

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 September 2011 in the Parish Shop at 7.30 pm.

 Members present:
 Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman)
 Cllr M. Hobbs

 Cllr E. Eason
 Cllr M. Jackson

 Cllr S. Fidgett
 Cllr C. Newman

 Cllr R. Richmond
 Cllr N. Sutcliffe (SCC)

 In attendance:
 L. Graham (Clerk)
 Cllr N. Sutcliffe (SCC)

 One resident, who wished to seek the Parish Council's support for the Jubilee bunting idea (item 5:11)

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr G. Jackson (GBC) gave apologies for absence.

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

Cllrs Richmond, Newman & Hobbs made declarations of interest re item 5:12 (as neighbours of Players' officers); Cllr Newman made a personal declaration of interest re 5:13 (his son is a member of the team that plays on the football ground); Cllrs Nevins, Jackson, Fidgett and Richmond made prejudicial declarations of interest re 6:6 and 6:7 (they are LPH Managing Trustees).

3. <u>Minutes</u>

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

Action: it was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 26 July 2011, should be approved and the Chairman signed them.

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

3:2:1 Re item 5:2 (July), the questionnaire re **members' allowances** has been returned to GBC. *For information.*

3:2:2 Re item 5:3 (July), a letter re **overhanging vegetation** has been sent to the Fox Corner resident.

Action: further letters will be sent to residents where there is a similar problem at their properties. 3:2:3 Re item 5:8 (July), requests for grant aid for repairs to the war memorial and the disability access ramp between the Clubroom and the new Green Hut have been submitted to GBC. The outside gym equipment was omitted because it might not be possible to include matched funding in the Precept for 2012-13. [The Precept will also need to include funds for the Jubilee celebrations.] *For information.*

3:2:4 Re item 6:3 (July), Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been updated with the change of name from Hall & Finance Committee to Finance & General Purposes. *For information.*

3:2:5 Re item 6:7 (July), six members have now received **training** on basic Parish Council matters, including the Code of Conduct, as required in Standing Orders point 20. The Chairman and Clerk will be attending additional training courses in October. *For information.*

3:2:6 The **horse chestnut tree** on the Little Green that has given concern over past years appears to be dying. A further Picus test has been commissioned to confirm whether ganoderma disease has spread throughout the trunk and the subsequent report may be used to accompany any tree surgery application to GBC. This test, originally carried out in 2006, was a requirement for work on the tree carried out in 2009 but would be considered out of date to substantiate an application to fell it now.

4. Police Matters

4:1 To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

Statistics for the period from 28/7/11 to 27/9/11 show one assault, one robbery, two burglaries and three thefts in Pirbright village and one assault, three burglaries, two sexual offences and two thefts in the Camp areas. There were three child/vulnerable adult protection reports and one domestic report in the Camp.

4:2 During the month speed checks were conducted in Dawney Hill and 14 warnings/fixed penalty notices were issued.

5. <u>Communications</u>

To Discuss Communications Sent & Received Since the Previous Meeting

5:1 GBC (John Armstrong) has recommended that PPC members who are Managing Trustees of LPH write to the Standards and Audit Committee requesting dispensation from the requirement to make Prejudicial Declarations of Interest at parish council meetings when discussing matters that concern the Charity.

Action: to sign the proposed letter.

5:2 GBC (Jo Evans) has provided an update on the progress of the extension to the Conservation Area. It is planned to present the proposals to the GBC Executive on 20 October, whereby the new boundaries will be adopted, buildings on the local list confirmed and approval granted for serving the Article 4 directions. *For information.*

5:3 GBC (Ian Westgate) has requested permission to provide a collection facility for Christmas trees in the car park of LPH from 2-15 January, as in previous years. *Action:* to agree to this request.

5:4 GBC (Carol Humphrey) has provided a contingency plan for Guildford's parishes in the event of unauthorised encampments or development within the borough. *For information.*

5:5 Surrey Police has contacted PPC to request use of Lord Pirbright's Hall for the muster before the march to Brookwood Cemetery on Sunday 13 November. *Action:* to approve this request (see Item 6:3)

5:6 Professor John Anderson (Institute for Animal Health) has requested attendance at the next PPC meeting to update members on the progress of the new buildings in Ash Road. PPC has also been invited to attend a ceremony at the IAH on 24 October.

