

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2006 AT 7.15p.m.
AT THE CHURCH ROOM CHURCH STREET PENSFORD.**

Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford

Mrs B Bowes, Mr D Chilcott, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Loney, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr B Watson, Mrs S Grimes, Mrs J Gully, Mr B Coles.

Member of public: Mr Bond

Marianne Rustad – Community Safety Development Officer – B&NES

1. Welcome Marianne Rustad: Marianne was welcomed to the meeting and asked to explain about her position within B&NES as a Community Safety Development Officer. It was explained that Community Safety means preventing, reducing or limiting any negative factors which affect peoples quality of life, examples given were living in fear of crime, being a victim of crime or becoming an offender. Community Safety can help with preventative measures that contribute to crime reduction and that tackle anti-social behaviour. Many posts are funded through Community Safety such as Police Community Support Officers, Community Wardens, Youth Crime Prevention Officer to name a few, with Team co-ordinators dealing with different areas such as drugs, Technical Support, Admin. A breakdown of allocation of funds was circulated around the Parish Council and explained by Marianne. The Safer Communities Initiative have funded Equipment for a Clear-Up Day, Ball Parks, Youth Shelters but are also able to run Health & Well Being Days for the Elderly or Electric Blanket testing. It was thought that the Monday Club would possibly be interested. Marianne was thanked for attending the meeting.

2. Members of the Public: Mr Bond attended the meeting to report that odours are still being experienced from the Hinton Organics site. Mr Bond reported that the odour was so bad he contacted the Environmental Health Department at Bridgwater and B&NES emergency service asking to be put up in night accommodation. It was reported to Mr Bond that Cllr Edwards continues to be very much involved with this problem and any answers to concerns raised would be dealt with. Sympathies were extended to Mr Bond over the continued problem. Marianne Rustad reported that it may be possible to raise An Anti-Social Behaviour Order in relation to Environmental Health.

3. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr S Filer & Cllr P Edwards

4. Minutes of Monday 13th February 2006 having been circulated and read were amended to include Mr L Seymour as being present at the meeting and signed as a correct record. Clerk was complimented on producing full and comprehensive minutes.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: Cleansing: Concerns were raised again about the amount of rubbish still around the village. It was reported that Woollard Lane and the verges a long the main A37 remain littered with rubbish. It was reported that the recycling lorries often drop plastic bottles during collection. **Blackrock Lane:** Fly tipping was reported, the change in policy at the amenity sites thought to be a cause of the increase.

Parish Councils Airport Association Meeting: The next meeting takes place on 28th March at 7.00p.m. Mrs Stephenson offered to attend in place of Chairman Mr T Heaford.

Affordable Housing: An offer of land for low cost housing was reported and noted.

Parking: The problem of cars continuing to park at the end of Station Approach was reported.

Safer Routes to School: A meeting was held between Mr Watson, Cllr Edwards and Stefan Chiffers/Mike Ball from Traffic and Safety Team. The positioning for the lights and signage was agreed. Lights will be in place below the entrance to K C Printing on Pensford Hill and past the War Memorial going out of the village, using existing poles. Clerk reported that letters had been sent to the residents of Schumach House explaining the proposals for extending the artificial pavement between Schumach House and Cheese Cottage. Clerk reported that to date no objections had been raised and Traffic & Safety have been contacted. It was reported that the road markings will be put down within four weeks.

6. Items for Discussion: a) Car Park Wall, Church Street: Following a meeting between Parish Councillors and a resident of Church Street it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for the wall to be repaired, whilst ownership continues to be established. During the discussion about the car park it was reported that owners are allowing their dogs to continually foul in the car park. Clerk was asked to follow this up. Also a request for a sign explaining 'Cars Parked at Owners Risk' was suggested. Clerk to action. Lighting and CCTV was considered but thought not an option as lights would be intrusive and CCTV is costly and time consuming, needing someone responsible to run it. The problem of parking in Church Street was discussed. Clerk to speak to Traffic and Safety Team regarding the No Parking situation outside of the Church Room.

b) Parish Liaison Meeting: A representative from B&NES Group attended the meeting to give a presentation of new Get Active Scheme, which involves an audit of sports and leisure facilities in all parishes. Clerk reported that the survey form had been received and necessary information will be sent back. Mr Heaford reported that a long discussion took place on planning with a briefing paper and details of the planning team being distributed. Further discussions took place on the Sub Regional Spatial Strategy Survey and the 92,000 houses rumoured to be built.

c) ALCA Executive Meeting: Mr Heaford attended the meeting and reported that a dispute is still ongoing with Community Action. It was reported that the Standards Board had dealt with forty cases of complaints on behalf of one parish council. A discussion took place on Quality Councils: It was reported that all Parish Councils' can qualify for quality status if they meet the right criteria.

d) Pensford Lock Up: Photographs have been taken to send with the application to English Heritage firstly for Scheduled Monument Consent then for any grants available as work could cost several thousand pounds. A report from English Heritage informed the Parish Council that Ivy growth needs to be removed to prevent damage to the mortar, there is damage to the lintel above the door – due to vandalism, but highlighted a problem of corroding iron, and the rotten condition of door – top of door and around the lock all need attention. Advice has been sought from Listed Buildings Department regarding suitable contractors for carrying out the work. A specification of what has to be done for the basis for tender will have to be obtained.

