

## PYTCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	Mrs. B Hargreaves – Chair Mr. P Crane Mrs. P Hobson Mrs. J Issac Mr. A Lodge Mr. D Owen
	<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs. R Warne
	<b>Press/Public</b>	Mrs. B Lodge
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- 19. Apologies for Absence**  
Apology received and accepted from Councillor Brown and Councillor Macredie.  
Also absent was Councillor Spooner.
- 20. Declarations of Interest**  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 21. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
The Minutes of the meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were signed and adopted as a true record on a proposition by Councillor Lodge and seconded by Councillor Hobson.
- 22. Matters Arising from the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**  
**Item 7** – VAS & Weight Restriction – no reply received – Clerk to chase  
**Item 12** – Gaynor Youd was on holiday and the litter picking was covered by Annelise for one week.  
**Item 13** – Pytchley were unsuccessful in their bid for the Playbuilder grant.  
**Item 15** – Rural Area Forum agenda received and Councillor Lodge and Councillor Hobson attended.  
**Item 15** – Parish Plan – Councillor Lodge is still continuing in his correspondence with Kettering Borough Council.
- 23. Public Participation**  
Reported that the footpath on High Street by Manor Gardens is overgrown – Clerk to report to Street Doctor.  
Information regarding grants has been put in the Pytchley Post – originally three pages but condensed down for insertion in the Pytchley Post.

**24. Town and Country Planning**

**1. Clerk notification of plans approved or declined**

There were no notifications of plans approved or declined.

**2. Consideration of an application for single storey front and first floor side extensions at Northfield House, Top End, Pytchley – Application Number KET/2009/0363**

Councillors considered the plans and the application and it was agreed that there were no objections or observations to be made.

Noted that this application was not sent to the Clerk and Clerk to inform Kettering Borough Council and ask that all applications are sent via the Clerk.

**25. Financial Matters**

**1. Balances at today's date - £5343.15**

**2. The following payments were agreed by all Councillors:-**

	<u>CHEQUE NUMBER</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>£</u>
25.1	100765	Mrs. R Warne	Clerk salary and expenses for May	£183.31
25.2	100766	Mrs. R Warne	Clerk salary and expenses for June	£179.83
25.3	100767	Mrs. G Youd	Litter Picker invoice	£44.00

**3. Town and Parish Council Funding (Precept)**

Discussions took place regarding Precepting.

Kettering Borough Council consultation events are being held on various dates and it was agreed that Councillors would attend each event. Clerk to notify Kettering Borough Council who is attending each event.

Discussion took place about informing residents and it was agreed that residents should be aware as this has been reported in the Pytchley Post, The Chairman's Report and the Minutes.

Precepting to be discussed further at the September meeting and a further item will be put in the Pytchley Post in September.

**4. Budget for 2009/2010**

Councillors discussed the budget in detail. It is anticipated that expenditure this year will exceed the grant of £3680.00 by approximately £500.00.

The clerk's salary and expenses accounted for 62% of expenditure. There is a long term problem over financing but there should still be approximately £2000 in reserve to carry forward to next year.

## **5. Review of Risk Assessment**

Councillors reviewed the Risk Assessment document and agreed to remove from the Non-Financial statement the responsibility of the Parish Council for the benches and bus shelter as these items are owned, maintained and inspected by Kettering Borough Council.

## **6. Clerk report on the Internal Audit of the Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

Clerk advised that the Internal Audit had been undertaken and there were no items of concern raised.

## **26. Highway and Traffic Matters**

### ***1. Generally: Review matters from previous meeting***

- Speedwatch has been running for one week and 14 vehicles registered as speeding.
- Letter received from residents regarding the traffic volumes on Kettering Road. Discussions took place and it was agreed that the Chair would respond to this letter.
- Car parking problem reported at The Old Post Office. Vehicle is parking half on the pavement and half on the driveway. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council before any other course of action is considered. Clerk to write to residents.

## **27. Play Equipment**

The village has been offered a Hurricane Swing free of charge and a site meeting was attended by Councillor Crane and Councillor Lodge. Kettering Borough Council has agreed to install this at their cost and it is envisaged that this will be installed early in the Summer Holidays.

The village has also been offered a Youth shelter which will be installed near the Recreation Ground by KBC. The Parish Council have agreed that this would be most appreciated and Kettering Borough Council to be informed.

## **28. Parking Issues**

Councillor Issac advised the Parish Council that residents have spoken to the Head Teacher and she is aware of the issues and hopes to resolve these in September.

## **29. Tree felling in the Church Yard**

Councillor Crane gave an overview of the situation and this was discussed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillor Crane would compose a response and the Clerk would then formally write to Kettering Borough Council. Councillor Lodge notified the Parish Council that an Acacia tree is to be removed adjacent to Kettering Road as it is a Health and Safety risk.

**30. Correspondence and Highlighted Messages**

The following items were discussed:-

- An overview of the Rural Forum was provided by Councillor Lodge which included Planning Regulations, CATs and Clean Sweep. The next Rural Forum will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September at Pytchley Village Hall and the Parish Council is to provide tea, coffee and biscuits.
- Ward Walkabout to take place later this year (date to be advised) and Councillors agreed that they will need to have their list of concerns ready for that meeting.
- Chicken Farm – multiple complaints have been received about the smell and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Environmental Agency with a copy to Wellingborough Council, Kettering Borough Council and the owner to raise our concerns and to ask when the screening promised will be planted.

**31. Matters of report and any urgent business at the discretion of the Chairman**

- Dog fouling and dogs on the Recreation Ground discussed. Clerk to write to Kettering Borough Council to establish the Parish Council's legal rights to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground and to find out what we can do to enforce this.

**32. Items for the next Agenda**

- Precepting

**33. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 commencing at 7PM.

**34. Closure**

The meeting closed at 8.35 PM.

**Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record**

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated** \_\_\_\_\_