



# PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2010 in the Parish Shop at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr R. Richmond, Cllr J. Standing and Lindsay Graham (Clerk). A resident was also in attendance to listen to the discussion on the Vapery Lane flooding.

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr A. King, Cllr M. Nevins and PC Mike Patey.

**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 24 November 2009 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.*

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

**3:2:a** There had been a good response to the entry in PeriNews about problems of access to Brookwood Station from the Cemetery. A residents' meeting to discuss the issues, to be attended by Cllr Preshaw, will be held on 24 February.

**3:2:b** The barway across the track to the cricket pavilion has now been installed.

**3:2:c** A representative from a London auction company has made an appointment to view the Elmer painting and to arrange its inclusion in a sale scheduled for March.

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

**4:1** PC Patey sent an email reporting that crime over the previous 31 day period in all the Pirbright areas included two assaults, one burglary at a dwelling and one at a non-dwelling, one criminal damage to a dwelling and 13 criminal damage incidents to motor vehicles, 10 of which were at the White Hart. Extra patrols will be in the area during the night and early hours.

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

A summary had been circulated in advance to members.

**5:1 GBC (Financial Services)** has contacted all parish councils within Guildford Borough to state that in future the two-year time limit for claiming grant-aided projects will be enforced and any grant not claimed within this timescale will cease to be available. In exceptional circumstances the Head of Financial Services might authorise an extension of the deadline for up to one year.

*For Information.*

**5:2 GBC (Leisure Services)** has requested details of new leisure projects, activities and facilities in the parish that have been aided by PPC, in order to update the Cultural Strategy 2009.

*A response will be made to this request.*

**5:3 Pirbright Tennis Club** has requested a meeting with PPC to discuss options with plans for the new court, following refusal by GBC of their recent planning application.

*An invitation to an informal discussion following one of the meetings this month will to be made.*

**5:4 West Heath residents** interested in forming a community speed watch in School Lane have booked dates for training sessions in January, to be held in the Committee Room of LPH.

*For Information.*

**5:5 Pirbright Cricket Club** has notified PPC of minor fire damage to the storage area behind the cricket pavilion. This appears to have occurred on the same night that an unsuccessful attempt was made to light a fire in the refuse bin at LPH.

*For Information.*

**5:6 SCAPTC** has sent details of a meeting on 29 January 2010 at East Horsley Village Hall with the Chief Constable of Surrey Police to enable parish councils to learn about the Police Authority's plan to put more officers on the beat and rationalise the number of police stations in Surrey.

*No members of the Parish Council will be available to attend the meeting.*

**5:7 Surrey Wildlife Trust's Wetland Mammals Officer** has responded to the November entry in PeriNews about rescuing the bird caught in fishing line. He recommends that young fishermen should be encouraged to report caught or discarded lines so that the problem may be dealt with.

*For Information.*

**5:8 The Department for Transport** has circulated a consultation on the new road safety strategy including the introduction of more 20mph zones in residential areas, where they are not part of any major through route, and speed limit reviews on rural roads. Responses are requested by 5 February 2010.

*This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Highways & Environment Committee.*

**5:9 GBC (Lionel Smith)** is again co-ordinating Walkfest as part of the Guildford Summer Festival and has invited a PPC representative to attend a meeting on Tuesday 12 January.

*The Clerk will attend the meeting (weather and road conditions permitting).*

## 6. Hall & Finance

### **6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During December**

The cheques issued during December 2009 were approved and the list was signed by the Chairman.

### **6:2 To Consider the Disability Access Audit on Lord Pirbright's Hall**

A document outlining proposals to improve disability access was distributed in advance to members. *Cllrs Nevins, Clinton and Jackson agreed to form a working party to discuss the issues raised in the audit.*

### **6:3 To Receive a Report on the Leaking Roof at Lord Pirbright's Hall**

Cllr Bohling and the Hall caretaker had inspected the roof internally and expressed concerns about its condition and whether it would be safe to repair the bell tower without replacing some or all of the rafters and tiling battens.

*The working party will also discuss these issues.*

### **6:4 To Discuss Ideas for a Parish Office at Lord Pirbright's Hall**

Cllr Bohling had provided drawings for a parish office as part of a replacement building for the green hut, with the recommendation that a bespoke prefabricated building might be the best option.

*The same working party will discuss the options for the new office.*

## 7. Planning

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2009 had been circulated to members. In addition two responses, made under delegated powers, stating No Objection had been made to a revised proposal of an extension to Havenwood in Gole Road and for removal of fireplaces at Thorner Cottage on The Green. Notice of appeal has been received against the refusal for retention of a storage container at Dashwood House, Guildford Road.

## 8. Highways & Environment

### **8:1 To Discuss Recent Flooding in Vapery Lane and Cemetery Pales**

Heavy rain at the end of November had caused flooding in Vapery Lane and outside Mowbray and The Barn House in Cemetery Pales, although no houses were affected.

**8:1:a** Blockage of the gully under the road by #9 Model Cottages was causing the ditch by the golf club to overflow, making the road impassable. Phone calls to the emergency weekend numbers of SCC and GBC proved fruitless but action was taken later in the week by the Clerk of Works at GBC who arranged for the complete stretch of gully to be cleared by jetting. Debris removed included rubble, pieces of wood, plastic bottles, bags and all kinds of litter. Residents are satisfied with the result, which is clearing the water well, and the Clerk of Works has stated that he will examine the water course across the whole area.

**8:1:b** The problems in Cemetery Pales, plus a blocked drain outside the former Social Club, have been reported to SCC Highways but no action has yet been taken.

**8:2 To Approve Purchase of Grit bins for Parish Car Parks**

**8:2:a** Recent heavy snow and icy conditions had raised the question of whether there should be more grit bins around the parish for residents' use because SCC Highways policy is to concentrate treatment on major roads carrying more than 12000 vehicles per day. In Pirbright this includes the A324 and the through B roads such as Ash Road, Gole Road and School Lane. Cemetery Pales, as unclassified, is thus not included.

**8:2:b** The Clerk of Works at GBC is currently investigating bulk purchase of grit bins and might be able to offer PPC a good price.

*It was agreed to seek advice from Zurich Municipal about implications of encouraging residents to do their own gritting and also to wait to compare prices of grit bins from GBC before purchasing direct from the supplier.*

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

The residents' meeting about issues of access to Brookwood Station from the Cemetery will be one item for the newsletter.

**10. Chairman's conclusion**

**10:1 To Agree Dates of Council and Committee Meetings for 2010**

*Agreement of the list was adjourned until the next meeting.*

**10:2** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 26 January 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

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