

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 AT 7.15p.m. AT THE CHURCH ROOM, CHURCH  
STREET, PENSFORD**

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

**1) Members of the Public:** A member of the public attended the meeting to report concerns regarding a large amount of work being carried out by a neighbour to a motor vehicle which is causing noise disturbance, posing a safety risk on a shared driveway and possibly causing damage to other vehicles by using an angle grinder and causing sparks to fly around. Parish Council agreed to reinforce the situation and Cllr Edwards will also take this matter up with Somer Housing.

**2) Apologies for Absence:** Mr S Filer

**3) Minutes of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012** after being circulated and read we altered to read 'Minutes of a Meeting', and signed as a correct record.

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

**Village Agents:** Clerk to raise the awareness of the Village Agents. Details to go onto the notice boards and the website and an article to be submitted in a future church magazine.

**The Bridge over the Weir:** An outline about the history of the Mill has been compiled. Contact has now been made with English Heritage. There is a great deal of material to be considered. Chairman to progress this further.

**Primary School Allotment:** Clerk to contact a teacher at the school.

**Snack Van in Hursley Hill Lay-by:** Clerk reported that BANES would not release the details of the Licence Holder. Clerk to discuss further with Cllr Edwards.

**Vegetation/Brambles:** The danger of brambles overgrowing the Pedestrian footway by the War Memorial will be brought to the attention of Highways again.

**Allotments:** The general state of the allotment site was discussed. There are now vacant plots which have not been cultivated and one has been left with greenhouses, sheds in situ which under the tenancy agreement should have been cleared. Clerk & Mr Seymour to progress further. A copy of the tenancy agreement that Whitchurch Parish Council use will be obtained.

**5) Items for Discussion:**

**a) Affordable Housing:** A site meeting will be arranged to discuss positioning some allotment plots at the bottom of the Memorial Field, if there is enough space.

**b) Woollard Lane:** A meeting took place with Mr Trigwell, Mark Reynolds from the Planning Authority. Two members of Compton Dando Parish Council and Mrs Gully, Mr Heaford and Cllrs P Edwards & S Davis. A Planning Contravention Notice had been served. Now with more information from residents and aerial photographs the PCN can be enforced.

**Hinton Organics:** The Planning Situation was discussed. The Secretary of State has been involved and has had details of the application for two years deciding whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. While this is happening BANES authority cannot do anything.

**Logs for Sale:** Enforcement have been on site and enforcement action concerns any material change of use. At this stage it is being monitored.

**A Boards:** Need to be regularised.

Chairman reported that **The Sidings, Wick Lane** is an address which needs action from Planning Enforcement. Clerk to push for Enforcement to re-visit.

Clerk confirmed that to date no reply has been received from Mr Curran regarding outstanding Enforcement Matters. A further email will be sent to Mr Curran.

**c) Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting:** A good meeting with many presentations received from West of England Rural Network, Village Agents and signposting to Financial Help with their guidance. Dial a Ride in conjunction with the Village Agents. A Web site is awaited from Quest, to showcase archives of local heritage and talent.

**d) PACT Meeting:** Police report that burglaries are lower. There had been 76 reports of suspicious activity. A 30mph limit for Stowey had been agreed with a 7 ½ tonne weight restriction.

The B3130 Junction will not be reviewed. The Give Way should work, it will be monitored for the next Year.

**Hursley Lane:** Is still being monitored as cars continue to use the no right turn. A No Entry Sign will be put up.

**Ubley:** Speeding was reported and Whitchurch reported litter problems. The priorities are, Bristol Road, Chew Stoke, there is no pavement and with the location of the new surgery problems will arise. At the surgery there are reported to be 78 parking spaces but currently there are 32, there are 38 staff.

**Dog Fouling** in Bishop Sutton is a problem. Drug use at Whitchurch Play Area will be monitored. At the meeting it was reported that possible drug use is taking place under Publow Bridge.

**e) CPRE Neighbourhood Planning Workshop:** A well attended meeting with two presentations. A Neighbourhood Plan is very similar to the Parish Plan. It is not mandatory but if produced it will have an influence over District Council Planning.

It was suggested that Parishes preparing a Plan should form a sub committee to take the Plan forward. There is no funding at present.

**f) Pensford Hill:** A site meeting was held with Stefan Chiffers, Simon Glanfield and Chairman. Raising the kerb was looked at but it was thought would not be effective and there are too many driveways out onto the Hill. To reduce the speed to 20mph would be a decision made by the Department of Transport. It was felt that the narrow parts of the Hill slow the traffic anyway. The camera remains a large deterrent for speeding. Traffic and Safety are reluctant to offer anything more but painting further signs on the road further up towards the garage and by Church Street has been suggested. Looking at the map of accidents in the last five years only four had occurred. It was also reported that the bollards on the hill cost £500 each.

**g) School Crossing:** The School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator has looked at the crossing and has reported that it is not best practice to put a school Crossing Patrol on another pedestrian crossing. The parking could be causing motorists to miss the crossing as they are distracted by parents and children getting out of their vehicles. The school have been asked to add information to their newsletter.

**h) Diamond Jubilee:** The Primary School have expressed an interest in tree planting together with the Parish Council. Contact to be made with the Woodland Trust.

**Mugs:** Parish Council agreed to fund the purchase of mugs for the School & Woollard. Clerk to progress with Mrs Gully.

