

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 AT 7.15p.m. AT CHURCH ROOM  
CHURCH STREET PENSFORD**

**Present: Chairman: Mr T Heaford Vice-Chairman: Mr B Watson**  
Mrs J Stephenson, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Loney, Mr J Kelly, Mrs S Grimes,  
Mr P Wareham, Mrs J Gully. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

Two members of the public were present.

**1) Members of the Public** attended the parish council meeting to raise awareness and concerns regarding a rumoured Travellers Site. The site location is thought to be in Stanton Wick which is not in the Parish of Publow with Pensford Parish Council. Clerk to make contact with Stanton Drew Parish Clerk.

**2) Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr P Edwards, Mr S Filer.

**3) Minutes of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011** after being circulated and read were signed as a correct record

**4) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:**

**148 High Street, Pensford:** The Parish Council are extremely concerned about the dominating size of the construction of the detached house. Parish Council agreed that a request should be made to a member of the Planning to make a site visit accompanied by Cllr Edwards.

**Bristol Airport:** Information has been received from Mike Littleton with a report on flights in August 2010. These results will be discussed at the April Meeting.

**Car Park:** It was reported to the Parish Council that Trustees of the Miners Welfare Institute have been seen measuring an area of the car park. Parish Council do not foresee much progress in acquiring the car park due to the many problems and different ownerships involved, and in particular the costs.

**Church Street:** A tree which obstructs the footpath was reported. Clerk to follow up.

**Land:** A visit has been made to the Solicitors. Progress made was updated to the Parish Council.

**5) Items for Discussion:**

**a) Defibrillators:** The adoption of the kiosk has been held up due to the confusion of the ownership of the power supply. Western Power own the

supply. Clerk and Mrs Stephenson to review the adoption. Leaflets have been distributed for the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with attendance replies being received.

**b) Hinton Organics - Mud on road:** Clerk emailed concerns to Hinton Organics regarding the mud on Charlton Road following lorry movements in and out of the Hinton Organic Site. Bristol & Avon Transport & Recycling reported that the prolonged wet weather resulted in the problems and operational procedures had now been changed. Lorries are pressure washed prior to exiting the site and visually checked by the Manager. A road sweeper is sweeping the highway. Clerk replied pointing out that it appeared the highway between the site exit and the junction of Charlton Road was being missed out. Also that a staff member in the road sweeper appeared asleep in his cab at 11.25 am one weekday morning. A reply is awaited.

**c) Changes to 376 Bus Service:** Somerset County Council have announced substantial reductions in their supported services to this bus service. Contracts for evenings, Sunday and Bank Holiday journeys on the 376 have been cancelled with effect from the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011. BANES consider it important to retain this service and have invited bus operators to bid for contracts. Clerk to contact BANES and clarify the times for the when the bus will stop on an evening. Clerk to also point out that to date no notices have been put up on the Bus Stops.

**d) Footpath CL17/40 148 High Street:** A Legal Notice has been served by Public Rights of Way, BANES regarding unauthorised disturbances to the surface of the public footpath. A further inspection was made on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 where it was found that improvements had been made. The surface of the footpath had been levelled and hazards covered, cracked concrete had been filled in. No further action is needed for the time being however the Legal Notice is still in force.

**e) St Thomas a Becket Churchyard:** Discussions took place concerning a letter received from the Rector about the future of the Churchyard at St Thomas a Becket's'.

**f) Report following meeting at Memorial Hall:** A meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 between T Phillips, G Beedell, T Heaford & Mrs Bragg. There are no current problems reported at with the Hall. Proposals are in hand to start the re-decorating and new curtains will be made. Ceiling tiles have been replaced. New Chairs are ordered and will be stored in a cupboard inside the Memorial Hall. Vandalism problems are much reduced. The hedge at the back of the hall has been cut by British Telecom. Advertising was discussed and future fundraising projects are in hand.

**g) Back Lane, Pensford:** BANES have notified the Parish Council regarding an enquiry from a resident of the High Street regarding acquiring a part of Back Lane. BANES have no power to remove the highway rights and the case would have to be taken to the Magistrates Court. Under Section 116(32) of

the Highways Act the Parish Council must be given two months to consider the proposal and if they refuse consent then the proposal cannot go ahead. Parish Council agreed that they would not support this.

**h) Clerk Scale Point Rise from SCP 23 to SCP 24 - 0.34p rise per hour:** Mrs Bragg is now starting her 11<sup>th</sup> year as clerk, Parish Council agreed scale point rise and congratulated her on her excellent service to the Council.

**i) Parish Liaison Meeting Report:** No update as Mr Heaford did not attend. Minutes are awaited.

**j) Election Procedure:** Nomination packs are awaited. Those wishing to stand again should complete the nomination form and return to BANES not to the Clerk. Mrs Loney will not be standing again. Parish Council vacancy will be advertised.

## **6) Clerks Progress Report:**

**The Sidings:** Reports of shooting near to the footpath have been reported to PC Simon Glanfield. A reply is awaited.

**Church Magazine:** Clerk has informed Pauline Parnell that PCSO details should be changed in the mag. Pauline has confirmed that this will be done.

**Telephone Kiosk:** Application form has been completed to adopt the kiosk at Hillcrest. Cheque to be raised at the meeting to finalise adoption process.

**Grit Bins:** Clerk has obtained prices from the internet regarding Parish Council purchasing their own grit bins. A request for Station Approach to be re-assessed has been made to Wayne Honey.

