for Affordable Housing: Parish Council agreed that the consultation should be firstly with the Parish Council as they are the ones with the knowledge of the area and have the vision about what is needed. It was suggested that the Public Consultation does not take place until the New Year.

i) Neighbourhood Plan: A joint Neighbourhood Plan was suggested with Stanton Drew Parish Council. It was agreed to wait for the Core Strategy to be produced before going ahead with the plan which could possibly cost in the region of £25,000 and would probably need to be grant funded.

j) Quarterly Report to 30th September 2012: To be prepared.

k) Code of Conduct: The new code of conduct had been received from Vernon Hitchman. The Code of Conduct was adopted by the Parish Council and Parish Council members will complete their Declaration of Interests. Clerk to forward to Vernon Hitchman.

l) Formal Consultation/Traffic Regulation Order - Pensford Primary School: The Parish Council discussed the proposed improvements of traffic management which are much welcomed. However the proposed No Waiting up the hill would appear to have no effect apart from maybe warning traffic that there is a school. Knowledge of people parking on Pensford Hill is virtually nil. The Parish Council suggest that a site visit is made because more problems are experienced down in the village outside of the school with cars parking by the school, often parking double and also parking in the bus stop which means that the bus has to stop out in the road at times.

m) Allotment Meeting: A meeting has been arranged for Saturday 20th October 2012 at 10.30am at the Pavilion Room of the Memorial Hall. All allotment tenants have been invited to come along and discuss the future of the allotment site.

6) Clerks Progress Report:

Notice board Replacement: Boards awaited. Request has been made for quotes re: pointing of the wall.

Plaque for the Allotment Gate: John Gully has made the plaque.

First 20mph residential speed limits in place: A recent press release reported that Signs only 20 mph speed limits are now in place in Twerton and Southdown as the first step of Bath & North East Somerset Council's plans to introduce lower limits on all residential streets, district-wide. New 20 mph signs were put in place a

few days ago as the Council seeks to make residential streets safer for children and adults. Over the next two years, the vast majority of residential streets will get the same as part of a £500,000 investment. Clerk has emailed Stefan Chiffers regarding this asking if maybe Hillcrest/Old Road could be considered through this investment.

Surface Dressing Programmer 2012 - 13: A further request was made for all of the 20mph signs to be collected.

Lock Up: An email was sent to Pauline Parnell suggesting that the Clerk holds the key for the Lock Up. A response from Pauline informed Clerk that she is no longer the key holder but has passed it to Mr Newey who has purchased her old house. A copy of the key will be made in order that a Parish Council Member has a key and Mr Newey retains one at Popham Cottage should a member of the public call wishing to view the inside of the Lock Up.

ALCA Training: Training details were sent to Stanton Drew Parish Council for consideration of arranging joint training sessions.

War Memorial: When the conifers have been cut back the cleaning of the War Memorial can be arranged. Quotes awaited for the pointing of the wall in front of the war memorial.

Overgrown Footpath, Waterside Restaurant: The problem with overhanging vegetation has been raised via Cllr Edwards. Parents taking children to school are finding it increasingly difficult to walk on the pavement due to brambles and branches. This has again been taken up with Highways, a request to enforce the cutting back of this vegetation has been requested.

Footpath Church Farm Publow: To be walked by Mrs Stephenson.

Wall by Bus Stop: The urgency to check the condition of the bridge and the missing concrete has been stressed especially following the recent heavy rain.

Woollard Bridge: A request has been put in place for the railings to be re-painted.

Pensford Memorial Hall Playing Field: A telephone message has been left with Graham Evans regarding the condition of the hut. No reply so far.

Planning Enforcement:

Two Acres Hursley Hill: The current position with this site is as follows, a planning application has recently been submitted to the Local Planning Authority to install a septic tank on the land to accommodate toilet facilities. The application was received on the 1st October but was unfortunately invalid on submission. There is an ongoing debate whether a new building has been erected or not as the Councils records and photographs show that a building existed and there is a possibility that works and repairs have been carried out to this building. The enforcement case is still open and the site is visited on a frequent basis.

Holly House: No update.

Incoming Post & Email:

Temporary Closure of Bath Recycling Centre: The dates have now been confirmed for the above temporary closure - from Monday 8 October, reopening on Monday 3 December. For latest news please visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/bathrecyclingcentre Details have been sent to the web site and will be put on notice board.

Flooding in the Chew Valley: B&NES would like to know more about the flooding in the Chew Valley and surrounding area on 24th Sept 12. Although the Local Authority has some picture of the extent of flooding, we are very aware that we do not know the complete picture. Under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 it is now the role of the Local Authority to generate a report into these flooding events and draw recommendations as necessary. B&NES say they would appreciate your support in generating a much more complete picture of the flooding that took place in your Parishes. We would appreciate the following information:

- How many properties were flooded and to what approximate depth
- Which roads were flooded and to what approximate depth

If flooding was wide spread in your area, the information may be difficult to convey via e-mail and therefore I am happy to meet with those in the parish who might be best place to provide an understanding, otherwise please e-mail any details or contact the following number Email: richard_look@bathnes.gov.uk: Clerk to email a response that the top of Parsonage Lane floods by Butts Farm, and that problems had been experienced in Church Street.

Recycling Bin: A company looking for suitable locations for a small textile and shoe recycling bin had contacted the parish council. Funding of £120.00 per year will in turn be donated by the Recycling Company. Clerk to forward details to Memorial Hall.

Primary School: A letter was received from the Governors at Pensford Primary School who are now seeking funding towards completing rendering which repaired crumbling walls whilst improving security at the school. Chairman to reply to Mr Gillett. Parish Council suggested that B&NES should be contacted for help.

7) Planning:

Applications discussed by Sub-Committee: 12/03775/FUL Mr & Mrs Hemmings 125 High Street Pensford. Single Storey side extension (Revised Proposal) Parish Council support.

12/03109/FUL MR M Daniels Miners Welfare Institute. Change of use from Snooker Hall (D2) to Tea Room/Coffee Shop (A1,A3 & D2). Parish Council Support subject to comments on parking issues.

Planning Outcomes:

12/03326/RES Mr & Mrs Haines Hillgarth Hillcrest. Approval of reserved matters with regard to outline application 11/05430/OUT for a dwelling following partial demolition of existing bungalow accommodation. PERMITTED.

12/03393/FUL Ms Summerhayes Waterside Restaurant Church Street. Conversion of property to 2no.dwellings. WITHDRAWN

Planning Appeal:

12/02159/LBA Mr Reid Parsonage Farm Parsonage Lane. Internal works to first floor bedroom & bathroom (regularisation).

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary September	581.36
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest & Computer Ink (10.99)	33.70
DCM Computers	Computer Remote Support	60.00
Pensford Primary School	Ward Councillor Initiative Donation	1000.00
Pensford Tennis Club	Ward Councillor Initiative Donation	500.00

Payments Received:

B&NES	Precept 2 nd Part Payment	5500.00
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9. Any Other Business: Allotments: Still await some clearing work.

Defibrillator Electric: A cheque was raised and will be forwarded to the Post Office for the donation towards the Defibrillator Electric.

Pensford 10K: The formation of a new committee has secured the 10K for future years.

10. Notice of Future Meetings:

Parish Liaison Meeting - 17th October 2012 at Farmborough 6.30pm.

PACT Meeting Wednesday 10th October 2012 at Pensford Memorial Hall. 7pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.15 pm