



# PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 28 July 2009 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). Also in attendance were Cllr Mike Nevins and several residents. PC Mike Patey attended to make the Police Report.

*The Chairman welcomed members of the public and invited them to speak before the meeting officially began. The residents of Sandpits Cottages expressed their concerns about noise, danger and potential damage to the area if access to works for construction of a new tennis court were to be granted along the track to their properties. They were also worried about the safety of children being dropped off and collected at the schools. The Chairman invited them to stay at the meeting to listen to the discussion under Item 9.*

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

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

Cllr King made a personal declaration of interest re Item 9.

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

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 30 June 2009, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

**4:1** PC Patey reported on two incidents of burglary, three criminal damage, a stolen motor cycle and horsebox, one hate crime and one drunk driver in the village, plus minor incidents in Pirbright and Bisley Camps.

**4:2** Police checks with a speed detector gun in Gole Road recently had proved effective in slowing down traffic.

**4:3** There is no progress yet about a new appointment of a PCSO but a police officer is sharing PC Patey's area of responsibility.

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

A summary of items 5:1-5:6 had been circulated in advance to members.

**5:1 PC Patey** has sent a report on items discussed at the working party meeting on 12 May. He also sent a timetable of events for the Safer Neighbourhood Team day on 19 July, when the team was on The Green for two hours with a crime-prevention display and shed trailer.

**5:2 GBC's Climate Change Team** has contacted PPC to ask permission to hold a road show in Pirbright during national energy saving week, from Monday 19 October – Sunday 25 October. A provisional date has now been arranged for Thursday 22 October.

**Members approved this request.**

**5:3 GBC** (Katherine Willmott) has confirmed that the area north of Pirbright Arch was selected for the Keep Guildford & Waverley Clean Operation and that the work has been completed.

**5:4 SCAPTC** (Christine Swan) has emailed to ask whether PCC would agree to adopt the method, now used in Sussex and other county associations, of sending all copies of the Local Council Review directly to the clerk, because the present system is not working well.

**Members agreed to adopt this idea and next year subscribe to one copy only of the LCR.**

**5:5 GBC** (Mary Anne Pryor) is asking for new ideas and to update existing suggestions for the GBC Community Ideas Database for Section 106 agreements. These must be relevant to planning, directly related to the proposed development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind, and reasonable in all other respects. This was discussed in detail under Item 10.

**5:6 GBC** (Jane Alexander) is requesting permission to provide recycling facilities for Christmas trees in the car park of LPH from 5-18 January 2010.

*Members approved this request.*

**6. Hall & Finance**

**6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During July**

The cheques issued during July were approved and the list was signed by the Chairman.

**6:2 To Receive the Minutes of the Hall & Finance Committees**

Minutes of the AGM of Lord Pirbright's Hall Charity and quarterly meeting of the Hall & Finance Committees held on 14 July had been circulated to members.

**6:2:1** Re minute 11:5, the caretaker has carried out the drain cover repair on The Green.

**6:2:2** Re minute 11:8, the new tablecloths were used for the first time in the Clubroom for the Flower Show refreshments and attracted many compliments.

**6:3 To Agree the Sale of the Elmer Still Life Painting and to Use the Proceeds for Restoration of the Portraits of Lord and Lady Pirbright**

Members examined the Elmer painting and admired the quality of its restoration.

*It was agreed unanimously that the picture should be auctioned and that the proceeds might be used to restore the portraits of Lord and Lady Pirbright.*

**6:4 To Nominate Ideas for Grant-Aided Projects for the next financial year**

Ideas include new signage at Lord Pirbright's Hall and the purchase of additional litter bins, salt bins for the car parks, bollards and stakes for marking out additional temporary parking areas. The Clerk will check with GBC whether grant-aid funding may be obtained to restore Swallow pond.

**7. Planning**

**7:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee**

Minutes of the meetings held on 30 June 2009 had been circulated to members.

**7:2 To Consider a Response to the Consultation on Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area Avoidance Strategy 2009-14 for Guildford Borough**

Following the meeting with the GBC planning officer on 22 July, members now felt they understood the issues in the strategy that had been revised to lift the blanket restriction on development in Pirbright. Restrictions remain in place within 400m of the SPA borders but developments of fewer than 10 dwellings may now be considered within the settlement area of the village.

*The Clerk was authorised to submit a positive response on the consultation to GBC.*

**8. Highways & Environment**

**To Consider Any Outstanding Issues**

**8:1:** The Clerk reported that SCC Highways had just emailed to state that a letter had been sent to a property in Malthouse Lane in response to a query raised over the position of sleepers retaining a bank and apparently reducing the width of the lane. Residents had also complained about a hedge at the same property that was encroaching over the lane.

*It was agreed to request the owner to cut the hedge back to the property's boundary line.*

**8:2** It has been noticed that the leaves on the liquidambar, planted at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2008, have already to turn to autumnal colours and concerns were expressed that the tree might be under stress.

*Cllr Standing agreed to keep an eye on the tree.*

**9. Sandpits Site**

**To Consider Access by Pirbright Tennis Club's Construction Vehicles to Part of the Site via PPC Land**

**9:1** Cllr M. Nevins reported that the planning application for the tennis club's new court had now been submitted to GBC and that one issue of concern was the need to remove several trees that might be considered for tree preservation orders.

**9:2** Cllr Bohling stated that an alternative access to avoid the track in front of the Sandpits Cottages might be viable although it would require temporary planning permission.

*It was resolved to wait until the planning application is received from GBC before making any decision because of the many issues and concerns raised by members and residents.*

**10. Community Ideas Data Base**

**To Update the GBC Database with Ideas for Section 106 Planning Agreements**

Suggestions to update the database include improvements to the Sandpits car park, Fox Corner Wildlife Area, the ponds on the Green and at Swallow Corner, maintenance of the Heathland area and updating of disabled access at Lord Pirbright's Hall. The lighting strategy for Pirbright Arch has now been completed but funds will be kept in reserve for maintenance.

**11. Newsletter—To Consider Items for the September Issue**

Ideas will be collated in time for the 8 August deadline.

**12. Chairman's conclusion**

**12:1** The Chairman commented on the successful walks around the village as part of the GBC Walkfest programme.

**12:2** The trustees winding up the affairs of the Afternoon WI have donated a bell and gavel to the Parish Council for use at meetings. The Clerk has written to thank them.

**12:3** The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 29 September 2009.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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