

Title: Picton Parish Meeting		Meeting No:
Registry File No:		07/08
Date: 10/06/09	Location: The Station Hotel. Picton	Duration: 1½ Hrs
<p>Present: Tony Grainger (Chairman) Pam Williamson (Clerk) Marian Hugill – Sub-Committee Jim Ackrill - Sub-Committee Gloria Pearson – Sub-Committee Brian Pearson – Sub-Committee Linda Mottram – Sub-Committee George Knowles – Sub-Committee Jayne Kitchen – sub committee Joan Bainbridge Judy Mathews Bill Wilkinson Judy Wilkinson John Gibson Eileen Grainger Jenny Cookson-Teall Cllr Tim Swales Cllr Bridget Fortune Cllr Stephen Dickins</p>		
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1.	<u>Apologies</u> Mark Goodrum, Sandra Goodrum, Carole Ackrill, Sylvia Walker, Mike Williamson	
2	<u>Election of Officers</u> Tony Grainger asked the meeting to elect officers. The meeting re-elected Tony Grainger as Chair proposed by Jayne Kitchen and seconded by Jim Ackrill. Pam Williamson was re-elected as Clerk proposed by Brian Pearson seconded by Jayne Kitchen.	
3	<u>Minutes of previous meeting Oct 2008</u> Chair went through the previous minutes and actions. The Minutes for the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.	
4.	<u>Matters arising</u> None	
5.	<u>Financial Report</u> George Knowles produced the financial report for the Picton Amenity Fund Dec 2008, which has been audited and accepted. Picton Parish meeting accounts. The Precept has increased to £400 per annum and proceeds from a raffle were received in order to help to pay for printing the Parish plan. The chair was responsible for the account, which were audited by George Knowles. The accounts were accepted proposed by Brian Pearson seconded by Linda Mottram. The accounts are posted on the village notice boards.	George Knowles
6.	<u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Jim Ackrill said there was not a lot to report since the last minutes, as there were no incidents. He said that information re Fish sellers had been referred to the police who	Jim Ackrill

	<p>had followed the sellers to Appleton Wiske to check them out. He had not received any further information.</p> <p>Police Officers have attended the village using the Library bus as a base.</p> <p>Jim Ackrill explained the Ringmaster system. Malcolm Bartram, Jim Ackrill and Mike Williamson are the local contacts for this system.</p> <p>Tim Swales said he would prefer to have a more localised ringmaster cascade system.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Recreation Area Update</u></p> <p>Gloria Pearson thanked Picton Amenity Fund for the £3000. She told the meeting that £50.000 has been raised from various sources. The 7 members of the PCRA committee have achieved this remarkable feat. Gloria Pearson thanked all the villagers for their support. The site is now fenced and grassed. The play equipment has been ordered from the preferred supplier. The final completion date for installing the equipment is 10/07/09. The signage is nearly ready which includes health and safety information and expectations for the use of this play area. The sponsors have also been acknowledged on the signage.</p> <p>Gloria Pearson publicly thanked Jayne Kitchen and Judy Mathews for all their support in the fund raising efforts. Fund raising activities have been for all age groups. The fund raising will need to be ongoing as it will be necessary to raise £2000 annually. Bridget Fortune stated that this had been a phenomenal effort.</p> <p>Volunteers helped to prepare the site. This recreation area will be an amenity for the whole village.</p> <p>Linda Mottram raised the issue of a footpath linking both ends of the village. The chair gave details of previous efforts to obtain a reinstatement of a footpath. Bridget Fortune says that pressure is needed to reopen the previous path as people recall walking on that path. Marian Hugill suggested that Liz Robinson might have a photograph of the previous footpath.</p> <p>Tim Swales says that a letter should be sent to the Highways dept and that he will give his support.</p> <p>The Parish meeting would like to record the exceptional effort made by the PCRA committee members. With thanks from all the village members.</p>	<p>Gloria Pearson</p> <p>Jim Ackrill</p> <p>All</p>
8	<p><u>Picton Website</u></p> <p>The chair described this as an excellent and interesting web site. It is kept up to date and there is a new newsletter for June 2009. Marian Hugill tries to keep the Forthcoming events up to date but needs people to provide her with information of events.</p> <p>Anyone who wishes to add items to the web site should contact Gloria Pearson or Marian Hugill.</p>	<p>Gloria Pearson</p> <p>Marian Hugill</p>
9.	<p><u>Village plan update.</u></p> <p>The chair had nothing to report. He stated that the village plan document has been well received by all who have read it. In future this will be a point of reference and as a live document will need to be kept current and will need further actions.</p> <p>George Knowles mentioned the communications were hampered in the village by low quality broadband. However the cost of having our own satellite broadband system was very expensive. So in the immediate future no further action can be taken.</p> <p>Links with other local communities could be improved.</p>	<p>All</p>
10	<p><u>Highways Update</u></p> <p>a) Drains near 'Heythrop' have been improved in response to Village complaints and in line with the Parish plan flood prevention improvements. Not yet fully tested but hopefully will allow surface water to drain away quicker.</p> <p>b) Requests for carriageway reconstruction between Poplars Farm and Staindale Lane road no C152. The requested work has not been forthcoming due to financial constraints on the Highways Authority. We will continue to put forward a case for this work to be done.</p> <p>c) Requests for a 30 mph extension limit had also not been accepted. It is hoped that the opening of the recreation area will provide evidence that a restricted speed limit is necessary along this stretch of highway.</p>	<p>Jim Ackrill</p>

