

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2013 7.15p.m. AT THE
MEMORIAL HALL PUBLOW LANE PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford Vice-Chair: Mrs J Stephenson

Mr L Seymour, Mrs L Cains, Mrs S Grimes, Mr J Kelly, Mr S Filer.

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

Parish Council were saddened to learn from Chairman that Cllr Edwards is unwell at present. All members of the Parish Council wished him well.

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

2) Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J Gully, Cllr P Edwards.

3) Minutes of Monday 11th March 2013 after being circulated were signed as a correct record. Chairman reminded Parish Council that a full copy of Mr Ferrand's speech given at the March meeting could be obtained from the Clerk.

4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Hinton Organics: Concerns remain regarding the potential flood risk and the seeping of contaminated water onto the lane and into the watercourses. The Environment Agency have been written to but to date no reply. Clerk to follow up and also write to B&NES Planning informing them that the Parish Council are at the bottom of the valley and concerned that the water course is being contaminated from the Hinton Organics Site. A copy will be sent to Mr Osborne.

Broadband: The message is to keep logging onto the connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/ web site and register that you want High Speed Broadband.

Fracking: Chairman reported that this is being discussed in the Chew Valley. The main concern is that if Fracking was undertaken in the Valley the infrastructure would be considerable and concerns are for the surrounding landscapes. A joint meeting is suggested with Stanton Drew Parish Council to discuss this further. There are reserved Mining Rights in Pensford in relation to the Popham Estates.

Church Farm: Nothing further to report. No complaints have been received in relation to this footpath.

ALCA: It was noted with sadness that Peter Lacey has passed away.

Training Courses: Clerk to liaise with Lisa Cains regarding future training.

5) Items for Discussion:

a) Co-option of Mrs L Cains: It was proposed by the Chairman that Lisa Cains is co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was unanimously seconded. Lisa can provide a link to the younger Community, Toddler Group and the Primary School as she has a young family.

b) Affordable Housing: Chairman has had a conversation with Curo who report that there is nothing progressing at present. Curo have been in touch with the Landowner, but there is no update on the land. Parish Council need to pursue other land in the village.

The Chairman had received an email from Mr Ferrand raising some questions which will be answered.

c) Neighbourhood Planning: It was agreed that this should be progressed under a separate meeting to the Parish Council meeting. Clerk to arrange a meeting for Thursday 23rd May at 10.00am if convenient. Copies of Parish Plans for Stanton Drew & Compton Dando will be looked at, if possible.

d) Core Strategy: Dates for public meetings have been circulated, next local meeting takes place in Keynsham on 22nd April. Clerk to forward details to all Parish Council Members. Pensford are identified as an RA2 Village and therefore unless there are exceptional circumstances there should not be any development outside existing Parish boundaries.

e) Gypsy & Traveller Site: Viewing the application on-line there are many pages of objections which have been noted and logged. It was reported that if B&NES object to the application, then it is likely the applicant would then appeal. Following which the Inspector is likely to take into account only the written submissions, and not accept oral evidence.

An example of a site in Yate was given. The site was approved however it received 496 objections from the public and objections from South Gloucestershire Council. The Inspector granted permission with conditions.

f) PCAA Meeting: Cardiff Airport is for Sale, it was confirmed that the Welsh Assembly were hoping to buy the airport and bring in a company to run it. There is a new Malaga flight from Cardiff.

Noise Pollution: Residents suffering in excess of 57 decibels are hoping to obtain insulation for noise.

The Department for Transport expects the rate of growth in air travel to slow down considerably over the coming decades. Their passenger forecasts expect demand for air travel to increase by just 1%-3% a year up to 2050 compared to historical growth rates of 5% a year over the last 40 years.

The Government framework policy had recently been published and replaced the Air Transport White Paper.

A discussion took place on how much is now discussed at the meetings and it was decided to review the frequency of meetings at the AGM in June.

6) Clerks Progress Report:

Highways: No update from Highways - although pothole in Church Street has been filled in. An email was sent to Council Connect asking for a litter pick to be done through the village.

