



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 27th January 2009, at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). PCSO Catherine Wheeler was also in attendance.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr M. Jackson and Cllr M. Nevins

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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 6th January 2009 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

PCSO Catherine Wheeler reported on three thefts and a ZJ (non-crime) in the village; there were no reported crimes in Pirbright Camp. The driver who became bogged down after circling round the football pitch was reported to the police and found to be in illegal possession of number plates and bank cards. The Parish Council will make a claim against the driver for the damage to the ground.

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

A summary of items 5:1-5:5 had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 GBC (Mayor's office) has written to request nominations for the Mayor's Award for Community Service. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

5:2 The Parish Council has received copies of correspondence between Brookwood Cemetery, SW Trains and Cllr Preshaw about vandalism to the access door from the cemetery to Brookwood Station. Disgruntled passengers affected by late opening and early closure of the door have also notified PPC. The issue was further discussed under item 8:2.

5:3 A resident of Upper Mill Lane has notified the Parish Council about works proposed by GBC for improvements to drainage in the area, providing there are no objections from Natural England and the Environment Agency. This item and 5:4 will be discussed at the meeting of the H & E committee in February.

5:4 A Cemetery Pales resident has complained that her house was nearly flooded after recent heavy rain and it seemed as if the water was coming from the land owned by GBC on the northern side of the road. Reece Collins, GBC's Engineering Manager, said he would ask the Clerk of Works to investigate the cause of the problem and find a solution.

5:5 The Parochial Church Council has sent the Parish Council a copy of an email to Cllr M. Nevins about the church's recent disability-access audit. Among the recommendations is one that the parking area opposite the church might be resurfaced to prevent accidents and avoid compensation claims. This issue will also be considered at the next meeting of the H & E committee.

5:6 The Bank of Ireland has notified customers that all deposits with the bank are now guaranteed without an upper limit by the Irish Government until 29th September 2010.

5:7 A resident of The Gardens has expressed concern about damage to grass verges during building work at neighbouring properties. Members agreed that this problem affects all parts of the parish and an item would be placed in the PeriNews to request residents to restore damaged verges on completion of the work and, if necessary, the resident would be written to individually.

5:8 J. Noyce has written to confirm his summer visit to coincide with the Flower Show in July and also to request a spring visit. Members agreed this, subject to weather and ground conditions being suitable.

5:9 The Royal Surrey Hospital sent notice of a consultation meeting about its plan to seek foundation trust status. No members of the Parish Council were available to attend.

6. *Hall & Finance*

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During January

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

6:2 To Approve the Purchase of a Trolley for the Round Tables in LPH

This proposal was approved. The tables, currently taking up valuable room in the Committee Room, will be stored on the trolley in the Green Hut and wheeled into the Hall as required.

7. *Planning*

No meeting of the committee had taken place during the month. It was noted that there had been two applications to GBC to establish permitted development under the new rules.

8. *Highways & Environment*

8:1 To Discuss Minor Improvements for Fox Corner

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between Cllr M. Nevins, Cllr Bohling and Derek Lake of SCC Highways to discuss proposals for improvements, which will be funded from Cllr M. Nevins' Guildford Local Committee allowance.

8:2 To Discuss Access to Brookwood Station via the Cemetery

Members agreed that it was not possible for the Parish Council to intervene in the problems of early morning and late evening access from the Cemetery to Brookwood Station because it is outside the parish, but it would be possible to continue to act as an agent for monitoring the issue.

8:3 The cost of a replacement cherry tree to be planted on the west side of Lord Pirbright's Hall will be referred to the H & F Committee for approval.

8:4 The resiting of a walnut tree from its current position on The Green, perhaps to the Little Green where it would be in drier conditions, will be discussed by the H & E committee.

9. To Approve the Updated Risk Assessment Policy

The updated policy was accepted with a few additions about the car parks.

10. To Approve a Written Complaints Policy

Members accepted the policy without amendment.

11. To Discuss Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to invite the Mayor of Guildford, the Revd Chris Musser and the two young residents, who will be representing Winston Churchill School on a trip to Kenya, to speak at the meeting. The format will otherwise remain as usual.

12. *Newsletter* — To Consider Items for the March Issue

Items for the newsletter will include the car wash and coffee morning, being organised by the young residents as part of fundraising for their Kenya trip, and a general plea to residents to restore verges damaged by building work.

13. *Chairman's Conclusion*

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 24th February 2009.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

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