



# PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr B. Clinton (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Nevins, Cllr R. Richmond, and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). Cllr M. Nevins, Mrs Teresa Kelso and Mr Jon Standing were also in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Teresa Kelso and Jon Standing to the meeting and explained how the co-option process would take place.

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

**1:1** Apologies were received from 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 monthly meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

**4. To Co-opt a New Member to the Council**

**4:1** Members agreed unanimously to the Chairman's proposal that the voting should be by a paper ballot.

**4:2** Jon Standing was elected to be the new member by a vote of 4:2. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Standing to the Parish Council and explained that he would need to sign the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests Form before he would be eligible to vote on any matters under discussion.

**4:3** The Chairman thanked Mrs Kelso for her application and hoped she would continue her interest in parish matters.

**5. To Discuss Police Matters**

**5:1** Cllr Richmond reported that Community Speed Watch had resumed with a two-hour session in Dawney Hill, during the middle of the day, with 19 registration numbers recorded for exceeding the speed limit.

**6. To Discuss Correspondence Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting**

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

**6:1** Re item 6:4, members concurred with the Hall & Finance Committee's decision that residents of Sandpits Cottages should be responsible for the cost of re-gravelling the track outside their houses, as were those residents on the northern right of way of the site.

**6:2** Re item 6:6, Cllr M. Nevins said that his allowance for Fox Corner improvements is still safe and that a way forward would be considered with the Highways Authority in the new financial year.

**6:3** A letter from Barbara Douglas, distributed to members electronically, gave proposals by the Royal Anglians for activities on the Green for the Church Open Day. Members approved the ideas in principle but stressed that the PPCC should check responsibility for insurance with the army.

**7. To Discuss Hall & Finance Issues**

**7:1 To Approve Cheques issues since the last meeting**

It was resolved that the interim list of cheques issued during March as per the attached sheet should be approved and the Chairman signed the list.

**7:2 To Receive the Minutes of the Hall & Finance Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated in advance to members. There were no matters arising.

- 8. To Discuss Planning Issues**  
**8:1** Minutes of the meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated in advance to members.  
**8:2** An objection was made to an extension at #3 Henry Cottages, citing that the rear dormer is disproportionately large and out of keeping with the neighbours and that the rear extension may be in breach of the Small Dwellings policy.  
**8:3** Cllr M. Nevins stated that the application to extend Swallowfield was approved by the GBC.
- 9. To Discuss Highways & Environment Issues**  
**9:1 To Discuss the BOAT and Protection of Common at Malthouse Lane**  
 9:1.a Copies of the report on the site meeting and subsequent progress reports on negotiations with SCC, GBC and Natural England (N.E.) had been circulated in advance to members.  
 9:1.b Cllr M. Nevins has received confirmation from N. E. that they will now support the proposal for a seasonal closure of the BOAT from October to the end of March, recommending that SCC take immediate action to repair the damage and make the route usable again. N.E. are looking at materials which can be used without having a detrimental effect on the site. GBC has offered to help draw up proposals within a reasonable time frame and expenditure.  
 9:1.c Members agreed that the BOAT's route should be marked more clearly and that stakes should be placed at junctions to deter motor vehicles from straying on to the common.  
 9:1.d Cllr M. Nevins said that he hoped to present the petition supporting his proposals to the GLC at the April meeting for discussion on 18<sup>th</sup> June, and that the BOAT would be closed in October.  
**9:2 To Receive Report on Swallow Corner Bus Stop Site Visit**  
 A site meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the restoration of bus stops at Swallow Corner was attended by Cllr Clinton, Cllr M. Nevins, the Parish Clerk, a representative from the police and two representatives from SCC. Historical evidence had been found to support the plan and temporary stops will be installed soon, with permanent ones to come later.  
**9:3** Cllr M. Nevins reported that GBC has reversed the decision about the time at which bus passes may be used, making them valid from 9am instead of 9.30am.
- 10. To Report on the meeting of the Sandpits Site Working Group**  
**10:1** The previously arranged meeting of the group had been postponed and it was rescheduled to follow the current meeting.  
**10:2** Copies of a letter from the resident of The Old School House had been circulated to members, urging the Parish Council to take urgent action to repair the surface of the car park, which he stated to be dangerous. Members did not feel that the car park should be closed immediately and that the real danger from icy puddles should have passed. It was still intended that the work should be done in August, when it would cause least inconvenience to the neighbours and other users.
- 11. To Consider a Spring Visit from Noyce's Fair**  
 Members approved the visit unanimously, subject to suitable ground conditions on the Green.
- 12. To Receive a Progress Report on Plans for the Annual Parish Meeting**  
 Members approved the plans so far and the Clerk will now prepare the agenda.
- 13. To Discuss the Newsletter**  
 Items for the newsletter will include the co-option of John Standing to the council, the change of times for use of bus passes and the appeal result over increased flights at Farnborough Airport.
- 14. To Agree the Date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 Members approved the amended date as 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- 15. Chairman's Conclusion**  
 The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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