

Title: Picton Parish Meeting		Meeting No: 02/10
Date: 25/11/10	Location: Worsall Village Hall	Duration: 2 Hrs

Present:
Sylvia Walker, Judy Mathews, John Gibson, Mr and Mrs Sykes.
Tony Grainger, Pam Williamson, Jayne Kitchen, Marian Hugill

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1.	Apologies: Joan Bainbridge, Jim and Carole Ackrill, Mark and Karen Calvert, Cllr Tim Swales, Cllr Bridget Fortune, Barry Preece, Eileen Grainger, Mike Williamson	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting. The Chairman read the previous meeting. They were accepted as a true record.	
3.	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	
4.	Planning Applications There have been no planning applications.	
5.	PCRA update Judy Mathews reported that the PCRA has £4.470 in the bank. They are awaiting two further grants. They intend to purchase equipment suitable for toddlers. So far they have no prices for this equipment. They will need to pay £1000 for annual insurance. Future fund raising events include: The Festive evening on 4 th Dec at 7.30 p.m. at the Mathews home. Tickets are £8 each. The carol singing on Dec 20 th all welcome. Singers to meet at the Station Pub at 5.30 p.m. The Ladies luncheon is on 26 th Jan 2011 at the Mathews house. Tickets £15. this event is well attended and tickets will be allocated on a first to book basis.	Judy Mathews
6	Invitation to join committees Tony Grainger made a request for people to join the various committees e.g The meeting sub committee, the communications committee and also the PCRA committee. Pam Williamson said that all the committees were short of active members. Marian Hugill explained the difficulties experienced by the communications committee.	Tony Grainger
7	Neighbourhood Watch report Tony Grainger reported that Jim Ackrill sends out e-mails received in respect of any neighbourhood watch reports from the police. A red car had been seen loitering near	Tony Grainger/Jim Ackrill

	<p>Appleton Wiske school. Jayne Kitchen said that this car had not been seen recently.</p> <p>Jim Ackrill puts any updates into the Picton newsletter.</p> <p>8 Highways Update</p> <p>Tony Grainger read out a report prepared by Jim Ackrill. Please see attached Highways update. This update was discussed. Because of the negative response from the NYCC / Highways and the financial problems due to Government cutbacks we are unlikely to get road repairs etc. However Tony Grainger will keep 'nagging' the highways officers and keep our concerns highlighted.</p> <p>Tony Grainger mentioned that Fiona Close is our voice in respect of speeding concerns. She is putting our case forward based on the evidence gathered re speeding in the village. We hope to get Speed matrix signs.</p> <p>It was noted that the Headmistress of Appleton Wiske school had put in their newsletter the concerns about speeding through Picton.</p> <p>9 Liberty Stone update</p> <p>Jim Ackrill had prepared photos and a drawing of the Liberty Stone. These were handed around. Two prices have been obtained to do a replica stone.</p> <p>a] Bridget Fortune produced a total price of £1070.</p> <p>b] Daniel Robinson Price £465 This excluded installation.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was agreed to carry the motion that a replica stone be purchased.</p> <p>Tony Grainger to approach Daniel Robinson.</p> <p>10 The Post box near to Picton Pub.</p> <p>Judy Mathews described the state of the area near to this Post box. The ground has been eroded and it is very wet and muddy. If hardstanding was to be provided we would need to get permission from the Highways dept. Jim Ackrill to write to the Highways dept to seek approval for providing some hardstanding near to the Post box. Pam Williamson to ask the Post Office if they could move this box to a more suitable location. Jayne Kitchen said she would not object to it being placed near her fence.</p> <p>11 Correspondence</p> <p>1] Letter received from Hambleton council in respect of the Precept for 2011. A precept of £400 was accepted. Tony Grainger to reply to the letter.</p> <p>2] Allerton Waste recovery Park. Tony Grainger read the most recent letter from the site owners. Information about this project will be placed on the Picton website.</p>	<p>Tony Grainger/Jim Ackrill</p> <p>Tony Grainger</p> <p>Tony Grainger</p> <p>Jim Ackrill</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p> <p>Tony Grainger</p> <p>Marian Hugill</p>
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	<p>3] North Yorks and Richmond area changes to Minor/ major injury services. Tony described what these changes would mean. All major injuries will be taken to the James Cook University hospital initially. Convalescence / recovery will be completed at the Friarage hospital. Minor injuries treatment will be completed at the Friarage hospital.</p> <p>4] Changes to school transport provision and policy. Tony Grainger read the proposals in respect of providing transport for devotional/faith schools, those with special educational need and those who requested a preferred school.</p> <p>5] Concessionary fares scheme. The changes involve time alterations Mon- Friday from 09.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Any times at weekends. This is a cost saving exercise.</p> <p>6] Letter received announcing Parish Council elections May 2011</p> <p>7] Letter received from Mazards Accepting Parish Accounts. Pam Williamson had followed instructions and the accounts had been displayed in both notice boards. Carole Ackrill has to be thanked for stepping in and acting as internal auditor. She did an excellent job and everything was done to Mazards high standard.</p>	<p>No actions</p> <p>No actions</p> <p>No actions</p> <p>No actions</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p>
12	<p>As a break from tradition we had a refreshment break at this point. With mulled wine, Teas, Coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and sausage rolls. Tony Grainger thanked Jayne Kitchen and Pam Williamson for organising the refreshments.</p>	
13	<p>QUESTION TIME.</p> <p>We did not receive any replies to our invitation to pose questions or bring issues forward. However Mr and Mrs Sykes asked if there was an easier way of picking up information about the meeting date and times. They asked if this information could go onto Hambleton's website. Tony Grainger explained that as Parish Meeting we did not have this kind of access. It was decided that meeting dates and times should go into the forthcoming events on the Picton website. Marian Hugill can be contacted to place such information on the web site.</p>	<p>Marian Hugill</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p>
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1] Village signage a Drive Carefully sign needs replacing near the village sign [west end of village]. It was agreed to purchase a sign as Highways are unable to fund this.</p> <p>2. Carole Ackrill asked for the meeting to thank Mr Ronnie Tate, Mr Andrew Birkbeck, Jenny and Les Cookson-Teall for their efforts in looking after the grass verges and the Picton signs area. The flowers do make the village look attractive as you approach from both sides. Thank you to you all for your efforts.</p> <p>3] Carole Ackrill requested permission to send Owen Evans of Worsall an update for their web site. We agreed that this was a good idea. Carole Ackrill asked if she could send an article she did about Picton shoe and the evening Barbecue. This was agreed. Carole suggested that it was important for Picton to maintain links with Worsall and that it was also good that they wanted to include us.</p>	<p>Tony Grainger</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p> <p>Pam Williamson</p>

