



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 27th November 2007, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr B. Clinton (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr S. Toller and Lindsay Graham (Clerk).

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

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

2:1 Cllr King made a declaration of personal interest on item 10.

3. To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting as a True Record

3:1 It was resolved that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held on 30th October 2007 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

3:2 Re item 8:3, the Clerk reported that she and the Chairman had attended the homecoming parade in Guildford for the Royal Anglians, which was well supported by crowds of onlookers cheering and clapping as the Battalion marched up the High Street and down North Street. Members approved the idea of framing enlarged press photographs of the occasion, with one to be presented to the Battalion and another to be hung in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

3:3 Re item 9:2.b, the Chairman reported that the signs at the Cobbett Hill junction with the A324 had been cleaned up and new national speed limit notices erected. It was agreed that the Council should again request the installation of a STOP sign at the junction.

3:4 Re item 9:3.a & b, Cllr King reported that Cllr M. Nevins and Humfrey Malins MP had visited the Institute of Animal Health and held useful discussions with staff. Cllr King also explained that despite reports of a further leak of Foot & Mouth Disease virus from the Merial lab, the cause was mechanical failure of a valve and no virus escaped from the site.

4. To Approve Cheques Issued During Month

4:1 It was resolved that the list of cheques issued during November as per the attached sheet, 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 Re item 5:3, a further letter has been received from the resident requesting access from her house past Bexon and through the Sandpits site to School Lane. Members approved the draft reply, stating that such right of way was unlikely to be granted and, because there is a fire hydrant on an alternative track from Dawney Hill, that would be a more suitable access for emergency vehicles.

5:3 Re item 5:6, it was agreed that the letter from Adam Owen (GBC) effectively closed the discussion about the realignment of the fence in Chapel Lane, and that a copy of the letter would be sent to the concerned neighbour.

5:4 Re item 5:7, members agreed that a detailed response should be made to Adam Owen's letter about issues in West Heath.

5:5 Re item 5:11, the flooding issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the H & E committee. GBC will be asked about the replacement for Damian Watson, the Clerk of Works who recently left the Authority.

6. To Discuss Police Matters

6:1 There was no police report available.

6:2 It was agreed to change the order of the standard meeting agenda, placing Police Matters as Item 4, so that PCSO Wheeler would not spend so much time waiting to present her report.

7. To Receive Report of Planning Committee

7:1 The minutes of the meeting during the month had been circulated to all members. Cllr King drew the contents of item 5:2 to members' attention, commenting that, although paper copies of applications were still to be distributed to parish councils, the situation might well change in April 2008.

7:2 Copies of consultation documents on Thames Basin Heaths Protection and Site Allocations will be circulated for discussion at the Highways & Environment committee meeting and also at the full meetings of the Council in January.

8. To Discuss Hall & Finance Issues

8:1.a Minutes of the Hall & Finance committee meeting on 19th November, with a financial statement to 15th November, had been circulated to members.

8:1.b Re item 4:7, members agreed to proceed with the work by Landskill, accepting the fact that it would be setting a precedent by undertaking work that should be carried out by SCC.

8:2 Members unanimously approved the Precept proposed for 2008-9 of £39,819, or £32.22 for a band D dwelling.

9. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues

9:1 The date of the next committee meeting was confirmed as 10th December 2007.

9:2 Items for the agenda will include flooding issues, the consultations (7:2, above), Gole Road speeds, Phase II of the Safety Scheme and the introduction of Community Highways Officers recently launched by SCC. It is hoped that the new Casualty Reduction Officer, Keith Coomber, will be able to attend the meeting.

10. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee

10:1 Completion has now taken place on the purchase of the site, although the final account has not been received from Hedleys.

10:2 A meeting with residents with rights of way across the west of the site will be arranged to discuss several issues, and a preparatory report will be prepared by Cllr Bohling.

11. To Discuss the Newsletter

11:1 Items for the newsletter will include purchase of the Sandpits site, work on the footways and a further reminder to residents to cut back overhanging vegetation.

11:2 Judy Williams will be asked for an example of the new-style newsletter to be introduced in January.

13. Chairman's Conclusion

The Clerk passed on an invitation from Capt. Salt, Unit Welfare Officer, to visit Pirbright Camp in order to see the many areas of concern about the standard of MoD housing. A date will be arranged early in 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

