

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October , 2017, 7:30PM, IN THE MEETING ROOM, PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ABSON ROAD.**

**PRESENT.** B. Symons - Chairman (BS), G. Boyle – Vice Chair (GB), T. Symons (TS), R. Dunning (RD), L. Putt (LP), L. English (LE), District Cllr S Reade (SR)  
Minutes taken by Cllr T. Symons

**NO. 1. ABSENCE NOTED**

District Cllr Ben Stokes. Cllr C. Stephens, C. Phillips (CP).

**NO. 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**NO. 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**NO. 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 PEOPLE ATTENDED)**

Notes provided by M Smith:

Mr. Smith commend the Parish Council, and in particular Cllr. Boyle, for being pro-active and alerting the community to the threat created by proposals for a new M4 Junction (18a). He also supported the statement made by the PPC on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October on Facebook. He felt that it was a statement that could be supported by all the community and that we should focus on getting the flawed consultation thrown out.

However, there were some concerns that needed to be mentioned. The first deals with the PPC's position on opposing the East option while not specifically ruling out a junction (west option). In particular statements made by the chair that not a single resident attended the drop in sessions or has written to question the PPCs decision. Mr. Smith said that as a member of the technical team of volunteers working with Cllr. Boyle he had made strong representations that we should be opposing any junction and that to support a junction in principle would highly likely result in it being the east option that would be built due to the much higher cost of the west junction.

Mr. Smith also pointed out that the agenda for tonight's meeting was not posted on the PPC website.

He also felt that the minute in the last minutes of the public meeting missed a very important point about the straw pole held at the end of the meeting and that the coverage in *THE WEEK IN East Bristol & North East Somerset* accurately conveyed the poll which said "At the end of the meeting a straw poll was taken in which the overwhelming majority said they did not want either option."

Moving forward he hoped that the flawed consultation would be thrown out and in that event we should not wait for SGC to fill the gap but to organise a "People's Solution". This would involve recruiting technical expertise from residents of the whole east fringe from Filton to Keynsham to work on a proposal for public transport. This team would consult with residents' focus groups to ensure that solutions met the needs of the community. He called upon the PPC to support such an initiative.

(Not minuted at the time of the meeting prepared by Mr Smith)

Mr M Smith: requested an agenda item for the council to consider a focus group to come up with the people's solution.

Alexi Aragon: Strongly believes that any options will increase congestion due to the motorway being attached to the ring road. This will have a negative impact on Pucklechurch. Mr Aragon is also concerned that planning will be adjusted due to the introduction of the ring a road taking over the green belt, this will; he feels; in the long term encourage building and will increased traffic which counters the original aim of the road which is to reduce traffic congestion. £120m differential in the pricing of the junctions was noted, and Mr Aragon was concerned that the difference in the costs of the options will become the main driver for highway England, South Gloucestershire and the budget. Concerns were also raised regarding the MP's petition as the only option available was the no Pucklechurch option, no other alternative of (no junction) was offered.

## **NO. 5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**5a** South Gloucestershire Council Survey to help highlight the value of VCSE Sector  
Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> October

Survey is for people that are working with Prisoners

**Noted.**

**5b** Letter from resident regarding dog mess on recreation ground - Request to be added to Chairman's report for next Pucklechurch News.

**To be considered for the Chairman's report for the next Pucklechurch News.**

**5c** Two Letters received from residents requesting information regarding council's decision in relation to J18A Eastern option.

At this point it was noted for those who attended public participation that any letter or questions that the public wish answered by the council must be sent to the Pucklechurch Email or clerks address. This then allows the questions to be added to the agenda and discussed at council meetings.

**Letters noted, to be considered in the later agenda item on the council's response to the consultation.**

**5d** Letter from resident regarding M4 J18A

**Letter noted, to be considered in the later agenda item on the council's response to the consultation.**

**5e** Alca National News re Neighbourhood planning grants running out.

**Agenda Item for next meeting**

**5f** Alca area group meeting - to consider further action

**Noted**

**5g** Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association newsletter

**Noted**

## **NO.6. PLANNING**

**6a** PK17/4232/RVC Variation of condition 1 and 2 attached to PK14/2889/F allowed on appeal APP/P0119/W/15/3065767 condition no. 1 to now read <http://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/> The use hereby permitted shall be carried only by the following and their resident dependants James McDonagh and Theresa McDonagh (Plot 2). Condition no. 2 to now read When the land ceases to be occupied as those named in Condition 1 James McDonagh and Theresa McDonagh the use hereby permitted shall cease and all caravans, buildings, structures, materials and equipment brought onto the land, or works undertaken to it in connection with the use shall be removed and the land restored within a further three months to its condition before the development took place.

It is believed that the rationale for putting in this planning application is that currently no policy for Gypsy and traveller sites has been agreed by South Gloucestershire Council, the original plan was that this would form part of the Policies Sites and Places document. The request is to vary condition 2 which refers to the limited time scale for the Gypsy site which is currently limited to 3 years. If this condition is granted, this will give this site permanent status. A similar request has been put upon another local council.

