

PYTCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM

Present	Councillors	Mr. P Crane - Chairman Mrs. B Hargreaves – Vice Chair Mrs. P Hobson Mrs. J Isaac Mr. A Lodge Mr. A Macredie Mrs. J Spooner
	Clerk Press/Public Public	Mrs. R Warne Mrs. B Lodge 1

- 66. Apologies for Absence**
Apology received and accepted from Councillor Brown and Councillor Owen.
- 67. Declarations of Interest**
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 68. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 3rd November 2008**
Amendment to the Minutes to read that the dates on item 64 should read 2009 and not 2008.
The Minutes of the meeting 3rd November 2008 were signed and adopted as a true record on a proposition by Councillor Lodge and seconded by Councillor Spooner
- 69. Matters Arising from the Meeting 1st September 2008**
Item 52 – Councillor Crane advised that he wrote to BT on 7th December and no response received. As the Borough Council were consulted Clerk to write to KBC for an update.
Item 52 – Crime figures from PC McQuaid now received.
Item 52 – Parish Plan – response received from KBC and awaiting their decision.
Item 52 – Butchers Lane sign now replaced.
Item 52 – Lorries through village – article has been put in the Pytchley Post.
Councillor Spooner advised Councillors that she had stopped a Wincanton lorry that was driving through the village and contacted Wincanton to discuss the issue. Wincanton has apologies and a note is being given to all drivers to ensure they no longer use Pytchley as a short cut.
Item 52 – Drain opposite the Old Post Office – no update available and Councillor Crane will speak to Councillor Owen.

Item 52 – Overhanging bushes on Isham Road have been cut back by Councillor Crane.

Item 54.2 – Butchers Lane – Councillor Lodge gave an update on this and explained that Full Application had been refused.

Item 61 – Rural Area Forum was attended by Councillor Macredie.

70. Public Participation

- Resident attended to alert the Parish Council to an incident involving her son and daughter on the way to school via Butchers Lane and a speeding vehicle. Incident was reported to the PCSO's but no action was taken and the resident reported matters to Northamptonshire County Council who have since been out to visit her and to see where the incident took place. Funding has been promised to look at some safety measures but support of the Parish Council needed. Discussion took place and Parish Council agreed to support any initiative to safeguard children on their journey to school on a proposition by Councillor Hargreaves and seconded by Councillor Hobson. Clerk requested to write to Nick Gore at Northamptonshire County Council to ask what work he is proposing to undertake in Butchers Lane.
- Drain by traffic calming on Isham Road is blocked and Clerk to report this to Street Doctor.
- Letter to Councillor Lodge regarding street lighting on Isham Road read out and it was agreed that Councillors would discuss this further as an Agenda Item at the next meeting.
- Concern was raised over the volume and speed of traffic through the village. Councillor Crane advised that a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign has been installed and will need to await the outcome of this and that any ideas as to how the volume of traffic could be reduced would be most welcomed by the Parish Council.

71. Town and Country Planning

1. Clerk notification of plans approved or declined

There were no notifications of plans approved or declined.

Notification received that the application for the installation of a small wind turbine at Pytchley Grange had been withdrawn.

2. Consideration of an application for 2 roof lights and Juliet balcony to side and replacement of dormer window with rooflight to rear at 31 Lower End, Pytchley – Application Number KET/2008/0947

It is noted that the plans received from Kettering Borough Council do not show the Juliet Balcony or the replacement dormer window with rooflight to the rear, however, the Parish Council were informed that these alterations were to the rear of the property and will not affect the neighbours and therefore on this basis the Parish Council agreed that they had no objections.

3. Consideration of an application for Overhead Line Application – repositioning of overhead electricity cables for Parish of Pytchley – Application Number KET/2008/1008

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

72. Financial Matters

1. Balances at today's date - £3167.02 + £631.00 grant held.

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

	<u>CHEQUE NUMBER</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>£</u>
2.1	100742	Mr. P Miller	Litter Picker Salary to 13 th December 2008	£88.00
2.2	100743	Mrs. R Warne	Clerk salary and expenses for November	£166.23
2.3	100744	E-ON	Electricity church lights	£91.86
2.4	100745	Pytchley Parish Post	Donation towards costs	£165.00
2.5	100746	Northants Acre	Membership renewal	£34.00
2.6	100747	Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance Premium	£205.00
2.7	100748	Mrs. R Warne	Clerk salary increase back dated pay	£23.04
2.8	100749	Mrs. R Warne	Stationery	£12.36
2.9	100750	Mrs. R Warne	Clerk salary and expenses December	£145.06

3. Review of Clerk annual salary

Councillors agreed to increase the Clerk's annual salary by £2.56 per month as recommended by NCALC.

4. New funding for the Parish Sector

NCALC announced new funding for the Parish Sector in November 2008 and no further information announced to date.

5. Councillor Hakewill's fund

Councillors were made aware that a sum of funding is available from the Empowering Councillors fund and Councillors agreed that a good use of funding would be for an additional item of play equipment for the recreation ground.