Publow Bridge: Concerns were raised regarding cement on the bridge which has already cracked and it was reported that it does not match the existing cement. Clerk to find out about the replacement of the railings.

f) Transport Needs Survey – Community Action: Clerk reported that 430 Surveys with a covering letter are to be delivered by the Post Office at a cost of £25.00. The closing date for replies is 30th March 2006, a box will be placed in the Post Office for returned surveys.

g) New Notice board Woollard Village: Clerk reported that the original notice board had been purchased in March 1998 from Horfield Prison at a cost of £85.00. The installation of the board cost £167.50 and repairs to the board were made in March 2000 at a cost of £85.00. Mrs Stephenson reported that a new notice board which holds 8 x A4 sheets would cost £725 and a board to hold 16 x A4 sheets would cost £900. It was suggested that contact should be made with Shepton Mallet Prison. Marianne Rustad also reported that a scheme called Community Payback could undertake the project of making a notice board. Clerk to follow up.

h) Woollard Village Items: Mrs Stephenson reported that the problem of 4 x 4 vehicles driving out of Birchwood Lane is being experienced again. Many vehicles are reported to not have number plates. Residents of Woollard have been advised to contact Glenn Lord and take photographs where possible. Mrs Stephenson to e-mail Inspector Stuckes.

Gritting: It was reported that residents are concerned about the speed of the gritting lorries travelling through the village and damage to cars. Clerk reported that the lorries are regulated to travel no faster than 29mph whilst distributing the grit.

i) Chew Valley Action Group Meeting: The Youth element in parishes was discussed with praise going to the Youth Club. The Pensford and District Youth Club report that financially they do not need any money at the moment, and that they have a younger attendance age at present. A discussion took place amongst the Parish Council regarding the vetting procedure of adults working with children and the required ratio of 4 adults to one child often proving a problem. It was reported that there is a Child Safe Administrator who works within Avon and Somerset Police (Kim Tanner) who could help with any future problems.

Mrs Stephenson reported that there was a comprehensive report given by the Police at the meeting with the re-structuring and Ward Boundaries being discussed.

7. Clerks Progress Report: Highways: Clerk informed Member of the Public that Cllr Edwards had confirmed that B&NES do use a call centre for out of hours emergencies.

Speed Camera: Clerk reported that PCSO _ Jo Stagg had confirmed that the speed camera is working and was last used a couple of weeks ago.

Parking: Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to Glenn Lord regarding parking problems at Station Approach and cars continuing to park on the corner of Publow Lane by the Lock Up. A future meeting between Glenn Lord, the Parish Council and B&NES Highways will be made.

Old Road: The large pot hole here was reported to Action Line.

Blackrock Lane: Clerk has requested a new sign.

Sherwood, Woollard: Clerk contacted highways following a complaint that the gates protrude out onto the highway. Highways report that they have written to the occupier to have the gates adjusted accordingly.

High Street: Clerk reported to Highways the building materials outside of The Old Bakehouse. Highways have reported that they do not see a major problem as a skip was in place here before.

BT Poles at Hillcrest: Clerk reported that a reply has been received from BT and after many meetings and surveys the best way forward has been decided. Clerk circulated drawings supplied by BT. It was reported that a budget for the works has been secured and that the work will be fairly extensive.

Publow Bridge: Clerk reported that she had sent an e-mail to Peter Brook thanking him in respect of the bridge works.

Footpaths: Clerk has sent a letter to B Gillett thanking him for his recent report and correspondence with Colin Hudson regarding the footpaths.

Allotments: Clerk reported that another enquiry has been received regarding the rental of an allotment. It was agreed that from January 2007 the rental per annum should raise to £20. It was also agreed that the agreement should state that the allotment site should be removed of old sheds etc if the agreement is terminated. We await for a price on the clearing and rotavating of the site.

Cleansing: Clerk reported that an e-mail was sent to Phillip Morris at B&NES regarding the parish councils' concerns over the apparent lack of cleaning. The increase of fly tipping was also reported. Clerk to follow up as no reply has been received to date.

Affordable Housing: Clerk reported that she has e-mailed Gary Ward and informed him that donating the allotment land would not be an option. Gary's reply reported that he will inform Somer and ask them to be as creative as possible in order to keep scheme cost down. Gary awaits planning to give a response to the sequential appraisal of the village.