Formal Consultation, Traffic Regulation Order - The parish council's response in support of this consultation was returned to B&NES.

20 mph Speed Limit Keynsham: B&NES have recently implemented a 20mph traffic order for residential parts of Keynsham.

Clerk has written to B&NES asking if this proposal could be extended to areas of Pensford Village. Namely Old Road, Pensford. It was explained to B&NES that this area of Pensford is frequently reported for speeding vehicles and remains a concern with the Parish Council. Traffic & Safety have said that a speed count would be carried out but this has never been undertaken. B&NES have explained that this is a fourth scheme on a fifteen scheme programme which has been set by the Cabinet. The fifteenth scheme is open to requests from interested residential areas/villages who want a 20mph speed limit. Publow with Pensford's request will now be added to the list of the areas wishing to be considered. Thanks have been sent to Tony Rutter regarding this who will notify the Parish Council in due course of any success.

Police: PC Gemma Hill, Beat Manager would like a member of her Police Beat Team to attend a Parish Council meeting in the next few months. Details of when our meetings occur and venue have been returned to Gemma. Also PC Hill has been sent contact details for the Memorial Hall so that a meeting can be arranged with representatives of the Committee.

Notice board: Is up outside the Miners Welfare Institute Committee.

Pensford 10K: Details of the road closure proposals have been received. A copy will be put on the new notice board.

Chairman of the Council: No response to date following the invitation for the Chairman of the Council Councillor Appleyard to attend a future meeting.

Memorial Hall Re-Paint: Takes place on the 1st & 2nd June 2013. For further details speak to Jenny Gully or Alan Ford.

Ward Councillors Initiative Grant: The Ward Councillors Grant is a sum of money available for up to £1,500. Parish Council have been asked to give consideration as to who may wish to apply for it. Clerk has sent details to Terry Phillips. Clerk was asked at the meeting to send details to the Tennis Club.

Highways Re-Surfacing Works: An email was sent to Highways regarding the recent re-surfacing works and how well it was undertaken. The entrance to The Orchard will be looked at as this was reported to be quite raised with tarmac now. Also the question was raised about the section of road from A37 into Publow Lane and up to the Village Green which has not been re-surfaced. The reply from Highways is as follows: Good Morning Julie.

I am sorry for the confusion regarding the section of High Street to be resurfaced. The words I used noted that:- "It is anticipated that the section of the High Street/Old Road which will be resurfaced is from but not including its junction with Publow Lane, up the hill to the end of the 30mph built-up area." Unfortunately this did not include the section of road between the A37 and Publow Lane. However, I will forward your comments to the Highway Maintenance for their attention.

I will ask our Clerk of Works to look at the ramp you mentioned to see if anything can be done about it.

Thank you for the compliments regarding the works, I will be sure all those who worked on the job are aware.

Please contact me again if you have any more comments/concerns.

Kind regards

Gill.

This letter has been circulated to all Parish Council Members. Clerk to follow up again, as this letter reads differently to another which was circulated.

Footpaths Officer: Clerk has contacted the Footpaths Officer to chase up hours outstanding. Footpaths officer will have a look at allotment site pathways and clear where necessary. All footpaths are reported to be clear and meetings have been held with Colin Hudson.

The new bollards installed in Ringspit Lane are reported to be doing their job.

Church Farm Footpath: There has been no report from Colin Hudson following the meeting with Graeham Stark. Clerk has issued a follow up email to Colin.

Environment Agency: A chase up email has been sent in relation to the Concrete Base at Re-organics and the subsequent problem with drainage. Also the tree in the river at Woollard. A response is still awaited. The tree in the river has been dealt with through Compton Dando Parish Council.

Woollard Bridge: A reply is still awaited regarding the re-painting of the bridge.

Planning/Enforcement: Log Cabin Woollard: The log cabin still remains.

Milestone Bungalow: No application received to date. An email has been sent to Enforcement asking how long the occupier has to submit the application in respect of the Garage and the removal of the wall..

Railway Bungalow: No update from Enforcement.

