

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLLOW WITH PENSFORD
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th APRIL 2006 AT 7.15p.m.
AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD.**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford

Mrs B Bowes, Mr D Chilcott, Mrs S Grimes, Mr L Seymour, Mr B Coles, Mrs S Loney, Mr S Filer, Cllr P Edwards. **Clerk: Mrs J Bragg**

Members of the Public: There were seven members of the public present.

1. Members of the Public: Residents from Woollard Lane attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing problems associated with Hinton Organics and the impact the recycling works are having on their community. Residents reported the continuing problems of noise, pollution, dust and odour problems from the site. Members of the public had attended the recent appeal hearing. Lack of Enforcement from B&NES was also a concern raised by the members of the public and supported by Parish Council members. In an attempt to solve the current problems Cllr Edwards put forward the suggestion of a joint public meeting between Publow with Pensford Parish Council, Compton Dando Parish Council, an Executive Member from B&NES and Councillor Curren who to date has failed to respond to demands. It was agreed that this would be the way forward. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Edwards and to arrange a suitable date.

Reports of wooden pallets now being crushed were also noted, being transported on very large trucks along the narrow lanes of Woollard. A recent fatality caused concerns for residents. The request for speed restrictions for Woollard Lane was noted.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J Gully, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr B Watson.

3. Minutes of Monday 13th March 2006 having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: Safer Communities –

Marianne Rustad: Following the presentation given by Marianne Rustad at the March Meeting Parish Councillors were advised to remember the support that Marianne can offer in respect of Community Safety.

Youth Club: Although positive comments made regarding the Youth Club at the March Meeting were noted, it was reported that the Youth Club has for the time being closed. Dwindling numbers and the problem with lack of help were thought to be the main reasons. It was suggested that maybe the Community Safety Officer could possibly help with Youth/Support and proposed that further discussion takes place at the May meeting.

ALCA: It was reported that the long running dispute regarding the redundancy of the secretary has now been settled.

5. Items for Discussion: a) Parish Councils' Airport Association: Mrs Stephenson attended the meeting on Tuesday 28th March and although absent from the parish council meeting submitted a short report. The new Chairman of the PCAA Mr Adrian Kennedy took the meeting. It was reported that Mr Kennedy is very interested in the Airport and has close links into B&NES.

Climate change was discussed, however agreed this is a local issue and not a National issue. North Somerset Council were reported to be giving little help to the community. It was reported that the re-designation of airspace with Cardiff has not happened as yet. There is no final Master Plan as yet.

PCAA are to advertise for a new secretary, grants or an honorarium will be sought however Parish Councils' may be asked to contribute more.

Car Park – Winford: It was decided that Parish Councils should each make their own decision on the car park which is now in operation.

In discussion the Parish Council agreed that because of the car park Winford Village will suffer the most with increased traffic through the village, and that the location of the market is unsuitable, if it were closer to the airport the problem of increased traffic through the village would not be encountered. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the issues of Winford Village. Clerk to write to North Somerset Council supporting this.

Councillor Edwards reported that a decision regarding the air traffic control will be made on August 1st.

A copy of a fifteen point letter in response to the Draft Master Plan will be given to Mr Heaford. Cllr Edwards is to attend a meeting on 24th April 2006.

b) Notice board for Woollard Village: Clerk reported that Mrs Stephenson is still looking into this, however the offer of making a new notice board has been received but would not include the front glass doors of the notice board. Mr Filer is also to follow up.

c) Quarterly Financial Report: The Financial report for the three months ended 31st March 2006 was circulated. Mr Chilcott asked Parish Councillors to let him know of any debtors/creditors they may know of for the end of year accounts. It was reported that the figures circulated are broadly inline with the budget.

The next stage will be to bring the draft accounts to the May meeting for approval (not formal approval), they will then be sent to Internal Audit and hopefully returned by June so that they can be formally adopted at the June or July meeting to then be sent to Mazars for the external audit. The question of the capital money from the sale of allotment land being held on deposit was raised, and how could it possibly be used, could it be used for updating or for the extension of a property? It was reported that the Parish Council are limited on how money is held and its use under the Allotments and Small Holding Act. Much research was carried out by previous clerk to the Parish Council, however if a major scheme for the village hall came up further advice on using the money would be sought.

d) Pensford Lock Up: It was confirmed that the application for Listed Buildings Consent had now been sent off with photographs showing the necessary works. A job specification of works needed will be obtained along with the names of three stone masons who will be able to quote for the works. The possibility of obtaining grants will be looked into.

e) Allotments: Because of the urgency for the clearing and rotavating to be carried out it was agreed prior to the meeting in consultation with the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer that these works could go ahead at a cost of £400. A letter reporting a leak had been received from Bristol Water, but was all in hand.

f) Parking – Church Street: Clerk handed round the proposals for laying white hatching – No Parking sign outside of St Thomas a Becket Church Gates next to the Church Room. It was agreed that the parking situation along Church Street is a problem with many residents not happy to leave cars/vans in the car park because of security. After fully discussing the problems the Parish Council agreed that the go ahead for the restriction should be given.

g) **Birchwood Lane:** Mr Heaford reported that Colin Hudson has been contacted asking if a TRO can be placed on the lane because of the ongoing problem with 4 x 4 vehicles.

