



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 31st July 2007, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr Clinton (Chairman), Cllr Richmond, Cllr King, Cllr Bohling, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Toller and Lindsay Graham (Clerk).
Sgt A. Adams, PC S. Cake, John Standing and Mike Allen were also present.

The Chairman welcomed the police representatives and residents to the meeting. Mike Allen said that he was interested in the discussions under Item 9. John Standing was interested in any discussion on Community Speed Watch.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

1:1 Apologies were received from Cllr R. Nevins, Cllr M. Nevins and PCSO Wheeler .

2. To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item Below

2:1 Cllr King made a declaration of interest on item 13 as a trustee of Pirbright Tennis Club.

3. To Approve Minutes of the April and Annual Meetings as a True Record

3:1 It was resolved that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting, held on 26th June 2007, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

4. To Approve Cheques Issued During the Month

4:1 It was resolved that the list of cheques issued during July, as per the attached sheet, 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 Re Item 5:1, members approved the request by Lawson's Circus to visit in May or June 2008, with the exception of 14th June, which has been booked for the Church Open Day.

5:3 Derek Bytheway, Chairman of the Cricket Club, had forwarded a copy of a letter from Roger Bird, husband of the Horticultural Society member whose car windscreen was broken by a cricket ball while it was parked in the Avenue de Cagny car park on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Bird had been upset by the attitude of the cricketers who had refused to give contact details. Bob Laker, President of the club, had agreed to take the matter up with the committee and will verify if the club has appropriate insurance for such incidents. Mr Taylor of Hedleys has also been consulted about the Parish Council's liability. Members agreed to await Mr Taylor's response and then follow the issue up.

6. To Discuss Police Matters

6:1 PC Cake told the Council that the Ash police offices had been flooded after the recent heavy rains, causing problems with the computer system.

6:2 There had been four burglaries in the village, including two in Mill Lane; nine crimes in Bisley Camp and various problems in Pirbright Camp caused by the 50 empty quarters. Woking Police had passed on information about problems in Brookwood Cemetery, including anti-social behaviour and damage.

6:3 Re Community Speed Watch, PC Cake said that Dave Thomas, the Casualty Reduction Officer, had moved to a new division and that his replacement, Keith Coomber, would not begin his new post until September. Signs for the scheme had been put up around the village, although those showing 40mph for Gole Road were still awaited. Results from the scheme indicate that enforcement should be initiated to support it.

6:4 Cllr Toller asked whether anything more could be done to reduce traffic speed in Gole Road but PC Cake said it would not be possible to install cameras. John Standing commented that the scheme works well but that the administration might need to be improved. He considered that signage should be clearer and suggested that foliage obscured the houses from approaching vehicles. PC Cake agreed to check whether the backlog of traffic backing up from the lights at Pirbright Arch during rush hours might be caused by a phasing fault.

7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee

7:1 The minutes of the meetings during the month had been circulated to all members, mostly concerning routine matters. However the Cllr King invited all members to stay on for the meeting of the committee, to follow this monthly meeting, which would include an application for the Cricketers pub.

8. To Discuss Hall & Finance Issues

8:1.a The minutes of the meeting of the LPH AGM and Hall & Finance quarterly meeting had been distributed to members. Re item 8, Cllr Bohling said that he would keep an eye on the grass at Fox Corner and raise again the possibility of it being cut by the Council's contractor if necessary. Re item 14, members suggested that the Evening WI might consider changing from Thursdays to Tuesdays for their monthly meeting if offered an incentive such as three months of free rent.

8:1.b Members approved proposals for the grant to the Cadence Marching Band, the purchase of a wine cooler and cost of advertisement in the Horticultural Show Schedule.

8:1.c Ideas for grant-aided projects for 2008-9 include rewiring of the cricket pavilion; drainage improvements near the Hall to prevent water ingress at the Green Hut; notice boards for new locations in the parish. The proposals will be discussed by the H & F committee for approval by the full Council at the September meeting.

8:2 The draft version of the updated information leaflet had been circulated in advance to members. It was agreed that the colour version is more attractive than black and white, but it will be expensive to print. It was agreed to seek further quotes before making a decision. An entry for the mobile library will be included.

8:3 Members agreed to add to the grant to be received from the High Sheriff's fund to buy table tennis equipment for LPH.

9. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues

9:1.a Cllr King distributed an illustrated map to describe the effects of the heavy rain around the Manor House and Mill on Friday 20th July. The problems seemed to be upstream in the Hodge, having flooded areas of West Hall Farm as well as almost flooding Brambles and Manor House Cottage again. The engineering works to direct water from Mill Lane into the stream appeared to be effective. The section of Vapery Lane outside Model Cottages was also under water again and might have flooded the cottages if the rain had not stopped around 1pm.

9:1.b It was agreed that more management and co-ordination of the opening of the sluice gates was needed and Members were interested in Cllr M. Nevins' suggestion that the Environment Agency should have more control on this to avoid confusion by residents. Cllr King agreed to prepare a report on the issues raised to be sent to GBC and the Environment Agency.

9:2 It was agreed to postpone the discussion on proposals for a tree and footpath wardens until the next meeting of the Highways & Environment committee. A provisional date of Tuesday 11th September was proposed.

9:3 It was agreed to postpone the discussion about the control of ragwort in the parish until the meeting of the Highways & Environment committee.

10. To Respond to GBC's Review of Polling District and Polling Places

It had been hoped to propose the Youth & Community Centre in Billesdon Road as an additional polling centre to encourage more MOD voters, but Lou Carter had been informed that this would not be permitted. Under these circumstances, no changes will be proposed.

11. To Respond to GBC's Request for Information about Community Safety Issues in the Parish

It was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting of the Highways & Environment committee.

12. To Receive Report on Purchase of Sandpits Site

The contracts and associate papers have at last been received from Mr Taylor of Hedleys. It was agreed that the file should be circulated to all members in time for an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th August.

13. To Discuss the Newsletter

The Chairman and Clerk will discuss ideas for the newsletter entry.

14. Meeting Conclusion

Members gave their holiday dates to the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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