Holly House: A letter from a neighbouring property has recently been sent to Mr Trigwell at Planning raising a number of issues. A copy of the letter has been circulated to all Parish Council members.

Allotment Tenancy: Letters have gone out to all Allotment Tenants in respect of Allotment Rental which is now due.

Holly House: A neighbour remains concerned regarding the planning permissions on this site. Two caravans are now on site and it appears that the garage/garden room is being lived in. A Parish Council member has made a visit to the site. Concerns are that the current living arrangements are not as agreed with the planning office. Also concerns are that the spoil from the land filling appears quite dangerous and will eventually fall down the bank onto the A37. Clerk to write to planning with a copy to planning enforcement raising these concerns.

War Memorial: It was reported that some asbestos had been dumped by the War Memorial, it was kindly removed by Mr Daniels and a discussion with Council Connect led to the safe disposal of it.

Incoming Post/Emails:

Grass Cutting: An email has been received from Mr Newey who in the past with Mr Parnell has volunteered their services regarding cutting the Village Green. Clarification of insurances and Public Liability were sought last year from our Insurance Company and details returned to Mr Newey. However Mr Newey has now raised further points in relation to the grass cutting. Proposing that a) The Council issue a letter of authority to enable Mr Newey & Mr Parnell to continue inside the cover of the council Insurance. B) The council conduct an annual safety inspection of the mower they currently use to cut the grass. Alternatively the Council could supply a mower. C) If the council thought it necessary they could send a safety representative to conduct a very brief safety induction as a one off session. After discussion, Parish Council agreed to reply to Mr Newey.

The general lack of response from B&NES officers was discussed. The complaints procedure will be looked into by Mrs Grimes.

7) Planning:

Applications to discuss:

13/00923/FUL Mrs P Batten Coombe House Church Street. Conversion of the Old Forge and Workshop to a residential dwelling. Parish Council agreed to support this application but will remind B&NES that the proposal has to be sympathetic to the Conservation Area in which it stands and an architectural survey should be undertaken.

13/00960/FUL Mr I Locke Woodland View Old Road Pensford. Provision of a loft conversion including raising roof and remodelling of front porch (resubmission). Parish Council Support.

13/00841/CLEU Ms K Summerhayes Waterside Cottage Church Street Pensford. Use of property as 2no.dwellings (Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use). After discussion Parish Council agreed to permit the CLEU but to suggest taking away any Permitted Development Rights so that there is no further development on this site. This is a substantial property standing in a Conservation Area and is currently uncharacteristic compared with other properties.

Hinton Organics Site: A late application for Hinton Organics was received 05/01993/FUL which was a variation of this application. Chairman to consider the application in more detail and report back.

Planning Outcomes:

13/00344/OUT Mr M Boyd Granville Pensford Hill Pensford. Detached two storey 3 no. Bedroom dwelling. **REFUSED**

8) Financial Matters:

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary March	581.36
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	27.80
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink	10.99
Mrs J Bragg	Stationery	4.45
CPRE	Subscription 2013/14	20.00

Payments Received:

B&NES	1 st Part Precept	5500.00
B&NES	Parish Grant	345.00
Allotments	Rental	60.00

9) Any Other Business:

Tennis Club: Are holding a quiz evening to help raise funds for the re-surfacing of the Tennis Courts.

Allotment Notice board: The posts are in. Notice board to be put up. Mr Filer has been up to the Allotment Site and reported that the site is in bad need once again of a clear up. All allotment tenants will be asked to a meeting to discuss this further. Clerk to give Mr Filer list of allotment tenants and also look up a map showing boundary ownership as the fence remains propped up. Mr Seymour has recovered the chain for the gate.

Land at Rear of George & Dragon: The possibility of purchasing this land has been discussed by the Parish Council with a view to possibly relocating or extending the allotment site.

Compton Dando: Mrs Stephenson is attending the next Compton Dando Parish Council meeting to discuss the installation of a Defibrillator in their Parish.

10) Notice of Future Meetings:

17th April Chew Valley Area Partnership
DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13th May 2013 AT 7.15p.m.
This will be the AGM & ANNUAL MEETING of the Parish Council.