Snack Van: Mr Heaford brought to the attention of the Parish Council a letter received from Mr Lawrence who has kindly written to the Parish Council informing us that he is the new owner of the snack van, Mr Lawrence reports that the pitch is registered with B&NES for which he has to pay a substantial rent. Food Hygiene Certificates have also recently been taken. Clerk to reply to Mr Lawrence. Also to follow up the possibility of obtaining extra litter bins in the lay-by.

6. Clerks Progress Report: Safer Communities Initiative: Clerk reported that an e-mail was sent to Marianne Rustad thanking her for attending the March meeting. Marianne was asked for any possible help regarding Hinton Organics and also the Community Payback Scheme and how this scheme may help with the proposed new notice board for Woollard Village. Marianne in turn has e-mailed the details regarding Hinton Organics to Anti-Social Behaviour Support Officers and we await a reply. In respect of the notice board it was reported that in a meeting with probation supervisors Marianne was informed that no-one has the carpentry skills to help at present. However the parish council were asked to bear in mind that as a general resource they could help with a litter pick or some other environmental task. It was reported at the meeting that residents had recently experienced people knocking on doors seeking jobs.

Church Street Car Park: The problem of dog fouling has been reported to Kim McGarva and a request for deterrent signage has been made. The Parking Team have been asked to look at signage re: motorists parking at own risk.

Action-line: Clerk reported that it is now known as Council Connect and can be e-mailed on councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk. The same telephone number applies: 01225 39 40 41

Affordable Housing: Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to Anthony Hollingsworth, B&NES Planning asking if the appraisal submitted has been considered yet. We await a reply. A copy of the e-mail was forwarded to Gary Ward.

Publow Bridge: An e-mail was sent to Peter Brook raising concerns regarding the cracks which have appeared in the new cement. The new wrought iron railings were noted however there still remains a gap.

Cleansing: Clerk reported that a reply to an e-mail sent to Phillip Morris has now been received. It was reported that litter and fly-tipping problems are dealt with as and when they occur. Action to remove is normally dealt with in two days. The sweeping of roads is dealt with on a six monthly cycle. The clean condition of Blackrock Lane was noted at the meeting.

Woollard: The problem of the van parked at the side of the road in Woollard Village was reported to the PCSO's. The van was not in their opinion a problem as the highway is wide enough for another car to pass and they are happy that the clear road allows enough visibility to see past the van.

Hursley Hill: The Astra Van owned by R Penney Demolition was thought to be parked in the lay by because of a lift share situation.

Stanton Lane: The builders refuse in the field under the viaduct was reported to the Environmental Health Department and then referred to the Environment Agency who report that the rubble can remain on the land for one year and

that the owner is aware of this restriction. The Environment Agency are to re-visit the site in October.

Transport Needs Survey: A cheque for £25 in respect of delivery of the surveys has been sent to the post office. The proposed date for the results/analysis is the beginning of May. Whitchurch Parish Council reported a 25% return rate.

Food Van – Hursley Hill: Clerk has received confirmation that the new snack van is still operating with the original licence holder. Consent was granted to trade Monday – Friday between 7am & 3pm.

Footpaths: Clerk has received notification for 2006/07 footpaths agreement total which is £698.83. B&NES have been invoiced accordingly.

Pensford 10K: Clerk has received an e-mail giving details of road closures in place. A copy was given to Mr Bond and a copy will be placed on the notice boards. All parish councillors on e-mail have been sent a copy.

High Street: Clerk reported that notification from B&NES has been received regarding works along the High Street from its' junction with Hillcrest, a distance of 120 metres in a Northerly direction for three days.

Planning/Enforcement: Clerk has e-mailed the Enforcement Officer Mr Dale and asked for a site visit to Rose Cottage, Belluton following recent reports of possible building works.

Clerk was informed that Mr Meyers, Enforcement Officer has now left the Authority and vacancies are being advertised.

The Sidings, Stanton Wick: It was reported that forms have been left and the site will be re-visited in one month.

Pensford Vehicle Centre: No update available, although a site visit was carried out by the Case Officer on 21st March 2006.

Incoming Post:

a) Details have been received from B&NES regarding free Off Peak Bus Travel in the form of a Diamond Travelcard for the over 60 age group. This is a joint free bus travel scheme together with Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils. Any further information can be obtained from the Clerk or by telephoning 01225 477681

b) Clerk reported tree notification works for Mill Corner, Church Street, Pensford. No objections were raised.

c) Further details have been received from DEFRA re: Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. Clerk reported that for the first time parish councils' would be allowed to issue fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly posting offences. Alongside this act a new system for controlling dogs, including the banning of dogs and requiring owners to clean up after their dog has fouled on areas of land within their parish. A training course would be a requirement for anyone authorised by a parish council to issue a fixed penalty notice. The course is to be launched in April.

d) Clerk has received the minutes from the Memorial Hall Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th March together with a copy of the financial accounts for the year ended 31/12/05. The next meeting is on 3rd May 2006.

e) Clerk reported that at the Council Executive on 8th February 2006 a decision was made to move to edge of property refuse collection across the whole of B&NES. The implementation takes place on 5th June 2006. B&NES asked if there are specific areas in the Parish which could cause concern. Clerk to reply and bring the Hillcrest area to the attention of the council and to put a report in the Parish Magazine.

f) CPRE are running their 10th Year of Calor Village of the Year Competition. Clerk has all necessary forms.

