



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 24th June, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr B. Clinton Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). Richard Smith (resident), Debbie Hurdle (Parish Clerk for Send) and Alison Jones (Parish Clerk for Ripley) were also in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public. Richard Smith wished to comment on Blind Lane (see item 5:3). Mrs Hurdle and Mrs Jones, as new Parish Clerks, wished to observe the meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

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 Previous Meeting as a True Record

3:1 It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2008 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

4. To Discuss Police Matters

4:1 The Guildford Neighbourhood Watch bulletin listed four crimes in Pirbright during the previous fortnight—a tax disc was stolen from a vehicle in Mill Lane, garden tools were stolen from a shed in West Heath, a catalytic convertor was sawn off a vehicle in Hockford Close and a house was burgled in Vapery Lane.

4:2 A complaint about dangerous parking at the bottom of Rapleys Field has been received from a resident. This will be passed on to PCSO Catherine Wheeler.

4:3 A gully cover has been stolen from Chapel Lane.

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 SCC (Debbie Spriggs, Countryside Legal Team Manager) sent notification that the BOAT item would not now be discussed at the meeting of the Guildford Local Committee on 18th June (although eventually it was reinstated—see item 8:1).

5:2 PPC has written to Mr Taylor of Hedleys Solicitors to ask advice over use of the Green for events such as the Church Open Day. This item will be discussed under Item 9.

5:3 **Emails from residents** have been received complaining about Blind Lane being overgrown and muddy and that rails are missing at the ends of footpaths near Vapery and School Lanes (allowing access for horses). Richard Smith stated that he considered Blind Lane might have been affected by drainage improvements in the churchyard and recommended improvements to ditches between the churchyard and farm gates. Reinstatement of ditches in the middle section of the lane would improve drainage there. SCC will be notified about the misuse of footpaths by horse riders.

5:4 **The Heathland Project** (Rob McGibbon) has thanked PPC for this year's donation.

5:5 **TAG (Farnborough Airport)** has sent a copy of their consultation document providing an overview of plans for the next stage of development at the airport.

5:6 **GBC (Planning Development)** has confirmed that planning permission would not be required for resurfacing of the Sandpits car park, but would be needed for the Right of Way.

5:7 **Glynis Preshaw** (Brookwood Member for Woking BC) has phoned to report on her meeting with Erkin Guney about access to Brookwood Cemetery. He is currently very concerned about vandalism in the Cemetery and is requesting SW Trains to close the gate from Brookwood Station into the Cemetery at 9pm, as per a longstanding agreement. He would be happy to meet residents to talk over any problems and is proposing to arrange tours of the Cemetery to explain future plans, possibly in September. Members agreed to arrange a residents' meeting in July with Mr Guney.

6. To Discuss Hall & Finance Issues

6:1 To Approve Cheques issues since the last meeting

The list of cheques issued during May and June was approved and signed by the Chairman.

6:2 To Approve the Statement of Accounts for 2007-8

Members approved unanimously the Statement of Accounts for 2007-8 and they were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

6:3 To Approve the Annual Governance Statement

Members approved unanimously the Annual Governance Statement for 2007-8 and it was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

6:4 To Approve a Budget for Pest Control Around the Pond

GBC control officer has been out and recommends installation of three permanent manhole size chambers with pipes for bait, each costing £350. Members approved the budget of £1050.

7. To Discuss Planning Issues

7:1 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June had been circulated in advance to members. There were no matters arising.

7:2 It was reported that spoil from a development in West Heath has been placed on the common. A watching brief will be kept and a report made to the GBC Enforcement Team if necessary.

8. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues

8:1 The Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Guildford Local Committee at which the motion for a permanent closure of the BOAT (No. 329) between Malthouse Lane and Chapel Lane was finally discussed and agreed. Members gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Mike Nevins for his hard work and persistence in achieving this result.

8:2 Approval was also given for the HGV ban on Cobbett Hill Road, despite PPC's opposition.

8:3 Cllr Jackson reported that the gutters and gulleys outside Woodview and Mowbray should be cleared. This matter has already been reported to SCC and will now be passed on to Cllr M. Nevins.

9. To Discuss the Church Open Day's Use of the Green

9:1 Problems had occurred at the Open Day on 14th June about cars driving across the Green from the Avenue de Cagny to an area behind LPH for the purpose of setting up stalls. A second problem developed over the amount of parking to be allowed on the former football pitch, which was deemed by the Deputy Chairman and Clerk to be too soft in the centre area to be used without incurring damage. The Parish Council had been told that the main area of parking for the Village Open Day was to be in the field in Church Lane owned by Mr and Mrs George Scott, although this was under-used, perhaps by inadequate signing. Following a letter of complaint from one of the Open Day's organisers, the Clerk wrote to the Council's solicitor to seek guidance for future events.

9:2 Pirbright's 1991 Bye Laws governing use of the Green do permit the Council to "set apart a space in the ground for use by vehicles of any class". However this has to be balanced with the duty to protect it, maintaining the community's right to use it for traditional recreational purposes and that "no one shall do anything to injure it" as stated in the 1857 Inclosure Act (which still applies).

9:3 It was resolved to follow the solicitor's advice that written conditions be attached when giving permission to organisations to use the Green, specifying the area for parking and banning vehicles from driving across it outside this area. Conditions for visits by the circus and fair already include repairing any damage to the ground. The Chairman will reply to the organisers accordingly.

10. To Discuss Newsletter Issues

10:1 Item for inclusion in the newsletter will include the approval about closure of the BOAT and a reminder about security in locking up sheds and closing downstairs windows.

11. Chairman's Conclusion

A meeting of the Highways and Environment committee was arranged for 22nd July.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

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