



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **23 February 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 were Lindsay Graham (Clerk) and PC Mike Patey.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

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

2. 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 26 January 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 3a (5 January 2010), the panel for the residents' meeting on 24 February to discuss the problems of access to Brookwood Station from the Cemetery will include a representative from Network Rail in addition to Glynis Preshaw, Peter Welvaert and David Josey.

3:2:b Re item 8:2, the grit bins have now been delivered.

3:2:c The Mayor has accepted PPC's invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

3:2:d Re Item 6:3 (July 2009), approving sale of the Elmer painting, the catalogue for the auction on 18 March has been received from Christies.

3:2:3 Highways problems reported to SCC include the blocked gulleys and resultant flooding in Cemetery Pales, Guildford Road, Malthouse Lane and Church Lane.

Action: Members agreed that these problems would be raised at the next meeting of the Guildford Local Committee, to be held in Pirbright on 10 March.

4. Police Matters

To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

4:1 PC Patey reported on 9 crimes in Pirbright Camp, including 2 criminal damage to vehicles, 1 assault, 3 domestics and 1 harassment. There were 8 crimes in the civil parish, including 2 sex offences, 1 theft, 1 burglary, 1 dog out of control and 2 domestics.

4:2 PC Patey's first monthly clinic will be held on Wednesday 3 March in the Parish Shop from 2-3pm. There is no news yet about a replacement PCSO or about the closure of Ash Police Station.

5. Communications

To Discuss Communications Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting

A summary had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 GBC (Chris Wheeler) has responded verbally to PPC's letter passing on complaints about the new refuse collection. He is hopeful that the problems encountered during the snowy weather are now resolved but would like to be informed of future difficulties.

Action: an entry in the March PeriNews asks residents to let us know of problems.

5:2 Smith of Derby (clockmakers) wishes to know if PPC would like an annual service agreement on the LPH clock.

Action: a decision about this will be postponed until after the repair of the clock tower.

5:3 J. Noyce (funfair) has written to confirm the booking for the week of 26 July-2 August, to coincide with the Annual Flower Show. He is also proposing an extra visit in May with the small family funfair.

Action: Members approved the visits, subject to suitable weather and ground conditions.

5:4 Surrey Heath BC (Built Environment) has requested PPC to identify any issues to be taken into account when considering the planning policy for development of the site of Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut. A second letter invited attendance at a stakeholder workshop on 19 March.

Action: for discussion under Agenda item 7:3

5:5 Shere Parish Council has invited all parish councils in Surrey to participate in a questionnaire considering the allocation of secondary school places in the county. A response is requested by 31 March.

Action: to talk to local parents and make a response (this is an issue that affects our children too).

5:6 Rushmoor Borough Council has sent notification that the public inquiry about the extra flights at Farnborough Airport will take place on 18 May 2010 and is likely to last 28 days.

For information.

5:7 The Swan Sanctuary has sent a letter of thanks for PPC's donation.

For information.

5:8 A resident has commented on the mangled No Parking signs on the Green and suggests that they should be replaced because they are a trip hazard. The same resident also wonders why the Parish Council was not represented at a recent funeral of a former member.

Action a): Members agreed that all the signs should be repaired.

b): Members agreed a policy that a representative should attend funerals of former councillors (parish, borough or county).

5:9 A neighbour of Lantern Cottage, Chapel Lane has commented that the building works on an extension appear to be larger than allowed under the new permitted development rules.

Action: the comment has been passed on to the GBC enforcement department and it has been acknowledged. No further action will be required by the Parish Council.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During February

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

6:2 To Discuss Repairs to the Roof of Lord Pirbright's Hall

6:2:a Thieves stole lead flashings from the Clubroom roof around the bases of the chimneys and copings overnight on 5-6 February, dislodging tiles and damaging brickwork. A local builder from School Lane came out on the Sunday morning to help the caretaker make the building temporarily weatherproof. The incident was reported to the police and the Hall's insurance company.

6:2:b Because of concerns over the condition of the bell tower, the Clerk contacted the firm of building engineers to request a full survey of the LPH roof, which was carried out on 17 February. (The same firm had inspected the Clubroom roof in 2004.)