Councillors agreed that the ball post previously suggested by Karen Selby would be a good investment and Clerk to contact Councillor Hakewill to express an interest in funding for this.

6. Up to date projection of financial outcome for 2008-2009

Councillor Crane provided Councillors with an Annual Expenditure update and discussions took place regarding the Parish Council funds. It was agreed that a detailed budget discussion would take place after the year end on 31st March 2009. It is noted that the Kettering Borough Council grant for 2008/2009 was £3590 and that the Annual Expenditure Update shows and expenditure of £4215.79 for 2008/2009.

7. Budget Consultation meeting 22nd January 2009

Kettering Borough Council are holding a Budget Consultation meeting on 2nd January 2009 and Councillor Crane agreed to attend.

73. Highway and Traffic Matters

1. Councillors discussed the contents of the letter received from Katherine Kerswell and Clerk to write to chase various items not as yet actioned.
2. Schools Information Pack – It was agreed that Councillor Crane would contact the school to discuss them working with the Parish Council in an application to the Casualty Reduction Partnership.
3. A43 Stakeholder Meeting on 5th December 2008 – Councillor Hargreaves attended the meeting and gave an overview. Next meeting is due to be held on 27th March 2009 and Councillor Hargreaves agreed to attend.

74. Village Improvements

Litter Pick day discussed and date agreed as 4th April 2009 commencing at 9AM. All to meet in the village hall and notice to be put in the Pytchley Post. Clerk to write to KBC to ask for bags, prongs, gloves and visivests and to request that a litter collection is made on Monday 6th April.

75. Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Locations for Waste Development DPD: Supplementary Preferred Options - Update

Councillor Crane reported on phone call from and subsequent letter to David Gunn, Burton Latimer Parish Council in December 2008. No further response received.

76. Review and discussion with Litter Picker Pip Miller (and Mrs. Miller)

Apology received from Pip Miller.

Parish Council received a letter from Pip Miller and Mrs. Miller giving notice to cease their employment week ending 4th April 2009. Mrs. Miller attended the meeting and gave an overview of all the areas she currently litter picks and areas which need particular attention. Mrs. Miller made the Parish Council aware that littering is from both residents and from cars passing through the village.

The Parish Council thanked Mrs. Miller (and Pip) for all their hard work and asked that when a replacement Litter Picker is employed that they can talk to her about the job and Mrs. Miller agreed to this.

The Parish Council then discussed the need for a replacement Litter Picker and it was agreed on a proposition by Councillor Hobson and seconded by Councillor

Spoooner that a replacement be sought and that this is advertised in the Pytchley Post. Clerk to produce four posters to advertise this vacancy.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to KBC and advise that our Litter Picker has resigned and to point out that the Parish Council have been spending money on litter picking which is in fact their responsibility. Clerk to ask if they can guarantee to provide a litter picker on a weekly basis and if not what would they be financially willing to contribute to this concurrent expense being born by Pytchley Parish Council

Clerk to report to KBC the problem of litter being strewed across the road following the roadside collection recycling.

It was also agreed that Councillor Crane would discuss the problem of litter in the village with the Headteacher as a concern and to discuss ways the children could be involved in reducing the litter in the village.

77. Communities in Control – A consultation

Councillors discussed this consultation document and agreed no comments to be made. A further Communities in Control (publicity) consultation document is now being circulated.

78. Kettering Household Waste Recycling Centre

A new larger and more efficient site is to be built on Telford Way. Councillors agreed this site would be an improvement on the current facilities and people should be encouraged to use this facility and no restrictions on frequency of visit imposed. Clerk to write to Northamptonshire County Council to ask what restrictions of use would be imposed if any.

79. Correspondence

The following items were discussed:-

- KBC – Town & Parish Council Funding – discrepancy in the boxes and Clerk to write to KBC to ask that they provide accurate information
- Parish Council training on planning and development control to be held on 23rd February 2009 at Kettering Borough Council and Councillor Crane and Councillor Hargreaves to attend.
- Northamptonshire Police – Monthly crime statistics and crime maps.
- Holocaust Memorial Commemoration on 25th January 2009.

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

Councillor Hobson advised that Pytchley will have the Speedwatch camera between 28th June and 9th August 2009.

81. To agree meeting dates for 2009 (May to November) and discuss possible alternation to the meeting commencement time.

Meeting dates for 2009 (May to November) were agreed as:-

Monday 18th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish

Monday 6th July

Monday 7th September

Monday 2nd November

Councillors discussed the meeting commencement time and agreed to commence meetings at 7.15 PM with effect from the May 18th meeting.

82. Items for the next Agenda

- Street Lighting
- Precept

83. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2009

This meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish and it was agreed that the production of a Chairman's Report Booklet would be beneficial. It was also agreed to contact all the organizations within the village to get a report and Councillor Crane agreed to deal with this.

84. Closure

The meeting closed at 10.20 PM.

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman _____

Dated _____