<p>15</p>	<p>4] The Church sale funds. Pam Williamson said that if we could put together a case for obtaining a share of the funds it needed to be based on an ecclesiastical use of the funds. We do not have enough information of what such use would be considered suitable. A memorial garden had been suggested in the recreation area. This needs further discussion.</p> <p>5] Mrs S Walker asked what was going to happen to the Bug Hotel that was placed near to the railway crossing. It will fall to pieces eventually and who is going to remove it. Mrs Mathews said that the Ranger who came and made the bug hotel with the children would be returning in the springtime. Judy Mathews will see if it can be removed then.</p> <p>Date and time of next meeting to be arranged</p>	<p>Judy Mathews</p>
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Highways Update – 25.11.10

- **Following the last Parish Meeting I wrote to Autolink proposing the closure of the A19 off slip, junction A67. I included a sketch of the junction and clearly set out the dangers posed by the present road system. Autolink acknowledged and promised to investigate the feasibility of the suggestion ASAP.**
- **Stockton-on-Tees Development and Neighbourhood Services have written to me to confirm they have a local Safety Scheme proposed at this junction which is currently a contender for funding. The Council are to liaise with Autolink.**
- **Both above are of course subject to funding being available and this has become less likely following the change of government and the extent of cuts across the public sector.**
- **A highways site meeting took place on the 27th August 2010 with Mark Dunning from Highways, Tony and myself.**

Response from Highways to site meeting issues

- **Potholes and water standing at bend near Staindale Lane.
Gullies to be checked with high pressure jetting.**
- **Red countdown markers require renewal.
White and yellow lines only being refreshed, unable to assist with this request at this time.**
- **Improved traffic calming requested.
Cannot support this request.**
- **Replace missing drive carefully sign.
Not considered a priority for funding.**
- **Verge over-running.
Re-soiling of verges can not be justified as it will re-occur.**
- **Various potholes.
Will only be prioritised if specific danger. Village added to planned programme.**

The bottom line is a lack of funding lets hope winter maintenance doesn't suffer as a result ie gritting/salt.