



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 28th November 2006, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr Clinton (Chair), Cllr Richmond, Cllr Denison, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Michael and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). PCSO Catherine Wheeler, Mary Laker and Richard Conway were also present.

1. To Receive Parishioners' Questions

Richard Conway wished to listen to the discussion about flood control (item 12).

2. To Receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

2:1 Apologies were received from Cllr King, Cllr R. Nevins and Cllr M. Nevins.

2:2 A declaration of personal interest re item 12 was received from Cllr Richmond.

3. To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st October were approved and signed.

A correction was made to Cllr Richmond's report that it was the drains in Church Lane (not Mill Lane as reported) have been cleared but the silt is still to be removed.

4. To Approve Cheques Issued During Previous Month

A list of cheques issued during November as per the attached sheet was approved and signed.

5. To Discuss Correspondence Sent & Received During Month

5:1 Correspondence summarised as per the attached sheet had been circulated to members.

5:2 Re item 5:2, as Ms Harrup is the only resident who is requesting provision of an allotment, the council does not have a duty to provide one.

5:3 Re item 5:3, no members of the parish council are likely to attend the appeal at Rushmoor Borough Council about the expansion of flights at Farnborough Airport.

5:4 Re item 5:6, Cllr Michael offered to read the landscape character assessment for Pirbright and add to the comments already drafted by Cllr Clinton.

6. To Discuss Police Matters

6:1 PCSO Catherine Wheeler reported on four crimes in Pirbright village (four criminal damage and one assault) and two in Bisley Camp. There were also some lesser incidents, such as thefts of mobile phones.

7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee

7:1 Minutes of the meetings held on 31st October and 14th November had been circulated to members.

7:2 Cllr Michael commented that the new procedure for notifying neighbours about applications was encouraging attendance at planning meetings.

8. To Discuss any Highways Issues

8:1 Barbara Williams had notified the clerk about a further accident at the Cobbett Hill crossroads on the A324 and also sent a copy of an email sent to the Normandy clerk and to Derek Lane of the Highways Authority asking for a review of the speed limit in the area.

8:2 No news has yet been received from Derek Lake about the decision on the speed humps in Cemetery Pales.

9. To Discuss Budget Proposals

9:1 The clerk produced three draft versions for the budget, showing the effect on the precept by using various amounts from reserves for the repairs to the stone coping of the LPH roof.

9:2 It was agreed that the whole amount of £5000, should be taken from reserves to match the grant aid from GBC.

10. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee

10:1 The committee have approved the plans showing the division of the site with the Tennis Club, at a cost of £8, 750 for an area that is approximately 33% of the whole.

10:2 It was agreed unanimously that the council adopt the plan (proposed by Cllr Denison and seconded by Cllr Jackson).

10:3 The council will write to the neighbours of the site about the purchase, reassuring them about their rights of access, and invite them to inspect the plan at the Parish Shop.

11. To Decide Whether to Fell or to Pollard Diseased Horse Chestnut Tree

It was agreed to pollard the affected tree and also to seek an additional quote for the work.

12. To Discuss Flood Control

12:1 Cllr King's report on the site visit of Mill Lane conducted with Cllr Michael, the clerk and Dennis Batchelor, the GBC Clerk of Works, had been distributed to members.

12:2 The recent moderate rain has shown that there is a problem with water draining down the lane itself and not being able to get into the ditches or stream. One possibility is to create grips in the banks separately the lane from the ditches to allow the water to run off.

12:3 Photographs showing the latest floods at Vapery Lane will be sent to Dennis Batchelor, who will also be requested to deliver sandbags to the lane. These show water pouring from ditch outlets onto the lane near #9 Model Cottages.

12:4 It was agreed that site visits carried out so far show a picture of neglected ditches and other controlling devices such as "sinks" and that the whole area needs to be checked.

The situation is considered to be ongoing and it was agreed to form a subcommittee to examine the problem in detail. Cllr Michael agreed to stand on the committee with Cllr King and any affected residents.

13. To Consider Local Sites as Part of Guildford Development Framework

A response will be sent to GBC saying there are no potential development sites in Pirbright at the moment.

14. To Review Newsletter

14:1 An item will be included about the flooding problems and the availability of sandbags at LPH.

14:2 The recycling scheme for Christmas trees will also be mentioned.

15. To Receive Councillors' Questions

15:1 Cllr Richmond expressed concern that there is a hole in the top of the drain in the bridge across the stream opposite Holly Lodge in The Gardens.

15:2 Cllr Denison asked about the clay pigeon shooting near the footpath that leads from Rails Farm to Henley Park, commenting that warning notices would be helpful.

15:3 Cllr Jackson suggested that the parish council employ someone on a casual basis to sweep up leaves from the pavement outside the doctors' surgery and on the stretch of School Lane down to the traffic lights. This will be discussed by the next Hall & Finance Committees.

15:4 Cllr Richmond gave her apologies for the meeting on 2nd January.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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