

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF PUCKLECHURCH 22nd MARCH 2023

Time: 7-8.30 pm

Venue: Pucklechurch Primary School Pucklechurch

This meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting, not a meeting of Pucklechurch Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors and must be held once a year between the 1 March and 1 June. It was summoned by Gail Boyle as chairman of the Parish Council under Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12 Para 17 (1) who also presided at this meeting.

Present:

Cllr G Boyle (chair), Rick Dunning (NP steering group chair), Lee Searles - consultant Andrea Pellegram Ltd and 8 residents of Pucklechurch parish.

1. Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council

Gail Boyle welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained its purpose.

2. Annual Parish Minutes of 4 April 2022

Minutes of the meeting are available to view on the parish council website.

3. Presentation on draft Neighbourhood Plan

Lee Searles provided a detailed review and update of where Pucklechurch is with its Neighbourhood Plan. The draft plan is comprehensive and based on community feedback and work is currently underway to build in extra detail. Technical support has been obtained in the form of a housing needs assessment with the first draft received on 22nd and work on the commissioned design code commenced with a visit by AECOM on 21st March. A meeting with South Gloucestershire Council's neighbourhood planners is arranged for mid-April.

The wider context is ongoing work on the emerging South Gloucestershire Local Plan. Housing needs are unlikely to be met in urban areas alone and Pucklechurch could face pressures from the wider area or from any proposed extensions to its core villages. South Gloucestershire Council is proposing a further Green Belt review with public consultations are likely in the autumn. The aim is to get the robust neighbourhood plan completed following further parish consultations and presented for inspection and approval as soon as is practically possible so it can influence any new plans.

Questions and answers followed covering demographics, mix of housing needs and sizes, character and feel of the area, employment and economic activity

4. Assembly discussion points

- Concerns over Fleur development and the deteriorating exterior condition of the original pub building
- Traffic, speeding, Speedwatch and road safety measures
- Youth provision
- Footpaths
- Local spaces
- Leigh Farm
- Development and facilities.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.