



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **27 April 2010** in the Parish Shop at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr A. King, Cllr R. Richmond and Cllr J. Standing.
In attendance was Lindsay Graham (Clerk).

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Bohling, 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 30 March 2010, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

3:2:a Re item 3:2:b (03/10), most of the broken signs on the Green have now been replaced.

3:2:b Re item 6:4 (03/10), Cllr Clinton has contacted Christie's to increase the reserve price for the Elmer painting.

3:2:c Highways issues reported to SCC this month include the poor condition of the footway:

- on Guildford Road, between Bullswater Common Lane and Fox Corner,
- along Ash Road from Bullswater Common Road to Fox Corner
- along Dawney Hill between Caterham Close and Pirbright Arch.

A large pothole near Appletree Cottage in Church Lane has now been reported twice and appears to be partially repaired.

4. Police Matters

To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

4:1 Crime figures for the last 12 months supplied by PC Patey reveal 20 assaults in the area to the north of the railway (which includes Pirbright and Bisley Camps). There were 29 burglaries and 31 cases of criminal damage in the parish to the south of the railway.

4:2 During the past month, there were two reported cases of criminal damage, 1 of harassment, 1 burglary and 1 theft from a motor vehicle south of the railway. North of the railway there were 2 reported cases of assault.

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 PPC has been invited to attend the Surrey Rural Conference, organised by the Surrey Rural Partnership, at Denbies in Dorking in May.

Action: The Chairman will attend.

5:2 **Surrey Community Action** has provided information about the Surrey Village of the Year Competition.

For information—members agreed that no action would be taken.

5:3 **A resident of Mill Lane** has complained about the breaches in the planning permission for Rails Field and asks the Parish Council to encourage GBC Enforcement to take action.

Members agreed that it was too early to chase GBC about this but it would be kept under review.

5:4 **GBC** has invited a Parish representative to attend the Civic Service in May.

Action: The Chairman and Clerk will attend.

5:5 A resident has written to complain about the parking of contractors' vehicles in Chapel Lane. *Members agreed that it is not possible to prevent this because no offence is being committed, providing vehicles are not actually blocking the road. Residents will be contacted to re-instate their verges when the work on their homes is complete.*

5:6 A resident has written to request the provision of a waste bin between the end of Brunswick Road and Queens Road.

Action: To request GBC to provide a waste bin and add it to the collection rota.

5:7 Pirbright Cricket Club has emailed to say that the warping of the cladding on the pavilion has been made good and that cladding has been added to the barbecue to make it less conspicuous. The Club has completed interior work to upgrade the cloakrooms and the whole pavilion is fed on mains water now, so there is less risk of winter burst pipes. The new junior football club has been given permission to use the pavilion for training and matches.

5:8 Pirbright Premier Junior Football Club has emailed to suggest the use of portable warning signs stating "Slow Down" or "Game On" to be placed along Avenue de Cagny while the football pitch is in use.

Action: the Clerk will ask Coldingley Prison, makers of the A-frames with interchangeable panels, purchased last year for the parish car parks, to give a price for additional inserts. The frames could be stored in the Pavilion and also be used by the Cricket Club on match days.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During April

The cheques issued during April 2010 were approved and the list was signed by the Chairman.

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

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010, which had been distributed with the Agenda papers.

6:3 To Approve the Draft Accounts for Financial Year 2009-10

Action: The draft accounts for financial year 2009-10 were approved unanimously.

6:4 To Consider a Donation Towards Purchase of a Police Bicycle

PC Patey had requested the parishes in his patch to consider purchase of a police bicycle to enable some high visibility patrols throughout the summer. If he is successful in raising the funds for one bicycle, Surrey Police would pay for a second one for the Worplesdon PCSO.

Action: Members agreed that Pirbright Parish Council would contribute £200 towards the cost.

7. Planning

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

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2010, which had been distributed in the agenda papers.

7:1:b The application for a wooden building at Sunfield Cottage had been approved.

7:1:c Variation of a condition at Rails Field to allow longer hours of work has been refused.

7:1:d Pirbright Tennis Club has appealed against the refusal of its application for a third court.

8. Highways & Environment

8:1 To Consider Leaving a Section of the Green Uncut to Benefit Bees

Members debated the pros and cons of the idea, considering whether the risk of spreading weed seeds was outweighed by the benefits to wildlife.

Action: It was agreed to leave a border uncut at the far side of the football ground, to be reviewed at the July meeting.

8:2 To Discuss Maintenance Issues in the Parish

Much of the minor road maintenance in the Parish is carried out by a SCC Community Gang who have a quarterly schedule of work, which is normally agreed with Cllr M. Nevins, although this has not been possible recently because of his illness. The SCC officer has agreed to supply the Clerk with rota dates and the schedule, showing that next one for Worplesdon/Normandy/Pirbright will be during the week beginning 12 June and includes issues reported to SCC by PPC and other residents.

Action: It was agreed to request that removal of grass and weeds growing in the gutters along the Green and Cemetery Pales should be added to a future schedule of work for the Community Gang.

8:3 To Plan a Clear-up Day in June

The Clerk reported there had been some interest in the Parish in participating in the clear-up day.

Action: Members agreed on Saturday 19 June for the event, with the use of the Clubroom at LPH during the morning for provision of equipment and return of full black sacks, to be collected by GBC. Participants will also be offered a cup of coffee.

9. Newsletter—To Consider Items for the June Issue

Items for the June issue will include the clear-up day, a reminder that the Information Sheet for 2010 can be viewed on the parish website, an invitation from the Heathland Project to a moth-trapping evening on Dawney Hill plus a plea to residents to cut back any vegetation overhanging the footway outside their properties.

10. Chairman’s conclusion

10:1 To Discuss Any Issues Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

Members agreed that the meeting had been a great success and it had helped to increase numbers attending by inviting the newsletter distributors to the pre-meeting reception.

Issues raised during the open forum were:

- *A new PCSO—was one soon to be appointed?* PC Patey said the current budget did not allow for an extra PCSO but he would strive for one to be allocated to Normandy and Pibrigh when circumstances changed.
- *Had the issues about access to Brookwood Station from the Cemetery been resolved?* It had been discovered that the lease of the Retail Decisions Building in Cemetery Pales included a provision for 24/7 access to the station and, although this had not yet been resolved by legal means, it appeared that the Cemetery’s gate to the station was now being left unlocked.
- *Could another plea be made to householders to trim back vegetation overhanging the footways?* A general plea will be made via the newsletter plus a letter to individual properties where the problem is urgent.
- *Parking by parents collecting children after school in School Lane is inconsiderate—could anything be done?* PC Patey said he had been working with the school in order to improve matters and that several reminders had been sent to parents. Enforcement on parking matters was now the responsibility of GBC and the Mayor commented that the problem was repeated all over the borough.
- *The gulleys around the Green had been overflowing earlier in the year—had anything be done to address this?* Yes, they had been jetted through by SCC in the previous week. The effectiveness of the work would be kept under review.
- *Work to improve the drainage on Blind Lane was welcome—when would it be carried out?* Dredging could not be done until the ditches were drier, but the work will be done during the summer.
- *The surface of Church Lane is in very poor condition—was anything being done about this?* Potholes are reported regularly to SCC and are repaired reasonably quickly. The drainage system is an ongoing issue.
- *The Information Leaflet—had it been updated for 2010?* Yes, it was available on the Parish website.

10:2 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.38 pm.

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