	<p>d] The Highways authority have agreed to place signs warning of persons on the road near to where the current footpath ends and on the eastern approach to the railway crossing. This shows that the authority acknowledges the potential danger to pedestrians and may assist our request to have a footpath.</p> <p>e] Next Monday 15th June 2009 Traffic monitoring equipment will be installed near to Holme farm. This will provide evidence of the volume of traffic, types of vehicles, speed and times of movement. This hopefully will provide information that will be useful in supporting our requests for road improvements. footpaths and traffic calming etc.</p> <p>f] The request for 'repeater' signs reinforcing the 30 mph speed limit through the village was not agreed, as they are not allowed under the Traffic Signs Regulations where a road has a system of street lighting.</p> <p>The state of the village roads produced a lively debate. Pam Williamson said that the drain near Engadine was now causing flooding even in normal rainfall. Photographs are needed to provide evidence of this problem.</p> <p>The meeting asked Cllr Tim Swales for help in rectify the road issues. Tim Swales asked us to provide written information to The Highways Authority. He suggested that in the letter we request that a Highways officer attends a village meeting to explain why our requests cannot be met. Bridget Fortune said that these matters have been unresolved for at least 5 years.</p> <p>Jayne Kitchen gave information re the taxi service for local school children. 3 taxis come to the village to take 6 children to the same school. Jayne Kitchen has tried to contact the education authority responsible for these taxis, as it seems to be a waste of public money. This was discussed and Tim Swales suggested that Jayne Kitchen writes to him stating the concerns.</p> <p>11. <u>PICTON LIBERTY STONE</u> This is ongoing. The chair visited Mr Holdsworth farm. He spoke to Mr Holdsworth's son who explained that Mr Holdsworth had been upset when his name and telephone number had been displayed in the village notice board and he wanted an apology. Apparently Mr Holdsworth is happy to return the stone to its original position in the Stell area with suitable safety precautions. The chair also advised that English Heritage said they could protect the stone and asked if they would be willing for English heritage to do so. The meeting discussed possibility of having a replica to be placed in the village. Judy Mathews agreed to contact Mr Pilling [a local stonemason] to ascertain the cost of a replica</p> <p>12. <u>Proposed Litter bins</u> A vote was taken at the meeting and it was decided that the village did not want general waste bins. To be reviewed if a problem occurs. The dog waste bins are sited and they are being used. Pam Williamson to write to the Streets dept to ensure that we are on the list to have these bins emptied weekly.</p> <p>13. <u>Planning applications</u> The only current application is for a Farm Building at Picton House Farm.</p> <p>14 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Information received from: Businesses selling litter bins and also those selling playground items.</p> <p>15 <u>Report on oil syndicate</u> Brian Pearson said 11.000 litres of oil had been ordered this year average cost of 32.12 per litre this meant a saving of 5 to 6%,</p> <p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> The meeting wished to thank Mr Ronnie Tate and Mr Andrew Birkbeck for keeping the North east end of the village tidy. Pam Williamson was thankful to Ronnie Tate for his help in moving the dog waste bin into a more suitable position. Jenny Cookson- Teall asked about the other end of the village. Marian Hugill said that they did cut the grass when time allowed.</p>	<p>Jayne Kichen</p> <p>Judy Mathews</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p> <p>Brian Pearson</p>
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