



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 25th September 2007, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr B. Clinton (Chairman), Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr S. Toller and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). PCSO Wheeler was also present.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

1:1 Apologies were received from Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Nevins and Cllr M. Nevins.

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 the July and Extraordinary Meetings as a True Record

3:1.a It was resolved that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31st July, and the extraordinary meeting held on 14th August 2007, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

3:1.b Re item 3 of the extraordinary meeting, reports on the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) had been published from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and a review of safety at the Merial and Institute for Animal Health (IAH) labs by Professor Brian Spratt.

3:1.c The reports state that the cause of the escape of FMD virus from the laboratory site has still not been conclusively established and may never be. No gross break of biocontainment within either the IAH or Merial labs was identified by the Spratt review, and both reports conclude that it is likely, but not certain, that live FMD virus entered the effluent drainage system from Merial during the critical period of heavy rain in July. The combination of this with the deficiencies in the effluent pipes and drainage system may then have released infectious virus into the surrounding soil, and transfer of the virus by contractors' vehicles to the farm of the first outbreak is thus considered a possibility. Other theories, such as transfer by deer, water or air, have been discounted

3:1.d Dr John Anderson, acting head of the IAH, has given the Parish Council a progress report on a programme of works carried out at the IAH site, by installing a protective lining to drains, including the one implicated in the reports, and sealing and bolting manhole covers. The drainage area is now a secure zone and a robust programme of security checks and wheel washing on contractors' vehicles etc has been introduced. A fence with a lockable gate has been erected between the Merial and IAH sections of the site. An inspection for the SAPO (Specified Animal Pathogens Order) licence carried out at the end of August gave approval to these improvements.

3:1.e Members received the report with sympathy and interest and agreed to include it in the Parish Council's entry for the November newsletter.

4. To Approve Cheques Issued During July to September

4:1 It was resolved that the list of cheques issued during July (amended), August and September as per the attached sheets, 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 5:7, PPC has again written to Erkin Guney, owner of Brookwood Cemetery, to request that keys might be issued to Pirbright residents who wish to walk through it between 7pm and 7am.

5:3 Re 5:8, members agreed with the concerns expressed by some Chapel Lane residents that the new line for the fence encroaching on the Common, now agreed between the landowner and GBC, does not appear to accord with the original fence nor with the boundary shown on land registry plans. It was agreed to write again to Adam Owen of GBC to query this and also to consult Cllr M. Nevins about it.

- 6. To Discuss Police Matters**

6:1 PCSO Catherine Wheeler reported that there had been one theft from a dwelling and four non crimes in Pirbright Village and two assaults, one theft and one burglary in Pirbright Camp during the month.

6:2 It was confirmed that the new Casualty Reduction Officer, Keith Coomber, would start his duties at the beginning of October.
- 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.
- 8. To Discuss Report of the Hall & Finance Committee**

8:1.a Minutes of the Hall & Finance quarterly meeting had been distributed to members.

8:1.b Re item 6, members again considered the wording of the cricket pavilion Trust Deed. This states that Arnold Jarvis (the donor) had given the pavilion to the village of Pirbright for use of the cricket club, which should be responsible for all financial outgoings, although the Parish Council now includes the insurance of the pavilion on its own policy. Members approved the H & F committee's recommendation to pay for the rewiring work and essential repairs, providing the club makes a reasonable financial contribution.

8:1.c Members endorsed the decision to raise the Parish charges for the hire of LPH by 20% from April 2008 and that the discount should be 40% of the non-Parish charge.

8:1.d Members resolved to adopt the audited accounts for 2006-7 (proposed by Cllr Clinton, seconded by Cllr Bohling and agreed unanimously).

8:2 Grant Aided Projects were agreed as: Pavilion rewiring and repairs (£3,000); five-a-side and regular football goal posts (£2,000); new noticeboards for Pirbright Camp and the Sandpits car park (£3,000).

8:3 Members agreed to a temporary loan of £1,000 to LPH to maintain liquidity.
- 9. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues**

9:1 Minutes of the H & E meeting held on 11th September had been distributed to members.

9:1.b Re item 3:3, the Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Army Estates Management about ownership of the verge in Billesdon Road.

9:1.c Re item 5, the Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to GBC about the island at the School Lane end of West Heath and also about the problem of overhanging trees at the other end of the track.

9:1.d Members agreed to write to Surrey Highways Authority about the apparent unsuitability of the new 20mph sign installed in Cobbett Hill at the junction with Aldershot Road.

9:2 Cllr Bohling will supply plans for the new curbing at the Fox Corner end of Berry Lane, to be funded from Cllr M. Nevins' Local Committee allowance, for submission to SCC Highways for approval.

9:3 Complaints have been received about closure of an entrance from the cemetery into the area of Brookwood Common managed the Heathland Project. Both Woking Borough Council and the Heathland Project are aware of the situation.
- 10. To Receive Report of Sandpits Committee**

10:1 It is believed that the legal process for purchase of the site is very near completion.
- 11. To Consider a Response to GBC's Questionnaire on Members' Allowances**

11:1 Members agreed that there should be no change in the current status, and that members other than the Chairman should not receive allowances.

12. To Discuss the Newsletter

12:1 The main item will be about Foot & Mouth Disease and the work carried out by the IAH.

12:2 The Chairman announced that there will be a meeting of the joint newsletter forum (members of PPC plus the Parochial Church Council) to discuss the newsletter, to be held in the Parish Shop on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.30pm.

13. Chairman's Conclusion

The Chairman closed the meeting ended at 9.07pm.

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