

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006 AT 7.00P.M. AT  
THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman:** Mr T Heaford.

Mrs B Bowes, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Loney, Mrs J Stephenson,  
Cllr P Edwards. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg. There were four members of the public present.

**1. Members of the Public:** Members of the public attended the meeting to raise the issue of white lines which have been put down outside of properties at Hillcrest. It is reported that cars are now having to double park because of these lines. The Parish Council were informed that a payment of £100 payable to Bath & North East Somerset had been made to have the lines put in place. Members of the public were informed that a meeting had been held between the Parish Council, PC Glenn Lord and Stefan Chiffers from Traffic & Safety Team just recently where the white line issue had been raised. Clerk had also made enquiries. It was reported that the white line has been extended to 69 Hillcrest. The line is thought to be a courtesy line and anyone parking on it cannot be prosecuted however it is causing problems and the Police Community Support Officer has been called, photographs have been taken and residents have been reported to be very intimidating.

Mr Heaford reported to members of the public that a letter will be sent to Bath & North East Somerset asking for their specific policy on putting this kind of white line down, and their policy regarding the removal of such lines. An e-mail will also be sent to the Police.

**Old Peoples Bungalows – Hillcrest:** Members of the public asked if it would be possible to look into having a ramp put in. It was reported that with the new regulations it is impossible to install a ramp because there is not enough length to get the correct slope. Mr Seymour reported that this has been looked into before and measured by Somer Housing. If a resident needs a kerb or paving dropped then they have to personally write to B&NES. Clerk to write to Somer Housing regarding the ramp possibility.

**Old Road:** Members of the public reported speeding problems along Old Road, informing the Parish Council that many children play in this area and they are worried that an accident may occur. The Parish Council were asked if sleeping policemen could be put down as a traffic calming measure? It was reported to members of the public that that B&NES consider cars parked at the side of the road to be a traffic calming measure, however the Clerk will pursue the issues raised on behalf of the residents. The Parish Council have already tried to organise car parking in the village and Mr Seymour reported that at the entrance to The Orchard there is no view to the right and has requested a white line to be put down. There is often a white van parked outside of the School House which blocks the vision on this junction. It was reported to members of the public that a committee at B&NES are looking to make the Keep Clear white lines, Double Yellow lines and that regulations are changing. Mr Seymour recently spent a three hour meeting looking at parking issues in and around the village. It was agreed that it is a severe problem with the number of cars increasing in the village and lack of parking. Discussions took place regarding the possible use of allotment land for parking. Church Street: It was agreed is difficult to park along, with

residents not wanting to use the car park in case the vehicles are damaged or broken into.

**Priestdown:** It was reported to the Parish Council that the Wild Pond which exists here is being filled with branches when cut down by the adjoining property. A fence is now across the pond. It was reported that the land in which the pond is situated is half Lordsland and half resident owned. It was reported that when it rains the rain now comes out into the road. Clerk was asked to follow this up.

**Speeding/White Lines:** Cllr Edwards reported that he would personally investigate the white lines at Hillcrest. In relation to speeding along Old Road a request will be made for cables to be put down to monitor the speed.

**Bath Road, Closure:** It was reported that a meeting will be held with the Department Of Transport, Highways Agency, Corston Parish Council, Marksbury Parish Council, Compton Dando Parish Council, Peter Brook, Network Manager B&NES, Members of Publow with Pensford Parish Council to discuss this issue and the effect it will have on the A37.

**Community Travel:** Problems for pensioners wanting to travel to the local surgery was raised by members of the public. It was reported that many have difficulty. Mr Heaford reported that we await the final results from the Travel Needs Assessment carried out by Community Action, but the response rate was disappointing. Dial-a-Ride operate in the Keynsham area, and Community Action are looking further into providing local Community Transport. Clerk to find out about how other villages operate their surgery bus system.

**2. Apologies for Absence** were received from: Mr B Coles, Mrs J Gully, Mrs S Grimes, Mr D Chilcott, Mr B Watson, Mr S Filer.