Bristol Water: Clerk e-mailed Mike Smith to find out the current situation, who reported that minor issues with occasional motorists trying to use the site as a through road were being experienced but work was on target. However, at the meeting it was reported that cars were causing a danger to workmen, and that more problems have been found and works may take a little longer.

Survey/Memorial Hall Car Park Wall: Clerk has contacted Martyn Davis again and requested a report. It was suggested at the meeting that clerk send an e-mail to Mr Davis with a report detailing his original comments.

Hinton Organics: Clerk reported that she has been speaking to Alan Bratt from the Environmental Health department who reported that complaints were received on Saturday 11th March. A representative visited the site only to be aware of a faint piney odour, possibly due to the composing of evergreen material. It was reported that the site remains under active investigation with two visit a day being made when the wind is in a NE direction. The environmental health department have six locations on site where they score on a scale of 1 – 10 the odour from the site.

It was reported to the clerk at the meeting that there is an evident increase in traffic into the quarry site. Clerk to look at original limit granted by the planning department.

Enforcement/Planning:

Clerk reported that an e-mail was sent to C Beak the Case Officer for The Oaks High Street reporting that after further consideration of the application the parish council would like the roof line height re-addressed. No reply has been received to date – clerk to follow up.

Pensford Vehicle Centre: Clerk has replied to planning with the comments made by the parish council about the application lacking details on the plans for the finished size and height. Also that the proposed Bath Stone would not be in keeping with the surrounds.

Clerk reported that she had received a call from a resident at Hillcrest concerned about the proposals for the site. Letters have been received from this person, who has also written to Planning Department and Cllr Edwards. Clerk reported that she made further contact with the Case Officer who reported that there are issues to look at because of the Green Belt area and the size of the application. The Case Officer proposes to make a site visit on 21st March. Clerk has also asked for an archaeological survey to be made of the site. Clerk reported that Cllr Edwards has requested for the application to be dealt with by the Area Committee and has submitted a letter supporting the Parish Council. It was reported at the meeting that private cars are being stored on site.

Incoming Post:

Clerk reported that the only item to report was the survey from B&NES Sport and Active Leisure Team Survey.

8. Planning: : Applications to be looked at: **06/00548/FUL** Mr & Mrs Anstey 24 Hillcrest Pensford. Rear Conservatory. **No Objections raised.**

06/00588/FUL M Vear Stoney Lodge 6 Station Approach Pensford. Attached garage and plant room. The application was reported to appear in proportion to the existing building and therefore **No objections** were raised.

Outcomes: **05/02271/FUL** Castle Tynings Ltd Land South of Westward The Orchard Pensford. New dwelling and associated works. **Refused.**

05/03775/FUL Mr & Mrs Smart Sandhills Birchwood Lane Publow. Raising of roof to include provision of 4 no. dormer windows to form additional living accommodation. **Permitted.**

05/02450/FUL P Wheatley 1 Knights Cottage Wick Lane Pensford. Detached garage (retrospective). **Permitted.**

06/00196/FUL E Winfield Fernlea Blackrock Lane Publow. Single-storey rear extension and provision front and rear dormers. **Permitted.**

05/04007/FUL Mr & Mrs Cook Land South of Jaycee Back Lane Pensford. Erection of 1 no. dwelling house. **Refused.**

9. : Financial Matters: Payments to be Authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	February Salary – Net	£431.80
Mrs J Bragg	Imprest	21.57
Inland Revenue	Clerk NI & Tax	27.24

Receipts to Note: None to report.

10. Any Other Business: It was noted that sadly the Head teacher of Pensford Primary School is retiring.

Woollard: The problem of a van being parked at the side of the road travelling into Woollard village was reported, being a dark van it is difficult to see at night. Clerk to deal.

Pensford 10K: The race takes place on 23rd April 2006.

Hinton Organics: Mud around the Hinton Organics site was reported. Concerns regarding the removal of hedgerow between Woollard and Hunstrete were raised. It was reported that this is to rejuvenate the hedgerows and is not detrimental.

Hursley Hill/Blackrock Lane: It was reported that an Astra van belonging to R Penney, Contractors is being left in the lay-by at the top of Hursley Hill. Clerk to deal.

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Memorial Hall: Lottery funding from Awards for All has been looked into.

River: Large trees were reported to have fallen into the river between Pensford Bridge and Bridge House. Clerk to contact Environment Agency.

Rose Cottage, Belluton: Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer regarding building works reported.

Viaduct, Stanton Lane: Clerk to report refuse from Guys Farm work in a field by the Viaduct.

Wrought Iron Gates/Church Street Car Park: It was reported that wrought iron gates at the back of a property in Church Street cause a problem for people parking because they open out into the car park restricting the parking area.

11. Notice of Future Meetings: Parish Councils' Airport Association Meeting Tuesday 28th March 2006.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2006 AT 7.15p.m.

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR AGM/ANNUAL AND A MONTHLY MEETING ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2006.

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