6:2:c The surveyor agrees that chimneys are redundant and, even with the flashing in place, are a source of potential water ingress. Because of the damage to the brickwork, they would probably be best taken down and the roof made good with tiling to match the rest of the pitched roof. The Clerk has written to GBC Building Control and conservation team about the chimneys' removal and also obtained a quote for the work. In other areas where the flashing has been removed, this should be replaced with an alternative material that will not be attractive to thieves.

6:2:c The bell tower is leaning and is a cause of water ingress into the main hall. The struts and some of the roof's rafters need to be replaced. As far as the engineer could tell, the remaining areas of the pitched roof on the original hall are in reasonable condition.

6:2:d The committee room roof is spongy and the boards and felt will probably need replacing. The clubroom roof is not showing much sign of deterioration since 2004 although there are signs of blistering that will need watching.

Action a): It was agreed that the repairs to the roof where the flashing had been stolen are urgent and to press GBC and the insurance company for a quick response.

b): The Clerk will obtain quotes for repairs to the bell tower and also ask GBC whether some of the grant currently allocated for the Blind Lane work could be transferred for this work.

7. Planning

7:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

Minutes of the committee meeting held on 2 February had been distributed to members. It was

noted that the application for Brook House has been withdrawn, the extension for Roughways has been approved and the garage at Orchard House has been refused.

7:2 To Consider Application 10/P/00122: Rails Field, Mill Lane (variation of condition 3 of 07/P/01933 to allow longer hours use of plant machinery

This application was brought for consideration by the full Parish Council because of concerns about the principle of permitting conditions attached to planning consent to be overturned. In this case the condition had been imposed to safeguard the residential amenities of neighbouring properties.

Action: Members agreed that the original conditions must be upheld robustly because the sound of chain saws operating from 7am would be intolerable for neighbours and visitors to this rural part of the parish.

7:3 To Consider a Response to Surrey Heath BC about Redevelopment of Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut for Housing

7:3:1 Members considered that issues of concern to Pirbright about the redevelopment of Deepcut barracks would be:

- Heavy extra traffic using Gole Road and School Lane
- Problems at Pirbright Arch, which is already a pinch point
- More people using Brookwood Station and extra traffic along Connaught Road
- Additional traffic passing through Pirbright village towards Guildford
- Additional use of Church Lane as an evening cut-through.

It will be suggested that mitigating measures should be sought by way of a S106 agreement.

Action: The points above will be sent to Surrey Heath BC. Cllr Clinton and the Clerk will attend the workshop on Friday 19 March with Cllr Standing if he is able to take time from work.

8. Highways & Environment

8:1 To Consider Quotes for Drainage Work on Blind Lane

Three quotes for the work had been submitted from contractors recommended by James Browne, the Rights of Way Officer for SCC.

Action: It was agreed to accept the quote from Poulson Plant Hire.

8:2 To Discuss a Litter Picking Campaign

Concerns had been expressed about the amount of litter all over the parish, some left after recycling boxes were emptied, some from passing traffic.

Action: An entry will be placed in the newsletter to request residents to take responsibility for clearing litter around their own areas and to make litter pickers available on request.

8:3 To Discuss the Condition of Surface of the Sandpits Car Park

Potholes have developed on the right of way and in the car park because of the wintery weather and the Clerk has requested a quote for repairs from the contractor that installed the drainage system.

Action: it was agreed that the potholes in the car park area would be repaired but a contribution from the residents and SWT should be requested for those on the right of way. It was noted that residents on the rights of way to the north and east of the site had made their own repairs.

9. Newsletter—To Consider Items for the April Issue

Items for the April issue will include a plea for litter picking, a notice about the Annual Parish Meeting and dates for the new police clinics.

Chairman's conclusion

10. 10:1 To Discuss a Nomination for the Mayor's Award for Community Service

Members approved the nomination for the Mayor's award.

10:2 To Consider Ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to invite the team that delivers the newsletters to attend the pre-meeting reception.

A proposal will be made to employ a "village caretaker" to make small repairs and clear litter etc.

10:3 To Accept an Offer to Photograph the Parish Council's Minutes

It was agreed to accept this offer.

10:4 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2010.

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