**3. Minutes of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006** having been circulated and read, clerk was asked to amend page 29/06 to read – Pensford 10k - with an extra 100 runners taking part.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:** Mr Heaford confirmed that further to a visit from Glenn Lord to our last meeting a further meeting had been held to discuss parking issues in and around the village. A car was reported to have been parked in the bus stop for four days, but was visiting not working in the area. It was confirmed that everyone had received the Annual Report from the Police. Clerk was asked to invite Inspector Stuckes to our September meeting. Cllr Edwards reported that although police are now conducted by wards, Whitchurch village has now gone back to Brislington.

**Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Mr Heaford confirmed that the meeting held to discuss the issues of Hinton Organics site and Kelston Sparkes site went well and was well attended. Clerk confirmed that minutes have now been sent to everyone. Cllr Edwards asked the Parish council to take a minute to thank Clerk for her accurate minutes of the meeting.

**Lock up:** Clerk reported that it is once again secure.

**Allotments:** Clerk reported that Bristol Water have now located the leak and marked the road accordingly. However this cannot be 100% guaranteed that the leak is where they think. Part of the section of pipe is black poly pipe and part galvanised. A new stop tap has been fitted between the new main which feeds Publow Lane Houses and the leak. The Clerk explained that there are two options, 1) To repair the leak with the likelihood of it happening again or 2) Bristol Water to take a new supply from the new main (by no.6 Publow Lane) across the road to the allotment site. Bristol Water will install a new

meter and will be responsible for this. The old meter and pipe leading towards the George and Dragon will be abandoned, leaving the Parish Council with less responsibility. The cost for these works has been quoted as £600. The Parish Council agreed that the way forward would be with option 2, however costs should be negotiated. Clerk to speak to Responsible Financial Officer before instructing Bristol Water.

Clerk confirmed that an Allotment Agreement had been obtained from ALCA, it was agreed that the Parish Council should write into the agreement that all allotment sites have to be cleared by the tenant if they are no longer which to rent a plot.

**Transport Needs Assessment:** Clerk to e-mail Tori Chubb and ask for the final update.

**5. Items for Discussion: a) Car Park:** Mr Heaford read to the Parish Council an e-mail received from B&NES regarding the car park. The e-mail reported that during refurbishment of properties in Church Street the car park land was used and rights over the land are now trying to be claimed by the developers. B&NES are now seeking to regularise the position by getting a licence signed by the developers. It was reported that the Parish Council have photographs showing a wall which existed along the back of the properties. The Parish Council agreed that the way forward should be to return to B&NES asking for the need to resolve this issue, but would be very reluctant to withdraw as the car park is used by the village. A licence would be needed for access.

It was thought that the steps leading up to Pensford Bridge were put in after the flood. B&NES are reported to own the end part of the car park, Wessex Water own the middle part and the Miners Institute own the first piece and the bit at the front. But records show no legitimate path behind the houses.

**b) Parking Issues in Pensford:** Covered under Members of the Public.

**c) Affordable Housing:** An e-mail received from Anthony Hollingsworth at the Planning Office on 23<sup>rd</sup> May reported that the appraisal was to be looked at during that week. We still await a response. Gary Ward at B&NES is to pursue planning this week again. Clerk to e-mail again.

**d) ALCA Meeting Report:** Mr Heaford attended this meeting where a presentation was given by Mr A Thomas, B&NES on Local Area Agreement. Comments on the presentation were sought by the Secretary of the group. Bristol International Airport: It was reported that the new flight paths are to be implemented in August. The flight paths are to be much steeper and higher than at present, any deviation from flight paths should be reported to the control tower. Night flights should be operating between the hours of 11.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. The average of night flights at present totalling 115 per month. It was reported that there was a recent complaint in the Bath Chronicle because of aeroplanes coming further south, and concerns regarding the amount of CO2 emissions.

