



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Highways & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 in the Committee Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were Cllr J. Bohling (Chairman), Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr A. King, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr S. Toller and Lindsay Graham (Clerk).

Members welcomed PC Keith Coomber, the Guildford Casualty Reduction Officer, to the meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item below

1:1 All members of the committee were present.

1:2 There were no declarations of interest.

2. To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September were confirmed and signed by Cllr Bohling.

3. To Consider Road Safety Issues Around the Parish

3:1 To Update Proposals for Phase II of the Road Safety Scheme

3:1.a Members gave PC Coomber an overview of Phase I of the Safety Scheme with a progress report on Phase II, which has a budget of £66,000, most of which will be devoted to improvements for pedestrians at Pirbright Arch. The agenda papers for the meeting of the Guildford Local Committee, to be held on 13th December, list Phase II as one of 14 schemes awaiting funding under the Minor Improvements Programme Review.

3:1.b PC Coomber confirmed that the Highways Authority does use accident statistics when planning road safety improvements and that police involvement is also essential where enforcement would be required. He agreed to review the various proposals for Phase II and offer an opinion at the next meeting of the committee. It was also agreed that a different hotspot around the Parish would be discussed at future quarterly meetings.

3:2 To Discuss Speed Issues in Gole Road

3:2.a Cllr Toller described the problem of speed in Gole Road and PC Coomber agreed to examine it in detail and also fit a speed detection radar box to one of the lamp posts to provide data. Road PCSOs would also be instructed to monitor the situation. This action might then give enough information to put to a request to the Highways Authority for a reduction in the current speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

3:2.b The agenda papers for the GLC meeting list that the reductions to speed limits in Aldershot Road (from 50mph to 40mph) and Ash Road (from national limit to 40mph) will receive statutory advertising during December.

3:3 To Review Signage Around the Parish

3:3.a Members raised the question of improvements in signage at the Cobbett Hill junction with the Aldershot Road (A324), where there is a record of serious and fatal accidents. PC Coomber said that the current signs do comply with the law but that the issue is being further discussed by the Highways Authority at a forthcoming meeting. He recommended that the Parish Council write to the Authority, requesting large yellow back plates for the Give Way signs, plus renovation of the white lines and better clearance of bushes.

3:3.b Other ideas for improved signage were detailed in the proposals for Phase II of the Safety Scheme and will be discussed at the next meeting. However, PC Coomber warned that new signs are very expensive and needed to be selected with care.

4. To Discuss Flooding Issues

This item will be discussed at an extra meeting of the committee, to be held in January.

5. To Discuss the SPA and Site Allocations Consultations

This item will be discussed at an extra meeting of the committee, to be held in January.

6. To Receive a Report on the LORD* Campaign

6:1 Cllr Bohling gave a report on the recent meeting of the LORD campaign held in Beare Green. All Surrey's MPs have become involved, and representations have been made to manufacturers of SatNav equipment to ensure that lorries have the correct systems and are provided with regular updates.

6:2 Parishes have been asked to identify unsuitable roads for HGVs and members were asked to make suggestions at the next meeting of the H & E committee.

7. To Suggest Ideas for Tree Planting

This item will be discussed at an extra meeting of the committee, to be held in January.

8. To Review Ongoing Maintenance Issues

This item will be discussed at an extra meeting of the committee, to be held in January.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

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