

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 31st October 2006, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr Richmond (Chair), Cllr Denison, Cllr Jackson, Cllr King, Cllr Michael and Cllr R. Nevins. PCSO Catherine Wheeler, Julian Bohling and Simon Aldrich were also present.

1. To Receive Parishioners' Questions

Simon Aldrich 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 Clinton, Cllr M. Nevins and Mary Laker.

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

3. To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th September were approved and signed.

Re item 5:3, Cllr Richmond reported that the drains in Church Lane have been cleared but the silt is still to be removed.

4. To Approve Cheques Issued During Previous Month

An amended list of cheques for September and cheques issued during October as per the attached sheets were 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 5:8, a response has been received from GBC agreeing that children playing on the banks of the stream at the end of Mill Lane does raise serious health and safety concerns and safety improvements would be carefully considered for the location.

5:3 Re item 5:9, Cllr David Davis has responded to the Chairman's letter about the Cemetery Pales humps issue. Mr Davis stated that he would not want the County Council to slavishly "do something" if the community's view was that nothing, or very little, should be done.

5:4 Re item 5:11, the Normandy clerk has confirmed that Normandy PC supported the measures for improved signage at the Cobbett Hill cross roads on the A324.

5:5 An additional letter has been received from Jonathan Foster of Langley Cottage, who has been cataloguing the information contained in old rate books that had been stored in filing cabinets in the committee room of LPH. Members approved his recommendation that the books should now be transferred to the Surrey History Centre for their archives.

6. To Discuss Police Matters

6:1 PCSO Catherine Wheeler reported that 11 crimes had been reported in the parish during October, including one burglary, one stolen goods, one counterfeit currency, six assaults and 2 thefts of motor vehicles.

6:2 The Community Speed Watch meeting was attended by 26 people, 17 of whom left contact details to be informed about the next meeting. Sites for the scheme will be assessed through discussion with the police and the equipment will be shared with other parishes unless Pirbright wishes to buy its own at a cost of £1,000.

6:3 A Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held on 7th December to relaunch the scheme and find some new co-ordinators.

- 7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee**
7:1 Minutes of the meetings held on 26th September and 17th October had been distributed to Members.
7:2 Cllr King reported that the redevelopment plans for Pirbright Lab have been approved.
- 8. To Receive Report of Highways Committee**
8:1 The breakdown of the returns from the consultation with residents about whether road humps 3 and 4 should be replaced by speed cushions or other options was not received from Derek Lake of the Highways Authority in time for the meeting, although he had given a verbal summary of the results to the Clerk. The majority of respondents favoured “Do Nothing”, although most of the affected residents ticked one of the options (mostly for replacement by speed cushions.)
8:2 Members discussed the situation at length, sympathising with the residents but agreeing that whole village is affected by increased traffic, particularly heavy vehicles that cause vibration. Cllr King stated that he was convinced by the findings of the surveys, one conducted by SCC and the other by a formers resident, that the levels of vibration were not considered excessive and did not prove the residents’ case.
8:3 In response to Derek Lake’s request for a corporate response by PPC to the consultation, members voted to “Do Nothing” (approved by 4 votes with two abstentions, proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr King).
8:4 Members reviewed the plan for improvements at the Cobbett Hill crossroads with the A324 that are part of Normandy Parish’s road safety scheme. It was agreed that a letter of support should be sent to Normandy Parish Council.
- 9. To Receive Report the Hall & Finance Committees**
9:1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October had been distributed to members, with a financial statement for the second quarter.
9:2 Re item 1:1, the Clerk stated that the insurance company had approved the estimate for repairs to the roundabout.
9:3 Re item 1:2, it was agreed that the repairs to the Green Hut could be delayed until after the pantomime in January.
9:3 Re item 1:3, the contractor repairing the leaks in the LPH roof will be asked to give an opinion on the general state of the roof. His report will then determine how much of the special roof reserve would be used to repair the stonework over the main entrance.
- 10. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee**
10:1 Draft plans showing the division of the site between PPC and PTC have been circulated, but still required clarification about the external boundaries. Julian Bohling has offered to download the latest drawings and transfer them into PDF format that can be transferred electronically to members of the sub-committee.
10:2 A meeting of the sub-committee will be convened to consider the revised plans.
- 11. To Review Response to Increase of Movements at Farnborough Airport**
11:1 No further response was considered necessary.
- 12. To Discuss Flood Control**
12:1 Simon Aldrich, whose house “Ganavan” was one of those in Guildford Road so adversely affected by the August floods, reported that his neighbours are still coping with the remedial work on their houses and that one very elderly lady has moved out permanently to a residential home.

12:2 Members discussed the report produced by Dennis Batchelor, GBC's Clerk of Works, but had concerns about some of the findings and the proposal to build a wall down part of Mill Lane. Cllr King and Cllr Clinton had produced a separate report with a map showing how rainwater runs off the fields and funnels down the lane, frequently causing flooding at the foot of Rapleys Field. No remedial measures could be achieved quickly because it was more important to ensure the right solution, based on the principle of "divert, regulate, and hold".

12:3 It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with Dennis Batchelor to discuss extra aspects for inclusion in his report and then arrange a public meeting when the amended report has been received. The report should also cover the other areas of the parish that were flooded.

13. To Review Newsletter

13:1 The main item will be about the council's consultation with GBC about the flooding, stating that the report is being reviewed and that a public meeting will be arranged when further proposals have been received.

13:2 PPC's response to the road hump issue will be reported.

14. To Receive Councillors' Questions

14:1 Julian Bohling asked whether there had yet been a formal response to Fox Corner residents' complaints about off-road vehicles leaving the BOAT and driving over the common at the end of Malthouse Lane. This will be followed up with PC Cake and the Surrey Heathland Project.

14:2 Cllr Richmond commented that the old planting from the Hall border had been put into the corner of the grounds and was concerned that other people might start dumping more rubbish there. It was agreed to order one of GBC's compost bins to set a good example.

The meeting ended at 9.37pm.

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