



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Highways & Environment Committee

Minutes of the second part of the meeting adjourned on 10th December 2007 and reconvened on 22nd January 2008 in the Parish Shop at 7.30pm.

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

- 1. To Receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item Below**
 - 1:1** Apologies were received from Cllr B. Clinton and Cllr S. Toller.
 - 1:2** There were no declarations of interest.

- 2. To Confirm the Minutes of the First Part of the Meeting**
 - 2:1** The minutes of the first part of the meeting held on 10th December were confirmed and signed by Cllr Bohling.
 - 2:2:a** Re Item 3:1, members agreed that improved safety improvements for pedestrians at Pirbright Arch have now become more urgent with the cessation of the coach service for children between Pirbright Camp and the Village Primary School. Many of the children are now walking, either with parents or as part of a walking bus and the school has seen benefits to their health from this. However, the parents do not like the SCC recommended walking route from the Camp, via Cowshot Bridge, Gole Road and Vapery Lane. Instead they prefer to come via Pirbright Arch and the footpath through the woods to School Lane.
 - 2:2:b** Members agreed to make a representation about Pirbright Arch at the next meeting of the Guildford Local Committee, to be held in Lord Pirbright's Hall on 12th February.

- 3. To Discuss Flooding Issues**
 - 3:1** Copies of Cllr King's progress report on flooding in various parts of the parish in 2006 and 2007, and the remedial work subsequently carried out, had been distributed to members in advance.
 - 3:2** Members agreed that works already carried out were proving effective but there is much more to do to improve both land and highways drainage. Cllr King said that he would update the report so that it could be sent for discussion with Cllr Mike Nevins, Guildford Borough and Surrey County Councils.

- 4. To Discuss the SPA Consultation**
 - 4:1** Cllr King gave a review of the draft Interim Strategic Delivery Plan to the Thames Basic Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA). The document mainly discussed the need for the implementation of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) as a way forward to help local authorities plan new housing without adverse environmental impact on local areas of SPA.
 - 4:2** Members considered that point 1:13 on the document might be particularly relevant to Pirbright in that it was proposed that developments of fewer than 10 homes would not have to be within a specified distance of a SANG site, as long as an appropriate quantity of SANG land was nearby. Other developments would need to be within 2km of the SANG network or otherwise more SANG land would need to be provided. Members also considered that SANG land should be provided for the existing population and good management would be essential.
 - 4:3** Members recommended responses to the multiple-choice questionnaire, generally agreeing with most of the proposals, with the extra comment that some areas should carry a requirement for dogs to be kept on leads.

5. **To Agree the Submission to the LORD* Campaign**
5:1 Members had been distributed with copies of Cllr Bohling's draft submission to the LORD campaign, showing through roads in Pirbright that are unsuitable for HGV traffic, either because of width (Church and Vapery Lanes, Avenue de Cagny) or have a right-angle bend (Fox Corner).
5:2 It was agreed that this should now be submitted to the Lord Campaign committee.

6. **To Suggest Ideas for Tree Planting**
Members discussed ideas for tree planting near White Hart Corner, on the Little Green and near Lord Pirbright's Hall. It was agreed that a site meeting would be required and professional advice should be sought.

7. **To Review Ongoing Maintenance Issues**
7:1 The Clerk tabled the schedule showing outstanding maintenance issues in the Parish.
7:2 Cllr Bohling had earlier circulated photographs of Malthouse Lane, which were also forwarded to Cllr Mike Nevins, Adam Owen (GBC) and James Browne (SCC). Members expressed concern about its condition, which has been badly churned up by 4 x 4s, making it almost impassable for walkers, and supported Cllr Nevins' suggestion to forward a proposal to SCC to close the BOAT to traffic. He would find out what the criteria would be for this kind of action.
7:3 Cllr Jackson suggested that an area of the outer car park should be painted with hatched lines to leave the section clear to allow cars enter and leave the rear section. This idea will be put to the Hall & Finance Committee for budgeting and detailed discussion.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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