7. Planning: : Applications looked at by sub-committee:

06/00422/LBA The Churches Conservation Trust. St Thomas a Becket's Church, Church Street. Listed Building Grade ISTAR. Repair of tower base to form chapel/community room. Remove floor build-up. Add glazed screen, new west doors. No objections were raised to the application. The plans have also been approved by the Rector.

An Inspection Team will be attending on June 8th at 10.15a.m. Mrs Bowes will attend to represent the Parish Council.

06/00969/FUL Castle Tynings Ltd, Fermain The Orchard Pensford. New Dwelling and formation of a new access and associated works.

It was reported that residents in The Orchard had been sent details of this proposal by the architect. Following full consultation of the plans it was agreed that the Clerk should write to planning objecting to the proposal because of the following reasons. A) The proposed dwelling would be creating another entrance onto the High Street making a fourth in total within 120 yards. B) The High Street area of Pensford is already used as a rat run by motorists and is very busy at peak times. C) The speed of motorists is a concern. D) Building a house on this plot of land would be using up one of the few remaining bits of the original Pensford village which are left.

06/00889/FUL Mr & Mrs P Clouting Newbridge House Woollard. Single Storey garage with attic space, demolish existing dilapidated garage (resubmission). This was reported to be a difficult application because the proposed garage is in the neighbouring parish of Compton Dando however, the applicant lives in the parish of Publow with Pensford. The Parish Council had been asked to comment on the application and reported that although they approve the proposal being in-line with the neighbouring property, would have concerns regarding the scale of the proposed garage in relation to the river and also the environmental impact it may possibly have on the area. In the Parish Councils' opinion the proposal appeared to be very imposing to the centre of the village. Clerk to reply to planning.

06/01045/FUL Mr & Mrs Richardson, Westleigh, Publow Lane. Single-storey rear extension. After discussing this application the Parish Council agreed that although having no grounds to object to the application concerns were raised regarding the lack of garage space, following a conversion of the garage into the utility room. Clerk to write to planning requesting that if consent was granted conditions should be attached to the consent regarding further building works. Clerk also to find out if the gate onto Publow Lane is now a deemed access.

06/01058/REN Mrs Sampson The Bungalow Bristol Road Pensford.

Agricultural Building Bristol Road. Replacement bungalow (renewal of planning permission **96/02558/FUL & 01/01740/REN**. No objections raised.

Outcomes: **06/00548/FUL** Mr & Mrs Anstey 24 Hillcrest Pensford. Erection of a rear conservatory. **Permitted.**

8. : Financial Matters: Payments to be Authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	February Salary – Net	£432.97
Mrs J Bragg	Imprest	25.00
CPRE	Annual Subscription	20.00
Community Action	Annual Subscription	20.00
ALCA	Annual Subscription	216.36

M Daniels Wall Repairs Church Street 100.00

Receipts to Note: 1st Part Precept received 3/4/06 4325.00

9. Any Other Business:

Woollard – Triangle: A new sign for Woollard has been put up, however the incorrect spelling has been noted and reported to B&NES.

Station Approach: Parking problems were reported to still be a problem with a blue car often parking on the keep clear lines.

Also HGV's have been regularly turning in Station Approach. This will be monitored as it was thought that the current Water works along the B3130 may be causing the problem. It was also noted that the No Through Road sign is covered by vegetation.

Litter Picking: Clerk to find out the frequency of the litter picking.

The Batch: Two dead elm trees were reported to be falling close to the road. Clerk to report to highways. It was also reported that towards Priestdown, railings at the side of the road are in need of repair. Clerk to report.

Memorial Hall: It was noted that Mr Seymour has retired as Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee. Thanks were extended to Mr Seymour for his hard work as Chairman and his communication between the Memorial Hall Committee and the Parish Council. It was proposed that a letter should be sent to the Memorial Hall Committee under its' new structure to raise the awareness that the Parish Council own the Memorial Hall and any proposals in relation to the building should be discussed with the Parish Council, however the day to day running of the hall can be dealt with by the Memorial Hall Committee.

It was also proposed that future parish council meetings should be again held in the Pavilion Room of the Memorial Hall, this will alleviate current parking problems in Church Street. (Note: Due to a clash of dates our next meeting will be held in the Church Room where this matter will be discussed further).

10. Notice of Future Meetings:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: OUR AGM/ANNUAL AND A MONTHLY MEETING ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2006 AT THE CHURCH ROOM.

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