**e) Community Action Group:** No further meeting until September.

**f) Safer Communities Initiative Fund 2006/07:** The deadline for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Application forms can be obtained from Mr Ireson. It was suggested that clerk e-mail Marianne Rustad and ask her if traffic calming/sleeping policemen could be funded through the Safer Communities Initiative Fund? This would prove beneficial to the Village.

**g) Hursley Hill Lay-By (licensing):** Clerk has reported to the Licensing Department at B&NES the 'Wood Carver' who operates occasionally in the lay-by. Following which the Parish Council have been asked to consider if

they would object to a licence being issued for this location for the sale of this kind of merchandise? The Parish Council agreed that a licence should not be granted. Having this person operating in the lay-by diverts drivers attention and could possibly cause an accident on a busy stretch of road. Clerk to reply.

**6. Clerks Progress Report:** Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to S Toghill at Highways asking him to look at the following matters of concern:-

a) To look further into the white lines at Hillcrest., b) A request has been made for a new No Through Road Sign at the end of Station Approach as lorries continue to turn down this road. Clerk was asked to inform Highways of the difficulty of turning right out of Station Approach because of visibility problems caused by overgrown vegetation. C) Nelson House: Vegetation overhanging the pavement was reported, c) Pensford Bridge: The condition of the pavement appearing to dip to one side, clerk has asked if this can be looked at. D) Sprytona: Overhanging vegetation here was also reported.

**Litter Bins:** Clerk has requested a new/replacement bin for Pensford Bridge.

**Woollard Junction:** It was noted that this has been cut by Highways.

**BT Poles at Hillcrest:** Clerk had requested an update from S.Werrett who e-mailed with comments that work is well under way. Civils work is complete and the jointers are now on site changing the relevant overhead services to underground. Once this is complete the poles outside 16 & 13 will be recovered. It was reported at the meeting that some residents had no telephone for two days, and one resident had difficulty in exiting a driveway with a car.

**Publow Bridge:** Clerk has spoken to Peter Brook who reported that the cracks in the cement on the bridge are 'shrinkage cracks' and are of no concern.

**Lock Up:** Clerk has received a letter from Department for Culture, Media & Sport who confirm that a copy of the application is now with English Heritage.

**Planning/Enforcement:** Rose Cottage: The enforcement officer reported recent works carried out did not need planning permission as they were only improvement works.

The Sidings, Stanton Wick: Many site visits have been made. The Parish Council were asked to consider the time element involved as to how long the land has been used as a caravan site. The Parish Council considered that in its' unregulated state the site is tidy, but no further development should be allowed.

Flag Pole – 178 Woollard Lane: Class I of Schedule 2 of the Advertisement Regulations allows for the provision of a national flag of any country subject to the flag being displayed on a vertical flagstaff, neither the flag or flagstaff may display an advertisement. There is no control as to the height of the pole.

Riverside, Publow Lane: A site visit is still to be made.

Land at 39 Hillcrest (Old Road): A letter has been sent to the landowner on a number of occasions and a reply received to date reports that the majority of items have now been removed. A review of the situation will be made.

**Incoming Post:**

- 1) Avon & Somerset Police Authority have sent a copy of their Annual Report and their policing plan for 2006/07.
- 2) B&NES have a new guide called Travel Better, Live Better which is a guide to sustainable travel. Clerk to keep on file.
- 3) Clerk is in receipt of the new Public Transport Map from B&NES.

4) Clerk reported that a letter from B&NES gives details regarding the Local Plan Inspectors Report. The local inquiry into objections took place between February and May 2005. The Inspectors Report can be inspected from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

5) The Inspectors Report for the Children's' Play Area has been received. Clerk to forward to Memorial Hall Chairman.

6) Clerk is in receipt of the Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles. Clerk to forward to Memorial Hall Chairman.