**New Post on Pensford Hill:** Highways report that the new post was installed and they are now awaiting the utilities company to come and re-tarmac around the post. Following this the cones will be removed.

**Potholes:** Highways were asked to attend to potholes at Priestdown and Publow Lane from the Memorial Hall as far as Priestdown. Highways report that an order is already in for these. Confirmation has been received from BANES that Woollard Lane Publow, Priestdown Lane Publow and Parsonage Lane Publow have been added to the Highway Structural Maintenance Programme for carriageway Surface Dressing 2011/12

**Affordable Housing:** Somer have reported that they are having difficulty in procuring someone to undertake the housing needs survey, given that Community Action have now folded. There are a few leads Somer are following up with other rural enablers. A meeting has been held with BANES to discuss the revised content of the needs survey, Somer report steady progress so far. Somer will be invited to attend the May meeting to give an update and report regarding the Housing Needs Survey.

ALCA have now moved offices, their new address is Coombe Lodge, Blagdon, North Somerset. BS40 7RE Tel: 01761 461536  
e.mail:alca1@talktalkbusiness.net

**Incoming Post:**

a) A letter had been received from the Rector. As there is no longer a Sunday School to make poppies for Remembrance Sunday Rector has contacted the Brownies Leader and they may revive the custom of poppies this year. Sound equipment for the remembrance Day service at the War Memorial has been considered, a simpler and cheaper solution would be to ensure those attending stand closer to the War Memorial.

b) The Quarterly Inspection Report for the Play Area had been received and copy sent to Terry Phillips.

c) A reply from Bristol Airport with a report on flights between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010 will be discussed next month.

**7) Planning:**

**Applications discussed by Sub-Committee:**

11/00064/FUL Mr S East Bluebell Cottage 129 High Street Pensford.  
Erection of detached shed/log cabin in garden to the rear of the garage.  
Parish Council support.

**Applications discussed:**

11/00689/FUL Ms Helen Walker, Mr J Boyd & Mr M Field, Erection of 2no.front porches for 143 High Street & 144 High Street. Parish Council support, however would make the comment that a precedent has been set by the neighbouring property which already has a porch and the entrance is sideways on. Therefore the Parish Council are of the opinion that the proposed porches should face the same way to be more in-keeping.

11/00671/RES Publow Passion Alpacas Priestdown Lane Publow Bristol.  
Approval of reserved matters with regard to outline application  
10/02667/OUT for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. Initial comments were that Permitted Development Rights should be attached to the application so that it cannot be developed outside of the footprint agreed. Occupancy should be restricted to an Agricultural Worker. Conflicting plans were amongst the supporting documents, clarification of the correct positioning of the proposal is required. After discussing the application the Parish Council agreed that a site visit should be made. Clerk to Contact the Case Officer and Mrs Ford to arrange.

**Planning Outcomes:**

**10/05328/FUL** Mr J Rehbein Hillside View Pensford Hill. Part 3 storey, part 1 storey rear extension to provide additional living and bedroom accommodation and additional secure parking and extended balcony area.  
**REFUSE**

**10/05215/LBA** Dr R Bingham External alterations for the provision of timber casement windows following removal of UPVC windows. **CONSENT**

**10/05214/FUL** Dr R Bingham 3 Schumack House High Street Pensford. Provision of timber casement windows following removal of UPVC windows.  
**PERMIT**

**8) Financial Matters:**

**Payments to be authorised:**

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary Feb	536.84
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	28.31
Titan Internet	Web Site Services Renewal	240.00
Tec ltd	Installation of Defib at Post Office	234.00
Memorial Hall	Donation for new chairs	750.00

**Payments Received:**

Allotment Rental	160.00
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**9) Any Other Business:**

**Birchwood Lane:** Clerk to ask Colin Hudson when the bollards will be put up. 4 x 4 Vehicles have started using the lane again.

**Avon & Somerset Monthly Newsletter:** Mr Seymour had read this. Suggestion was made to contact Licensing Services and ask for details of licence times held for George & Dragon Public House. A renewal date of the licence will be asked for. The renting of rooms on the premises was reported and suggestion made to contact Police/BANES Health & Safety.

**Tennis Club:** Contractors have carried out preparatory work to one of the Tennis Courts. One court at a time will be re-surfaced.

**Litter Bin:** The bin beside the Lock Up has disappeared. Clerk to ask for a new one.

**Royal Wedding Celebrations:** A Street Party is being organised. The proposal is to close Church Street. All children under eleven years of age will be presented with a mug. Mrs Gully asked if Parish Council could make a donation to the cost of the mugs. Parish Council agreed. Clerk to contact Helen King for details of payment.

**Grit Bins:** Clerk reported the cost of Parish Council purchasing their own grit bins. Clarification will be sought from BANES if they would fill the bins with grit.

**Hillside Cottage:** A white van has been parked at the front of the property encroaching onto the footpath. Clerk to chase up again with Wendy Linham at Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

**High Street:** A van was reported to be parked by the Post Box for a week without moving. PCSO's were informed.

**Woollard:** A collapsed culvert in Woollard was reported. It is apparently BANES responsibility. Barriers have been around it since 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Clerk to follow up.

**Church Farm:** A tree has fallen into the river from Church Farm. It needs moving.

**Church Mag:** Council Connect telephone number is no longer in the Church Mag. Clerk to forward it to Pauline.

**Pensford 10k:** Takes place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011

**10) Notice of Future Meetings:**

**Youth Steering Group Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 Chew Magna Millennium Hall.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011 AT 7.15p.m.**