



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 29th April, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr B. Clinton (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). PCSO Catherine Wheeler was also in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jon Standing to his first meeting as a member of the Parish Council.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

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

2:1 Cllr King declared a personal interest in Item 9.

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 Tuesday 25th March 2008 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

4. To Discuss Police Matters

4:1 PCSO Wheeler said that during the past month there had been five burglaries, two thefts from motor vehicles, one interference with a motor vehicle and various ZJ incidents in the civilian part of the parish. In Pirbright Camp there had been one assault, one burglary, one theft of a motor vehicle, one theft of a pedal cycle and one possession of a shot gun without a certificate.

4:2 The police were able to organise removal of a 4 x 4 vehicle that became stuck in mud on the BOAT at Malthouse Lane to a pen in Aldershot, for which the owner will be charged £400. The police are also considering whether to prosecute the driver for obstruction.

4:3 Cllr Standing requested a progress report on the performance of Community Speed Watch.

5. To Discuss Correspondence Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting

A list of correspondence sent and received had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 A reply to the letter from SCC requesting a formal response to the application made by Cllr M. Nevins for a seasonal Traffic Regulation Order for all motor vehicles to be placed on the Malthouse Lane BOAT was discussed under item 8:1.

5:2 PPC has written again to SCC Highways about their response to the query about the rationale for the shaded green traffic lights at the A322 junction with Cemetery Pales. No further action will be taken until their response is received.

5:3 English Rural Housing Association has notified PPC about a vacancy for one of the single-bedroom rented houses in Cowbridge Meadow. PPC has confirmed that the successful applicant from the short-list is a long-term resident. Members were pleased to note that the selection system from Pirbright residents has been followed.

5:4 Members approved the draft reply to the resident from Pirbright Terrace who had complained about parking along Guildford Road, advising her that motorists may park where they wish, providing the law is not actually broken. If inconsiderate parking in Cowbridge Meadow persists, the resident was advised to contact the English Rural Housing Association, as landlords of the site.

5:5 GBC, Cleansing Education & Information Officer, has written requesting suggestions for areas in the Parish that require some extra attention. Proposals will be made at the Council's May meeting.

5:6 PPC had queried the fluctuation in the multiplier applied to the parish precept over recent years. It was agreed that it was not worth pursuing GBC's response, which stated that the figure used each year is not the actual number of dwellings subject to tax, but a snapshot of the situation in each rating area on a particular day, and adjusted to take account of exemptions, discounts and, in Pirbright's case, adjustments on account of MoD properties.

5:7 Nicola Barker has written to publicise the Scarecrow event to be held as part of the Church Open Day on 14th June. Members agreed that the Council would not make an entry this year.

5:8 No response has yet been received from GBC to PPC's enquiry about whether the Sandpits car park requires planning permission for the tarmacing work.

5:9 Members approved the draft letter to Brookwood Cemetery about access to the enclosed area of Brookwood Common, requesting that the blocked gate should be cleared.

5:10 Hugh Dennis of Pirbright Cricket Club reported a further break-in at the Pavilion and mower shed. Fortunately the mowers were away being serviced and nothing has been stolen. The Club has replaced the fittings and padlocks. In addition Hugh has reported that youngsters were seen playing football on the cricket square on the very day after members had spent time working on it. Signs have now been placed on the square asking people to keep off it.

6. To Discuss Hall & Finance Issues

6:1 To Approve Cheques issues since the last meeting

It was resolved that the amended list of cheques issued during March and complete list of cheques issued in April as per the attached sheets should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

6:2 To Receive the Minutes of the Hall & Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April had been circulated in advance to members.

6:3 Members approved the H & F Committee's proposal to charge LPH quarterly for administrative costs of invoicing, plus 50% of the Clerk's telephone account, Parish Shop rent and business rates. The full amount of the Clerk's salary would be paid by the Parish Council in order to avoid the need to make the Hall a regular subsidy or to increase hiring rates to an uncompetitive level.

6:4 Members approved the H & F committee's proposal to accept Russell Culley's quote for the Pavilion electrical work for £1443.31.

7. To Discuss Planning Issues

7:1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April had been circulated in advance to members. There were no matters arising.

8. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues

8:1 To Agree a Response to SCC about the Closure of the BOAT at Malthouse Lane

Copies of SCC's letter and a draft response had been circulated to members with the agenda papers. Members supported Cllr M. Nevins's application to SCC for a seasonal Traffic Regulation Order to close Byway 529 (between Malthouse Lane and Chapel Lane), and expressed concerns that even if the byway is repaired, it would become churned up again with access restored for all traffic. The issue was discussed fully by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on the previous evening and members thus amended the draft letter to include the motion agreed: **"That the whole length of Byway 529 should be closed, made fit for use and then closed permanently for motor and horse-drawn vehicles."**

8:2 Cllr Standing had conducted a site visit with Hoe Valley Tree Services to assess work required in the recreation ground and on the Green this year. It was agreed to accept the quote for the work on Cllr Standing's recommendation and also to request notification when the contractors will be on site plus confirmation of public liability insurance renewal.

9. To Consider Funding for the Sandpits Car Park

9:1 Invitations to tender for the work have been made to four contractors, two of whom have made site visits so far and their quotes are awaited. However, it was recognised that the specification might need to be changed if required by GBC.

9:2 A date will finally be arranged for a meeting with residents, Surrey Wildlife Trust and the tennis club towards the end of May.

10. To Review the Annual Parish Meeting

10:1 Members agreed that it had been an excellent meeting, attended by approximately 80 residents. The speeches by Lt Col Carver of the Royal Anglian Regiment, Tim Hart, Head of Pirbright Village Primary School and Cllr M. Nevins, were all well received and the Open Forum discussion about the Malthouse Lane BOAT problem was non-controversial, supporting the actions taken by Cllr M. Nevins.

10:2 No proposals were suggested for improvements to the APM format next year.

11. To Discuss Newsletter Issues

11:1 The Chairman reported on a meeting to discuss the newsletter funding with the Revd Chris Musser and Paddy Cribb. Members expressed concern that it might be inappropriate for the Parish Council to ask clubs and societies for contributions to the production costs of the newsletter, although the PPCC could of course do so if it wished. However, it was agreed that because some societies had already made a contribution , others might be approached again this year only. The plan could then be reconsidered or dropped next year.

11:2 To Consider Items for the June Issue

Items for inclusion will include a report on the APM and an update on the campaign to close the BOAT.

12. Chairman's Conclusion

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th May and closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

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