**7. Planning: Applications looked at by Sub-Committee:**

**06/01487/FUL** Castle Tynings Castle Farm Bridgwater. Westward the Orchard Pensford. New dwelling and formation of a new access and associated works. **Objections raised letter sent to planning.**

**06/01512/FUL** Mr James Hillside House Pensford Hill. First floor extension, raising of roof to provide additional living accommodation and provision of dormers in rear and front elevation. **Objections raised letter sent to planning.**

**06/01434/FUL** Dale Britton. 8 Hillcrest Pensford. New dwelling on land adjacent to 8 Hillcrest. Amendments to previous application (04/00898/FUL) **Objections raised re: size of proposal. Letter sent to planning.**

**06/01645/FUL** Mr & Mrs Harrison Westover Priestdown Lane Publow. Single storey rear extension. **No Objections.**

**06/01616/FUL** Mr Tapscott 64 Hillcrest Pensford. Single-storey rear extension. **No Objections.**

Applications to be looked at:

**06/01656/FUL** Mr & Mrs Roper 8 Hillcrest Pensford. Rear Porch. **No objections.**

**06/01426/FUL** Mr Iain Locke Woodland View Old Road Pensford. Conversion of loft on existing bungalow to form additional storey, change from flat roof to pitch roof on garage. **No Objections.**

**06/01454/FUL** Mr & Mrs D Jones Nursery Farm New Road Pensford. 1800mm High stone facing wall around garden perimeter with side access gate. No objections raised, however it was noted that access here is difficult and on a corner, final permission should be granted subject to Highways approval. Clerk to write to planning.

**06/01579/FUL** Mrs J Ford. Parcel 5900 Priestdown Lane Publow. Use of land at Priestdown as a site for a mobile home as a temporary dwelling for five years in conjunction with new agricultural business. The Parish Council strongly object to this proposal on the grounds of poor access, green belt, beautiful landscape would be ruined. Clerk to write to planning.

Outcomes: **06/01058/REN** Mrs Sampson The Bungalow Bristol Road. Replacement Bungalow (renewal of planning permission 96/02558/FUL) **Permitted.**

**06/01045/FUL** Mr & Mrs Richardson Westleigh Publow Lane Pensford. Single-storey rear extension. **Permitted.**

Appeal Notice Received: Appeal Ref: 05/00088/RFVAR – Application Ref: 05/02121/VAR: Kelston Sparkes. Variation of conditions 20 & 23 of planning permission to allow importation of waste until 31/8/2007 & extend period of restoration to 31/8/2008. **Appeal withdrawn.**

**Hillside House:** A parish councillor asked if the Enforcement Officer can be asked to make a site visit here as it appears that a concrete base has already been built.

**8. Financial Matters: Payments to be Authorised:**

Mr S Warren	Clearing of Allotment Land	£400.00
Woollard Notice Board		199.24
Church Room	Hire April, May, June	30.00
Inland Revenue	Clerk NI & Tax ( to 31/3/06)	13.31
Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	50.00
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary May (net)	443.24
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	29.13
ALCA	Allotment Tenancy Agreement	3.22

**Payments Received:**

B&NES	Footpaths Agreement	698.83
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Return	406.13

**9. Any Other Business:**

**Rugby Club Signs:** Clerk was asked to contact Rugby Club and ask them to remove their signs advertising a car boot sale.

**Parsonage Lane/Blackrock Lane:** Clerk to report to Highways the huge amount of water running down the lane.

**Edge of Property Refuse Collections:** A parish councillor asked if the rubbish placed at the edge of the property still in the dustbin will still be collected? It was thought that the bin men would take the rubbish out of the bin.

**Station Approach:** It was reported that the white line has now been extended up to the Old Station House.

Overgrown vegetation to the right is causing vision problems exiting Station Approach. Clerk to ask Highways to write a letter to the owner.

**Blackrock Lane:** It was reported that the top half of Blackrock Lane appears to be collapsing, the Southern track of the lane is slipping away. Clerk to report.

**10. Notice of Future Meetings:**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.15p.m.**

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