



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 27th March 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). Simon Toller was also present.

- 1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**
1:1 Apologies were received from Cllr M. Nevins, PCSO Catherine Wheeler, Julian Bohling and Mary Laker.
- 2. To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item Below**
2:1 There were no declarations of interest.
- 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 February 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 as per the attached sheet should be approved and the Chairman signed the list.
4:2 In response to the query about two costs shown for photocopying, the Clerk explained that that one of the invoices was for toner cartridges and the other for the regular monthly service charge, which was higher than normal because the entire run of the newsletter is currently being printed in the Parish Shop while the church equipment is out of commission. The PCC will be recharged for 50% of this cost.
- 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 George Scott thanking the Parish Council for the donation to the Tennis Club for interim improvement to the Sandpits car park.
- 6. To Discuss Police Matters**
6:1 No police report was available.
6:2 Further reports of bad parking have been received and Cllr Clinton will discuss the issue with PCSO Wheeler at the next Talk Shop.
6:3 Cllr Richmond reported on the progress of Community Speed Watch, which is proving mainly effective in slowing traffic rather than catching those excessive speeders. Gole Road is the next area that will be risk assessed by the scheme's manager.
- 7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee**
7:1 The minutes of two meetings during the month had been circulated to all members.
7:2 Submissions to 11 planning applications had been made to GBC by the committee under its delegated powers.
7:3 Cllr King reported on a planning workshop at GBC that he and Cllr Clinton had attended to discuss the interim policy for protection of SPA Heathland. Emphasis had been placed on mitigation land, of which none exists in Pirbright, so no new dwellings will be permitted in the parish unless alternative mitigation can be found or Natural England agree to make an exception.

- 8. To Receive the Report of the Hall & Finance Committees**
8:1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March had been distributed to members, with financial statement showing budget revisions to the end of February.
8:2 Re item 1:4 (the cricket pavilion), it was agreed that a formal joint meeting should 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.
- 9. To Accept the Estimate for Roof Repairs at Lord Pirbright's Hall**
9:1 It was resolved to accept the estimate of £6,036,32 from JWP Concrete and Stone Restoration for repairs to the stonework on the north side of the Hall.
- 10. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues**
10:1 Cllr Clinton reported that the Guildford Local Committee had agreed to implement Option 2 for safety improvements for pedestrians at Pirbright Arch, and work will probably be done in 2008/9. The financial contribution from Woking is not time limited but it is not index-linked either.
10:2 The Clerk reported that Derek Lake (SCC Transportation Director) had said that the Arch improvements could be included as part of Phase II of Pirbright's Safety Scheme and other items may still be included. There would not be a chance of a Phase III.
10:3 It was resolved to accept SCC's proposals from the review of speed limits in Aldershot and Ash Roads, where 40mph is being recommended.
10:4 Some of the new signs do not state the new height restriction at Brookwood Arch, which is causing confusion. PPC will write to the Highways Authority about this.
10:5 Blind Lane (between Church Lane and School Lane) has a very wet patch along its middle stretch although the remainder has now dried out. This will be passed on to SCC in the hope that drainage improvements could be made.
- 11. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee**
There was no news to report. Because the grant from GBC is due to run out at the end of the financial year, it will be necessary to request an extension.
- 12. To Discuss Flood Control**
12:1 Minutes from the meeting of affected residents, riparian owners and representatives of GBC, SCC, and the MOD on Wednesday, 28th February had been circulated to members.
12:2 Considerable improvement works have been carried out in Mill Lane by GBC contractors who have created a series of concreted gullies to direct surface water from the road into ditches and the brook. Initial criticism from residents has now changed to acceptance that the scheme should be effective.
12:3 Cllr Denison reported that the flood in Gole Road between his property and the traffic lights has now drained away but is likely to recur if there is heavy rain. It will be necessary to ascertain the landowner of the affected area.
12:4 GBC has managed to clear a gulley taking excess water from Swallow Pond, thus relieving the flooding problem on the road. The drainage channel connecting the pond from its northeast corner to the gulley will need regular maintenance to prevent recurrence of the problem.
- 13. To Finalise the Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting**
13:1 It was confirmed that the order of speakers would begin with Cllr Clinton, followed by Cllr M. Nevins and copies of their reports will be placed on seats. Tony Garland and Lindsay Graham will then speak on behalf of the Community Action Plan and the Mayor will be the final speaker before the interval.

13:2 Displays of the CAP report will be set up in the Clubroom and in two areas in the main hall. A short version of the CAP report will also be placed on seats.

13:3 It was resolved that the budget for refreshments should be £150.

14. To Discuss the Newsletter

14:1 Items for the newsletter will include the decision of Option 2 for Pirbright Arch and the speed limit reductions for Ash and Aldershot Roads.

14:2 The Clerk will request an extension of the newsletter's submission date by 2-3 days by which time it will be known whether the number of nominations (i.e. more than 7) received by GLC means there is to be an election for the Parish Council.

15. Chairman's Conclusion

15:1 Cllr Clinton mentioned that the proposals for the new Guildford Development Framework were now available on GBC's website and had been downloaded for distribution (available from the Clerk). An official response will not required until the autumn when it will be sent out for consultation.

15:2 It was agreed that it would not be necessary to purchase a copy of the White Paper on local government because NALC will summarise all the relevant sections that affect parish councils.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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