Action: to invite Professor Anderson to make his presentation at 7pm, before the October meeting begins.

5:7 Pirbright Tennis Club has enquired whether PPC would object to the pruning of the conifer hedge that borders School Lane and overhangs the "ransom" strip owned by the Parish Council. *Action:* to agree to the proposal (GBC approval is not required for this work because the hedge is not covered by TPOs and the site is not yet within Pirbright's extended Conservation Area).

5:8 A local resident has enquired about maintenance of Swallow Pond, expressing concerns that bull rushes appear to be taking over and could eventually destroy the pond. *Action:* the query was referred to Surrey Wildlife Trust, which has care of the pond.

5:9 Surrey Wildlife Trust (John Wilsher) has responded to 5:8, stating that he considers the depth of water in the pond should be great enough to stop the rushes spreading across the whole of the pond. However, the Trust will be clearing some of them this autumn to improve the water flow and reduce the flooding problems. *For information.*

5:10 The Chairman has again been invited to attend Veterans' Day at the Brookwood American Military Cemetery.

Action: The Chairman will accept the invitation and lay a wreath at the ceremony.

5:11 A local resident has suggested that the bus shelter near the entrance to The Gardens might be restored as part of a project to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. **Another local resident** has suggested the creation of lengths of bunting as a village-wide project to celebrate the Jubilee. **Action:** to consider these ideas with others proposed for the Jubilee at a village meeting to be held in November.

5:12 Pirbright Players have requested a donation towards cost of hiring LPH for their Christmas Show so that they may give most of the proceeds to charity.

Action: members agreed that this should be deferred for sympathetic consideration at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Confirmation of which charity will be supported will be requested.

5:13 The organiser of the Junior Football team has again complained about the amount of dog fouling on the football ground and also about the Sunday morning fitness group, which has been seen using fitness equipment that has been suspended from the team's goal posts.

Action: to write to the organisers of the training group to point out dangers and to reiterate PPC's request for evidence of Public Liability insurance.

6. Hall & Finance

6:1 To Approve PPC Payments Made Since the Previous Meeting

Action: the payments made during August and September 2011 were approved and the Chairman signed the list.

6:2 To Adopt the Audited Annual Return for 2010-11

Action: the Parish Council formally adopted the Audited Annual Return for 2010-11.

6:3 To Approve Hire Costs by PPC for Events at Lord Pirbright's Hall for:

- a) Funeral Reception on 14/9/11
- b) Macmillan Coffee Morning on 30/9/11
- c) Police Parade on 13/11/11
- c) Jubilee Discussion Meeting on 22/11/11

Action: Members approved the payment of hire costs by PPC for the above events at LPH.

6:4 To Approve the New Insurance Policy for 2011-12

Action: the new policy for 2011-12 was approved, to include a 5-year long term agreement at the cost stated on the renewal statement.

6:5 To Receive the Minutes of the LPH Managing Trustees Committee

Action: members received the minutes of the LPH Managing Trustees Committee meeting, held on 9 August 2011.

6:6 To confirm PPC's Responsibility for LPH Recreation Ground, Trees & Play Equipment

Action: this item was deferred, pending approval by GBC to the letter agreed under item 5:1.

6:7 To Transfer Ownership of Contents of LPH to the Managing Trustees

Action: this item was deferred, pending approval by GBC to the letter agreed under item 5:1.

<u>Planning</u>

7. To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

Action: members received the minutes of the meetings held on 9 & 30 August 2011.

Highways & Environment

8. 8:1 To Receive an Update on the VAS scheme

Cllr Hobbs reported on his site visits with PC Redfern, who determined that only three of the sites proposed for installation of VAS would be viable, because of issues such as existing signs and sight lines .

Action: the item was deferred for detailed discussion at the next meeting of the H & E committee.

9. <u>Newsletter</u>

To Agree Items for the November issue

Action: the village meeting to discuss the Jubilee meeting; a plea to owners to clear up their dog fouling; the right of way approval for Back Lane at Fox Corner and a request to stay off the goal mouth 6 yard box are all items suggested for inclusion in the November issue of PeriNews.

10. Chairman's Conclusion

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Fidgett on their charity cycle ride to Paris via Cagny, where they visited the Mairie.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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