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

**Village Agents:** An email was sent to Denise Perrin thanking her and Karen Lyne for attending the February Meeting.

**Neighbourhood Planning:** Booklets about Neighbourhood Planning have been ordered for all parish council members and will be distributed when received.

**Footpaths:** John has collected the new strimmer. A part received is the wrong one. A new part has been ordered but will cost £40.00 extra. John has tidied around the lock up area and cleared the footpath which runs along the edge of the allotment site. Colin Hudson has confirmed that he has a high visibility jacket available for John to wear with BANES logo on it. Colin will contact John direct to arrange delivery of direction badges for the footpaths.

**Ringspit Lane:** Colin Hudson has confirmed that he will be arranging the installation of stronger posts at the entrance to Ringspit Lane.

**Precept Form:** BANES have acknowledged receipt of the Precept Form. The first payment will be made after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

**Notice board Replacement:** No update.

**Tipping Hursley Hill:** Clerk has contacted the Environment Agency. An update was given by the Clerk. Clerk to contact the Environment Agency again in two months time.

**War Memorial:** Photographs of the memorial are with the War Memorials Trust a grant application is in hand.

#### **Highways:**

**Priestdown:** A small bank slide had occurred, Trina Cummings was informed.

**Blackrock Lane:** Rubbish was dumped at the top of Blackrock Lane in black bin liners. Cleansing were informed and asked to remove.

**Belluton:** Clerk has informed Highways that there was again mud on the road, and no signage is in place to warn motorists.

**Wall by Bus Stop:** Structures department have been notified that Parish Council remain concerned about the condition of the wall. A further inspection has been requested.

**Woollard Lane:** Highways have been asked to look at the problem with excessive water on Woollard Lane by Langford Farm as a matter of urgency.

**Footpath:** The footpath between the lay-by at the bottom of Hursley Hill and Pensford has been reported to Highways to be cleared as it has become overgrown and narrow. It is used regularly by the resident in Amercombe Bungalow who does not drive.

**Criteria for new Street Litter Bin:** BANES have sent information regarding the process for requesting new litterbins. The cost of a new bin is currently £350 for a metal bin and £310 for a hardened plastic bin. An installation cost of £104 is added to this cost. The annual cost for emptying a bin is £150. Total therefore of a new bin supplied by BANES is £604 with an ongoing annual cost of £150

**Changes to Weekend opening for Recycle Centres:** The new opening times are Monday - Friday 8am - 4.15p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 3.45 p.m. and Bank Holidays: 8am - 3.45p.m. Details have been put on the web site and will be put on the notice boards.

**Green Wheelie Bin Collections:** There was a problem with recycling collections at The Orchard, High Street when the Green Bins were not collected. Mr Seymour reported this to the Recycling Department to no avail. Clerk telephoned and requested a collection. Bins were finally collected ten days late.

**A Board Signage:** The George & Dragon have been given a leaflet regarding the new A Board guidelines coming into effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. It was discussed that the signage at the garage needs reporting to Enforcement. Also concerns remain regarding the disposal of the water on site which could

possibly be polluting Salters Brook. Clerk will also report that it appears staff are living on the premises.

## **7) Planning:**

### **Applications discussed by Sub-Committee:**

**12/00517/FUL** Mr P Ford The Shop on the Bridge. Change of use from shop to dwelling. Parish Council support the proposed change of use.

### **Applications to discuss:**

None to date

### **Outcomes:**

**10/04184/REN** Mrs B Bowes Renewal of application **07/02560/FUL** - Erection of residential annexe. PERMIT

**11/05430/OUT** Mr & Mrs Haines Hillgarth Hillcrest Pensford. Erection of a dwelling following partial demolition of existing bungalow accommodation. Approve.

## **8) Financial Matters:**

### **Payments to be authorised:**

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary Feb	555.04
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.00
Mrs J Bragg	Computer Ink	10.99

### **Payments Received:**

Public Rights of Way	Footpaths 2011/2012	786.76
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## **9) Any Other Business:**

**Brownies:** A letter of thanks for the recent donation to the Brownies had been received.

**Parish Liaison Meeting:** The lack of confidence in the Planning System was highlighted at the meeting.

A Pilot Scheme for faster broadband was reported. Clerk to register. Mrs Grimes to provide further details.

Cllr Edwards reported the **New Bus Service - 379** all parish councillors have received details of this service from the clerk and details had been posted on the notice boards.

**New Notice board:** It was suggested that maybe a board to celebrate the Jubilee could be made. Clerk to contact Mr Stevenson at Priestdown Farm.

**Woollard Lane:** Planning permissions for building works at an address near the cattery were queried. Clerk confirmed if it is Sunnycres Planning Permissions were granted.

**Blackrock Lane:** Clerk to check planning records in relation to high metal railings which have been put in.

**Footpaths:** Two footpaths on land at Church Farm are blocked by a metal fence.

**Defibrillator Awareness Evening:** Takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 pm in Woollard. It was reported that the defibrillator may possibly have been used when a resident in Pensford suffered a heart attack. The defibrillator will be checked.

**Chairman of the Council Civic Reception:** It was reported to be a splendid evening. Thanks were extended to Cllr Edwards for his invitation.

**10) Notice of Future Meetings:**

**PCAA Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 7.30p.m. Felton Village Hall.  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 AT 7.15p.m.**