



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Highways & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009 in the Parish Shop at 7.30pm.
Those present were Cllr A. King (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). Cllr B. Clinton was also in attendance.

1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest – To Receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item below**
1:1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R. Nevins.
1:2 There were no declarations of interest.
2. **Chairman – To Elect a Chairman for the Committee**
Cllr A. King was elected unanimously as Chairman of the Committee.
3. **Minutes – To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Terms of Reference – To Review the Terms of Reference for the Committee**
The terms of reference for the committee were amended to include responsibility for the Parish car parks.
5. **Road Safety – To Discuss the Issues from the Working Party Meeting with the Police**
5:1 Members considered the issues raised from the meeting with the police in May, which was followed by an email from PC Patey reporting that 27 road traffic collisions had occurred in the last six months, 14 of which were in Gapemouth and Gole Roads.
Members agreed to request that a radar box be installed in Gole Road to record speeds of passing vehicles, as done in School Lane in March.
5:2 PC Patey had subsequently told the Clerk that his colleague, Graham Cannon, had submitted a report with his recommendations for safety improvements in School Lane to SCC Highways.
Members agreed to ask for a copy of this report.
5:3 A decision about whether to pursue the purchase of mobile vehicle-activated signs will be made when more information on the report on School Lane and speed in Gole Road is received.
5:4 It is hoped that a Community Speedwatch scheme for School Lane will begin after the summer. A plea for more volunteers was placed in the July issue of the newsletter and will be followed with stronger pleas in future issues if little response is forthcoming.
It was agreed that Cllr Richmond would contact the local co-ordinator to check that he is happy to continue his role and to inform him that a new administrator has been appointed in Guildford.
6. **Sandpits Car Park – To Discuss Management of the Parking Restrictions**
The new notice stating that parking by non-tennis-court users on the Sandpits site is restricted to a maximum of two hours is now in place, and the Clerk asked for guidance on how this might be managed.
It was resolved that measures to manage long-term parking on the Sandpits site will begin in August, when the schools are closed and the only vehicles parked legitimately on the site should be users of the tennis courts. Cllr King offered to help identify other

vehicles that were being regularly parked for long periods and notes will be placed on their windscreens.

7. **Maintenance Issues – To Review Current Maintenance Issues**

7:1 Members assessed items on the chart showing outstanding maintenance issues and noted those that had been completed.

7:2 The Clerk reported on an email just received from SCC Highways, sent to all parish councils in the Guildford area, reminding that advertising on the Public Highway is an offence under the Highways Act 1980, and that posters and banners erected on guard railings or lamp columns would be removed because they can block sight lines and are distracting to drivers. There is no objection to advertisements for community events placed on private properties and fences at the back edge of the highway, although permission for commercial advertisements might be required from the Planning Authority (GBC). Members agreed that the advertising for the recent Village Day was appropriate but A-frame advertisements for local businesses near Fox Corner were probably in contravention of the law.

8. **Cobbett Hill HGV Ban – To Consider the Local Committee Decision**

The report in the agenda papers for the Guildford Local Committee on 24 June came to no firm conclusion about whether the ban on HGV vehicles in Cobbett Hill Road should be implemented, noting support from local residents and Normandy PC but opposition from Pirbright and Worplesdon PCs, plus a petition from residents of Ash Road and Fox Corner. **It was resolved that Cllr Clinton should attend the meeting to speak in support of the Parish's submission against the ban.**

9. **Future Meetings – To Agree a Schedule for Future Meetings**

9:1 Members considered the need to arrange dates of future meetings for the committee, to be held in months when a meeting of the Hall & Finance Committee was not scheduled.

It was resolved that future meetings of the committee would be held on the second Wednesday of January, March, June and October.

9:2 The next meeting of the Committee will thus be held on Wednesday, 14 October 2009.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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