



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Parish Shop on Tuesday 24 November 2009 at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk).
PC Mike Patey was also in attendance.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Bohling and Cllr M. Nevins.

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

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. **Minutes**

3:1 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting as a True Record

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 27 October 2009, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

3:2 To Receive the Clerk's Report on Actions taken

Re 5:4, the patches of broken glass in Brookwood Cemetery have now been cleared up.

Re 5:11, Rushmoor Borough Council has sent notice of its refusal to the application for an increase to the number of flights at Farnborough airport.

Re Item 9, GBC has been asked about the adoption of the phone box, but the planning department did not know anything about the scheme. An email has been sent to British Telecom to ask for more information, but no reply has yet been received.

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

4:1 PC Patey reported on seven crimes in the civil parish during the past month: three thefts from motor vehicles, a smashed window, two burglaries from garages and one case of criminal damage in a police vehicle. No reports of crime had been made in Pirbright Camp.

4:2 There is no news about the appointment of a new PCSO although Surrey Police has issued an announcement stating that 200 more police officers are to be appointed in the county. PC Patey said there were no details yet about the closure of police buildings in the same announcement.

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

A summary of items 5:1-5:7 had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 GBC (Tim Pilsbury) has responded to PPC's request for an update on flood relief works. They need to carry out an analysis of the catchment area around Pirbright and have applied for a grant from the Environment Agency to undertake this work. He will be in touch again when the outcome is known.

For Information.

5:2 SCC has sent documents for the consultation for the Surrey Waste Plan. Submissions should be made by 18 December.

For Information.

5:3 SCC (Mathew Burnell, Senior Tree Surveyor for Highways) has contacted PPC to enquire about the horse chestnut tree on the Little Green. He wished to update his records to show that the owner had been informed about the tree's condition.

The Clerk has notified Mr Burnell, giving details of PPC's application to GBC for tree surgery.

5:4 PC Matt Redfern has accepted the Parish Council's invitation to attend the next meeting of the Highways & Environment committee in January.

5:5 GBC has sent details of a consultation on new governance arrangements, whereby a) a member of the Council is elected as executive leader and appoints an executive of 2-9 other councillors or b) a mayor is elected by borough voters for a fixed term of four years, and will appoint an executive of 2-9 councillors. Submissions are required before Monday 8 February 2010.

For Information.

5:6 The Salvation Army has requested that a recycling bin, 4 ft x 3 ft in size, might be installed at LPH for textiles, to be emptied on a weekly basis. Some of the clothing would be resold in charity shops, while the majority would be sent to eastern Europe or other developing countries around the world. A small amount (the lowest quality) would go for industrial use.

The Parish Council approved this request.

5:7 Cllr R. Nevins has written on behalf of the Clerk and herself to thank Mr and Mrs Guney for their hospitality at the opening of the restored lake in the Glades of Remembrance in Brookwood Cemetery.

For Information.

5:8 The Country Market has complained about the new arrangement for the storage of chairs in the main hall. PPC's reply explained the advantages of the system but suggested a compromise whereby the Badminton Club could leave the chairs against the west wall on Wednesday evenings.

For Information.

5:9 GBC has supplied information about funding available via SCC for new bus shelters. The deadline for applications is 2 December.

Members agreed that the deadline was too short to consider the matter fully at this time, especially as part-funding by the Parish Council would be required.

5:10 The Mytchett Helping Hands good neighbour scheme (Carol Hayward) has contacted PPC to ask whether there is a similar scheme in Pirbright because they had received a request for hospital transport from a local resident.

The Clerk reminded members that this was an issue raised in the Community Action Plan, although the responses revealed little need. However she had asked Catherine Cobley, who had served on the CAP steering committee, to raise the matter with the Parochial Church Council. It will also be raised at the next meeting of the Peribus committee.

5:11 Geoff Phillips, co-ordinator of the police parade to Brookwood Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, has presented PPC with a framed photograph of the muster at LPH.

The Clerk has written a formal letter of thanks to Mr Phillips.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During November

The cheques issued during November were approved and the list was signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the list of cheques had been verified by the chairman of H & F committees as part of a new internal auditing procedure.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2009 had been circulated to members. GBC has agreed that the balance of grant-aid from resurfacing the Sandpits car park may be used for grit bins and other car parking accessories, enabling them to be purchased this year.

6:3 To Approve the Precept for Financial Year 2010-11

6:3:a The Band D multiplier, a notional figure supplied by GBC for calculating all bands of council tax in Pirbright, will be higher for 2010-11 than 2009/10 and the Parish Council could legitimately increase the Precept to £42,785 without affecting the Band D figure of £34.68. However, even with increases for essential items only, the net figure for regular expenditure less income is £43,505, which would create a rise in the Band D rate of 1.67% (58p). The grant-aided projects have not been included in these calculations although these could be taken from reserves.

6:3:b Members discussed whether it might be possible to maintain the Band D figure at £34.68, but there would be no margin for unforeseen events and it would not be desirable to use reserves for regular expenditure. Of further concern was the probability that the multiplier would again be decreased for 2011-12 and have the effect of raising the Band D rate, but not the Precept.

Members unanimously approved the Precept figure of £43,505.00 for financial year 2010-11.

7. **Planning**

7:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2009 had been circulated to members. It was noted that GBC's planning department had agreed with all PPC's submissions, including a refusal of the application to retain a container for household storage at Dashwood House, Guildford Road.

8. **Highways & Environment**

8:1 To Review the Policy to Permit Fishing on the Pond on the Green

A team from Surrey Wildlife Trust had responded to PPC's call recently and rescued a bird that was entangled in a discarded fishing line on the pond. The bird was fine and flew away after the line was removed but the SWT team suggested that PPC should review its policy of allowing fishing on the pond.

Members recognised that fishing on the pond has become a popular pastime with Pirbright's young people, and this was the first known incident of its kind. They were reluctant to ban fishing altogether and considered it would difficult to enforce by restricting it to Parish youngsters only by issuing a limited number of permits. It was agreed to maintain a watching brief and to encourage use of a restricted line, which could not become caught up in the tree.

8:2 To Discuss GBC's Approval of PPC's Application for Tree Surgery

Permission has been granted by GBC for the surgery to the horse chestnut tree on the little Green. The Clerk informed members that the work would be carried out this week and the logs would be left for residents to take home.

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

An explanation of the Precept for 2010-11 will be one item for inclusion in the newsletter.

10. **Chairman's conclusion**

10:1 The next meeting of the Guildford Local Committee will be held on 9 December at 7pm at King George V Hall, Effingham.

10:2 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5 January 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm.

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