



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **30 March 2010** in the Parish Shop at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman), Cllr J. Bohling, Cllr B. Clinton, Cllr M. Jackson, Cllr R. Richmond and Cllr J. Standing.

In attendance were Lindsay Graham (Clerk), PC Mike Patey, Emma-Lise Simlick (a supervisor in the police contact centre) and the Revd Chris Musser.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. King 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 23 February 2010, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

3:2:a The meeting on 24 February to discuss access to Brookwood Station via the Cemetery was well attended and it is hoped that a resolution to the problem might be found by the discovery of access rights granted in a lease held the occupier of the ReD House in Cemetery Pales.

3:2:b The barn dance organised by the Hogs Back Band in Lord Pirbright's Hall raised £1485 for the Haiti earthquake relief fund. David Searle has written to thank PPC for its help in arranging the event.

3:2:c Re item 5:2 (02/10), £390.63 has been quoted to repair the broken signs on the Green.

Action: *to be discussed by the H & F committee—the Clerk will check if it is possible to claim insurance for the damage.*

3:2:d Re item 6:3 (02/10), the roof of LPH has been repaired, including removal of redundant chimneys, permission having been received from GBC conservation and building control.

3:2:e Re item 8:2 (02/10), James Browne (SCC Countryside Access Officer) has recommended that Blind Lane should be allowed to dry out before the work begins to avoid more damage to the surface than is necessary. The Clerk has recommended that the contractor be asked to quote for improvements to footpath 396 (from Vapery Lane to Gole Road), which is regularly used as a route to school from Pirbright Camp and by Vapery Lane residents walking to the SPAR shop.

3:2:f Highways problems reported to SCC include potholes in Cemetery Pales and Church Lane plus the flytipping of mattresses that were blocking Church Lane.

4. **Police Matters**

To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

PC Patey introduced his colleague who was observing activities within the community.

4:1 He reported that it had been a quiet month for crime in the parish, with 2 cases of theft, 1 drunk driving, 1 vehicle interference and 2 criminal damage. He warned of a spate of licence plate thefts in the borough, perhaps because of the current high price of scrap metal.

4:2 His first clinic in March was quiet but publicity for future dates has now been given in the local police newsletter that has been delivered door to door.

4:3 A dumped caravan in Stanley Hill has been inspected and will soon be removed by GBC.

4:4 The new community Speedwatch scheme in School Lane is proving active and successful and has been visited by PC Patey and the Community Roads Officer. There is no news yet about a new PCSO.

5. Communications

To Discuss Communications Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting

A summary had been circulated in advance to members.

5:1 SCC has sent notice of closure to Stanley Hill for approximately two days after 17 May 2010 in order to replace a damaged telephone pole and cables.

For information. Action: place an item in the May PeriNews.

5:2 GBC is launching a scheme to encourage Parish Councils and voluntary groups to hold community clean-ups and can help by removing rubbish after the event and providing litter pickers, gloves, high visibility vests and black sacks.

Action: for discussion under item 8:3.

5:3 GBC has provided information about the replacement of street lights across Surrey to update the equipment and reduce the use of power. SCC will notify local residents 20 days before the scheme will be introduced in their areas.

For information.

5:4 Christie's has sent notification that the Elmer painting did not sell in the auction in March.

Action: for discussion under item 6:4.

5:5 St Michael & All Angels is inviting all village organisations and groups to participate in the Flower Festival, to run from Wednesday 9 June to Sunday 14 June, on theme of Saints.

Action: to create a display to depict money and tax collection, linked to St. Matthew.

5:6 Pirbright PCC has written to request permission for the erection of Waterfalls Estate Agent boards to advertise the Open Day.

Action: to grant permission, providing consent is received from GBC's planning department.

5:7 Surrey Wildlife Trust (David Sayce) has emailed to warn that the Trust's car park is to be repaired at the end of March and that some of their vehicles may need to be parked in the Sandpits carp park.

For Information—the surface of the Sandpits car park is agenda item 8:3.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve Cheques Issued During March

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

6:2 To Update the Risk Assessment Document

The risk assessment document has been updated to include:

- a) re LPH: a requirement for hirers to provide proof of address when paying an invoice not sent by post
- b) re personal injury and damage to vehicles in car parks: the requirement to assess potholes and grant delegated power to the clerk to obtain immediate repairs.

6:3 To Consider the Effectiveness of the Independent Internal Audit

Members approved the document outlining the requirements for the effectiveness of the IIA and noted that it would be carried out by Maxwell and Co at the beginning of May.

6:4 To Discuss the Auction of the Elmer Painting

The painting failed to sell at the Christie's auction on 11 March but will be re-offered at a sale on 25 May.

Action: it was agreed to contact Christie's to discuss the revised estimate and reserve prices.

7. Planning

7:1 To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February had been distributed to members in the agenda papers. It was noted that the application to vary a condition of the permission for log processing at Rails Field had been refused.

7:2 To Receive a Report on the Planning Event to Discuss Redevelopment of Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut for Housing

Cllr Standing and the Clerk attended the stakeholder planning event in Deepcut on 19 March. The scheme is in its very early stages and concerns were expressed about local transport and provision of essential infrastructure. It is envisaged that a new village with a population of 4000 (1000 homes) will be created and the attendees split into workshops to discuss the various issues involved.

8. **Highways & Environment**

8:1 To Receive a Report on the Heathland Project

Cllr Standing gave a report on a meeting of the local members' steering group of the Surrey Heathland project, held in LPH on 17 March. The weather this winter made grazing the heaths difficult and more stock will be acquired, to be owned by Surrey Wildlife Trust, to spread the grazing and give more control to the project. Gorse clearance has been carried out on several sites, excepting Dawney Hill, which has a population of Silver Studded Blue butterflies. Cllr Standing has offered to be increasingly involved in the Project as a "looker" (a volunteer stock checker) because of his training in livestock management.

8:2 To Discuss a Litter Picking Campaign

Members discussed the organisation of a litter-picking event, to be held some time in June after the Church Open Day, whereby residents could come to LPH to enjoy a cup of coffee and collect their equipment.

8:3 To Consider a Quote to Repair the Surface of the Sandpits Car Park

Action: it was agreed to accept the quote from T.J. Hunt to repair the potholes in the car park.

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

Items for the May issue will include the planning closure of Stanley Hill, the date of the May police clinic and a further item on the litter picking campaign.

10. **Chairman's conclusion**

10:1 To Finalise Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The agenda for the meeting will include items from PC Patey, the Revd. Chris Musser and Fred Cobbett, and Cllr Nevins requested the chairmen of the committees to write updates for her annual report.

Action: members approved a budget of up to £150 for refreshments for the meeting.

10:2 To Discuss Proposals for a Welcome Home Parade for the Royal Anglians

The battalion is expected home from Afghanistan within the next month and will go on extended leave. It is hoped to arrange the welcome home parade some time in June, to include an open-air service conducted by the Revd. Musser followed by refreshments in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Action: details will be discussed by a joint council of PPC and PPCC, and the schools in Pirbright and Brookwood will be notified about the plans.

10:3 The Chairman reported on an enjoyable visit to Cherrywood Nursery for its opening by the deputy Mayor of Guildford.

10:4 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 27 April 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.38 pm.

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