



# PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 30 June 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).

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Nevins.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**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 26 May 2009, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

There was no official police report but reports of vandalism around the parish had been received, including broken panes of glass in the bus shelters in Ash Road, smashed rear windows and other forms of vandalism to cars parked in Fox Corner and Gole Road, theft of a drum of red diesel from Aldershot road and a botched burglary from a shed on The Green. There was also a report about a vigilant elderly resident in Guildford Road, who thwarted an attempted distraction burglary.

**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 GBC Planning Department** is reviewing the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (TBHSPA) and is inviting the parishes to participate in the consultation to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> June-10<sup>th</sup> September on the avoidance strategy 2009-2014.

**This was discussed later in the meeting under item 7:2.**

**5:2 GBC** has issued a legal challenge to the South East plan, on the grounds that the process of identifying the area for a significant amount of development was not informed by the full environmental appraisal required by regulations, which should include consideration of alternatives to Green Belt development in Guildford borough.

**5:3 Rushmoor Borough Council** has sent details of a variation of a condition to planning permission at Farnborough Airport to allow an increase in the total number of business aviation movements from 28,000 to 50,000 movements per annum.

**It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application.**

**5:4 A parishioner** has informed the Parish Council about recent difficulties in accessing Brookwood Station from the Cemetery. Cllr Glynis Preshaw has explained that the booking clerk, whose duties include opening the door in the morning, was ill and no cover was available.

**It was agreed that the Parish Council could not become actively involved in this issue.**

**5:5 GBC** has supplied information about the first ever Armed Forces Day on Saturday 27 June, part of a week of events to honour Britain's armed forces, during which flags will be flown throughout the UK. The Union flag had been flown at Lord Pirbright's Hall during the week leading up to the day.

**5:6 SCC Highways** has emailed 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 to remove commercial advertisements from lamp columns if it could be done safely.**

**5:7** Surrey Police Crime Reduction Advisor (PC Steve Cake) is asking for help with predicting raves in the area. These are often preceded by gatherings near a location such a railway station where people wait to hear the exact location or there might be people setting up equipment in a rural location, testing of sound equipment etc. Residents noticing any of these situations are asked to contact the Police.

**It was agreed to place an item about this issue in the August edition of PeriNews.**

**6. Hall & Finance**

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

The additional cheque issued in May and the cheques issued during June were approved and the list was signed by the Chairman.

**6:2 To Receive a Report on the Use of LPH and Green for the Village Day**

**6:2:1** Cllr Richmond, Cllr Standing and the Clerk all attended a celebration debriefing meeting held in the Clubroom to discuss the day, which had been a great success with final figures showing a 50% net increase over the previous year.

**6:2:2** The parking of the high number of vehicles still caused some problem because visitors were reluctant to go to Scott's field in Church Lane when the parking area on the Green became full. It was suggested that more activities might take place at the Church to encourage people to go down Church Lane, and this will be considered when planning the event for 2010. It was also agreed that the use of walkie talkies would help control the parking and might attract some younger helpers.

**6:2:3** Hand towels in the cloakrooms will be provided to reduce the queues for the hand driers. Members agreed that mobile cloakrooms might be required if the numbers of visitors continues to increase.

**7. Planning**

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

Minutes of the meetings held on 30 May and 17 June 2009 had been circulated to members. Items of interest were a further application for change to ancillary domestic use of agricultural buildings at Vines Farm and demolition and construction of a new dwelling at Wydgerys in Fox Corner.

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

Measures included in the consultation are increased areas of SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) which may help relieve the current stalemate on development within Pirbright parish, although there will still be a presumption against additional net new dwellings in the exclusion zone up to 400m from the SPA boundary .

**Members agreed to request a meeting with an officer from GBC who would be able to explain how the SPA policy affects Pirbright and where the boundaries of protected areas lie.**

**8. Highways & Environment**

**8:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Highways & Environment Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009 had been circulated to members. Cllr King stressed that the current approach of the committee is to prioritise road safety measures and concentrate on achieving improvements in these areas.

**8:2 To Receive a Report on the Meeting of the Guildford Local Committee**

**8:2:1** Cllr Clinton attended the meeting of the Local Committee to reiterate the Parish Council's opposition to the proposal for an HGV ban in Cobbetts Hill Road (D58) but the motion was approved by 15:1 (with two abstentions).

**8:2:2** A representative from LORD (Lorries off Rural Detours) campaign supported the proposal at the meeting and subsequently contacted Worplesdon and Pirbright PCs to say that that all C and D class roads in Surrey should be considered as unsuitable for HGVs over 18 tonnes. The campaign has endeavoured not to get involved in parish matters and only to comment, when called upon, on whether a road is suitable for heavy HGVs, but would help in resolving any problems where HGVs are using some minor roads as shortcuts to other major roads, villages and towns.

**Members agreed to consider HGV bans for Vapery Lane (D45), Church Lane (D46), and Avenue de Cagny (D48) at a future meeting of the H & E committee.**

**9. Newsletter—To Consider Items for the August Issue**

Items for the newsletter will include a warning to watch for signs of raves, an explanation of the Council's policy of use of the parish car parks, a reminder about conditions for fishing on the pond and the annual plea to householders to cut back hedges and trees that overhang the footway.

**10. Chairman's conclusion**

**10:1** The Chairman notified members of the freedom parade to be held on Wednesday 15 July in Guildford for the 1st Battalion Princess of Wales's regiment, following their return from Iraq.  
**10:2** The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 28 July.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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