



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on **Tuesday 24th April 2007**, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr Clinton (Chairman), Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr King, Cllr Denison, Cllr R. Nevins, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Michael and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). PCSO Catherine Wheeler was also present.

- 1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**
1:1 Apologies were received from Cllr M. Nevins, Julian Bohling and Mary Laker.
- 2. To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item Below**
2:1 Cllr King made a declaration of interest on item 10.
- 3. To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting as a True Record**
3:1 It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th March 2007 should be approved, and they were signed by the Chairman.
- 4. To Approve Cheques Issued During the Month**
4:1 It was resolved that the list of cheques issued during March (appended) and April as per the attached sheets should be approved and the Chairman signed the list.
- 5. To Discuss Correspondence Sent & Received During Month**
5:1 Correspondence summarised as per the attached sheet had been circulated to members.
5:2 An additional item was a letter from Save the Royal Surrey Campaign enquiring whether it would be possible for the parish to arrange a fundraising event in support of the campaign. Two ideas suggested by members were for scarecrows on the Church Open Day and a campaign table at the Horticultural Society's Flower Show.
- 6. To Discuss Police Matters**
6:1 Catherine Wheeler reported on three incidents of theft, one non-crime in Pirbright village and five assaults, two thefts, two burglaries and two non-crimes in Pirbright Camp.
6:2 Cllr Richmond reported on the progress of Community Speed Watch, which is still proving effective in slowing traffic. The scheme has now been extended to Dawney Hill and Gole Road.
- 7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee**
7:1 The minutes of the only meeting during the month had been circulated to all members. The minutes were signed as a true record because this had been the final meeting of the committee during the current term of the Council.
7:2 Members commented on the statistics prepared by Cllr King that showed that of the 58 applications considered by the committee during the past year, 35 had been approved by both PPC and GBC, five had been refused by both PPC and GBC and nine had been refused by PPC but approved by GBC. There were no cases when GBC had refused but PPC approved and there were nine applications on which no final decision had been reached by GBC or the application had been withdrawn.
- 8. To Receive the Report of the Hall & Finance Committees**
8:1 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April had been distributed to members. The minutes were signed as a true record because this had been the final meeting of the committee during the current term of the Council.

8:2 Copies of the financial statement to the year end and draft Receipts and Payments accounts for the financial year were also distributed to members. These will be approved formally at the Annual Meeting on 8th May.

8:3 Re item 10:1 (the cricket pavilion), concerns have been expressed by the cricket club about the condition of the elm cladding, which is starting to warp and split. The spare boards have been used to repair bus shelters but the Clerk has now found a supplier of new boards in East Horsley. It was agreed that the matter will be raised at a formal joint meeting to be held between members of the H & F committee and the Cricket Club to discuss terms of reference for future maintenance of the pavilion and wider use by the community. This will be arranged when the electrical report on the pavilion has been received.

9. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues

9:1 It was reported that the gullies have been flushed through in Guildford Road and Mill Lane has been swept.

9:2 Ideas were discussed about replacing the tree that was taken down at White Hart Corner. Suggestions include a copper beech, American oak or maple.

9:3 Reports have been received about sewage problems at Goal Farm Golf Club, which may be connected with the problem that Cllr King reported on the north side of Cowshot Bridge. Cllr Clinton will visit the golf club to check the situation.

10. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee

10:1 Copies of a draft covenant agreement between SCC and PPC had been received from Hedleys. Cllr Michael will confirm that it contains the same details as the covenant agreed on PTC's purchase from SCC. It will also be necessary to confirm that the map showing the area of purchase matches that already agreed with PTC.

11. To Approve the Response to SCC's Request for Identification of Flood Areas

11:1 David Hodge, SCC Councillor of Warlingham and Chairman of the Flooding Task Group had requested details of local areas affected by flooding to be considered for inclusion in SCC's recommendations for works for which SCC has allocated a sizeable budget.

11:2 The chart showing the areas flooded in August 2006 was approved by members, with the addition of Hockford Close.

12. To Confirm the Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

12:1 All the arrangements are in place. Cllr Richmond will purchase the pot plant decorations and Carol Boylett and Christine Elliott will prepare the refreshments.

12:2 Cllr King proposed an amendment to the Chairman's report in the paragraph on planning matters.

13. To Discuss Any Changes to Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

13:1 Draft changes to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were considered by Members and will be formally approved at the Annual Meeting.

14. To Receive the Results of the Community Action Plan

14:1 The Chairman commended the draft version of the Community Action Plan as an excellent piece of work and thanked Cllr Michael and Cllr Denison for their hard work in its creation.

14:2 The next step in the process will be to discuss the issues raised with the delivery partners, including the parish council. It should then be possible to decide which ideas should be considered short, medium and long term.

14:3 It is hoped that the suggestion to form a Community Association to follow up the matters raised in the plan would be successful, and that that the role of the Parish Council should be to support and oversee it.

14:4 It was agreed that a joint meeting between the Parish Council and the CAP's steering committee would be arranged after the council's annual meeting.

15. To Discuss the Newsletter

15:1 The Clerk will request an extension of the newsletter's submission date by a few days by which time the Chairman of the new Parish Council would have been elected.

15:2 A reminder will be included requesting residents to bring in their recycling boxes from the streets as soon as possible after emptying.

16. Chairman's Conclusion

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Michael and Cllr Denison, who are standing down from the Council, for all their efforts during the last eight years.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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