



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 28th October, 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).

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

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

No members' declarations of interest were made.

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

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2008 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

4. Police Matters—To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

No police report had been received but Cllr Clinton reported on the theft of paving stones from a resident in Guildford Road and an attempt to steal a neighbour's lawn mower. Cllr Standing reported that recycling boxes are being stolen in Gole Road.

5. Communications—To Discuss Communications Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting

A summary of items had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 PPC has contacted SCAPTC for advice about security of bank holdings, but nothing conclusive has been received.

5:2 PC Patey has inspected the safety problems in School Lane highlighted by a resident last month. They will be discussed in detail at the next meeting of the Highways & Environment committee.

5:3 The Cadence Band has written to request a further grant from PPC. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Hall & Finance committee.

5:4 GBC has notified PPC about the appointment of Cllr Len Scott of Ash Parish Council as a parish representative on its Standard and Audit Committee.

5:5 Several residents contacted PPC to report the failure of South West Trains to open the Cemetery entrance to Brookwood Station on Monday 13th October. The complaints have been forwarded to Cllr Glynis Preshaw, who has taken up the matter with both SW Trains and the Cemetery owners.

5:6 SCC has informed PPC of the resolution, made on 15th October by the Planning & Regulatory Committee, not to close the Malthouse Lane BOAT. A Malthouse Lane resident has sent PPC a copy of her email to SCC asking for the reasons for the decision and a clear reply to her concerns. This was discussed later in the meeting under item 8:2.

5:7 National Grid Gas plc (the new name for Transco) has written to request approval of the transfer of the wayleave lease to Southern Gas Networks plc. Legal costs for the transfer will be reimbursed. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Hall & Finance committee.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During October

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

6:2 To Consider Budgetary Issues for the Next Financial Year

Cllr Clinton reminded members that the timetable for submission to GBC for the 2009-10 precept is early January. Members agreed that the current inflation rate at just under 5% should be reflected in the details of the budget, to be considered by the Hall & Finance Committee at its next meeting, for approval by the full Council at the end of November.

6:3 To Discuss Security of Financial Reserves

Members discussed the security of the Council's financial reserves following the problems in the banking industry over the past few weeks. It was agreed unanimously that it would be wise to spread

the risk and to open an instant access account with Lloyds TSB, which pays less interest than BoI but does offer security under current circumstances. A 30-day notice account, offering a higher rate of interest, will also be investigated.

6:4 To Approve a Donation to the Royal British Legion

Members approved a donation of £50, under Section 137, to be made to the Royal British Legion.

6:5 To Approve the Clerk's Attendance at a SALC Legal & Finance Training Day

Members approved the fee of £75 for the SALC Legal & Finance Training Day.

7. *Planning*

7:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September had been circulated to members. Cllr Bohling drew members' attention to the committee's objection to a change of use proposed for the Sergeants Mess in Bisley Camp, citing that the existing metal clad building should be retained because it was in good condition and in a row of Colonial-style military pavilions in the conservation area .

8. *Highways & Environment*

8:1 To Agree a Date for the Next Meeting of the Committee

This was agreed as 9th December.

8:2 To Discuss Future Action to Protect the Malthouse Lane BOAT

Members expressed their disappointment that SCC had not approved the closure of the BOAT and Cllr King agreed to draft a letter expressing the PPC's concerns. Ideas to prevent vehicles straying from the BOAT on to the common will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee.

9. *Newsletter*

9:1 To Consider Items for the December Issue

Ideas proposed include an update on the BOAT and the recycling area for Christmas trees to be put in the LPH car park.

10. *Chairman's Conclusion*

10:1 Cllr King suggested that the Council revisit the proposals in the Community Action Plan and up-date it where necessary.

10:2 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 25th November.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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