### **Objection**

This is inappropriate development of the greenbelt as noted in our previous objection and as the condition is only 18 months into SGC process, it is pre-empting the recommendations that will be made within the new Gypsy and traveller sites policy.

**6b** LI17/2652/STM Application for mobile street trader Sandwi Ltd  
**No Objections**

**6c** PK17/2473/F Land To The South Of Redford Lane Pucklechurch Bristol BS16 9NS - Installation of replacement RTU kiosk measuring 3m (W) X 5m (L) x 3m (H). <http://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### **Decision**

## **NO. 7. REPORTS**

**7a** To RECEIVE pre-submitted reports from Councillors

Lynn English: Report received with regards to questions and answers asked at M4 J18A presentation by South Gloucestershire Council.

### **7b Report from District Councillors**

Member of the scrutiny committee currently has a retained gypsy and travellers site policy which is currently not fit for purpose. Cllr Reade has put forward a request for the committee to look at the Gypsy and Traveller policy which he believes will be finished within the agreed three year time frame. This will be a cross party task group, which will go to full council and become a council policy. Cllr Reade will return with updates, this is currently not part of the PSP document.

**7c To RECEIVE and NOTE a verbal report from the Cllr T. Symons in the absence of a clerk.**

The tap at the burial ground has been vandalised Huw Morgan is looking into the cost of repairing this.

Planning information has been submitting to South Gloucestershire Council from Septembers Meeting as per minutes.

**9a** Email sent to PCA informing them of the council's decision regarding camping on the recreation ground.

Greenfields emailed authorisation to carry out repairs on swings at Eagle Crescent.

Awaiting Invoice from Clerk re SLCC payment for this year.

**8 Finance**

**8a** To AGREE and sign cheques

LE and LP instructed to sign the following cheques:

Name		Amount Paid	Cq Number
PCA	Room rent	£230.00	2497
Anna Chelmicka	Litter picking	£350.00	2498
Ensign Print	Pucklechurch News and 2 flyers ref M4 J18A	£1,068.00	2499
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,648.00</b>	

**NO. 9. Agenda Items**

**9a.** to agree response to consultation Junction 18A Eastern Option.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/M4J18a>

The council's response to the consultation which has not been completed as yet, was read out and no changes were made. The following points were noted:

All gypsy and traveller sites have been informed of the consultation in person by parish councillors

The Council has been asked within public participation to oppose all options. At this point the question was posed by the Chairman to the council – Do the Council still feel that our current objections as noted in the summary regarding the M4 J16A junction options is still supported?

The council felt that they fairly represent the feelings of all its parishioners. The council recognises that parishioners will have their own views and opinions and

these can be expressed through the South Gloucestershire Council consultation process accordingly. As a council we are one vote within this consultation process, and have focused all our efforts on the Parish of Pucklechurch, informing and galvanising the parishioners and reviewing and commenting on the documentation and process that has been produced by South Gloucestershire Council. All evidence supplied has been based on fact and not speculation.

Thanks were given to Mr M Smith and the technical group for their help in obtaining some of the information to support the document.

Letters have been sent by Pucklechurch Parish Council questioning why Eastern Option road values had been quoted in the Joint Transport Strategy report when the Junction 18 A consultation and decision had not been completed. Replies have yet to be received from South Gloucestershire or indeed any of the recipients.

**Action:**

**All councillors agreed to the content, no changes or suggestions made to the report, thanks given to GB for all the hard work and effort gone into the currently 36 page referenced document. GB, RD, BS will review final report and agree contents, GB to submit to SGC and circulate once complete**

The meeting was suspended to allow people to leave.

**9b** Request from South Gloucestershire Council to promote couch to 5K around the perimeter of the recreation ground beginning at 9am on the 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Action:**

**Clerk to inform organisers that the council agree to the event.**

**9c** Consider agreeing to conifer work along St Aldams - Cost £250.00 H Morgan

**Action**

**Clerk to contact Huw and authorise work. Also ask Huw to deal with brambles at St Aldams play area Cedar way as they are overgrowing the fence and causing an obstruction to those who use the verge**

**9d.** Consider agreeing to replace gate post at Cattybrook play area due to risk of children running into road as noted by Street Care. Gate repaired by Huw but post needs concreting.

**Action**

**Clerk to authorise work to be carried out, Huw repairing the Gate and as per financial standing orders authorise gate post replacement.**

**9e** Consider agreeing to the removal of dog bin no 438 and replacing with either a recycling bin or waste bin - To delegate responsibility of planning the relocating / removing dog bins to Open Spaces Group.

**Action**

**TS to inform resident of council's decision to remove the dog bin and replace with a general waste bin. Open spaces group to review other replacements / removals of bins. RD to discuss with Huw to remove**

**9f** To agree design and price for Parish Council noticeboard in Parkfield and bus stop signs – cost £1213.43 - Design agreed. GB to put in planning permission for the noticeboard to be placed next to the Defib.

**Action**

**TS/ to raise cheque GB to obtain planning permission on behalf of the council.**

**10. Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 18<sup>h</sup> October, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room, Pucklechurch Community Centre. 21.20**

The Council meeting closed at 21.45