



# PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 30 June 2014 in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm.

<b>Members present:</b>	Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman) Cllr S. Fidgett Cllr M. Hobbs	Cllr M. Jackson Cllr R. Richmond
<b>In attendance:</b>	L. Graham (Clerk) Cllr Gordon Jackson (GBC)	Zac Ellwood (GBC)
<b>For the applicants:</b>	Mike Johnson Nick Spall	Dominic O'Donnell Denise Pate
<b>Members of the public:</b>	46+	

## 1. **Formalities**

### **To Receive Members' Apologies for Absence**

*Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E. Eason and Cllr C. Newman.*

## 2. **To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item below**

*No declarations of interest were received.*

## 3. **PLANNING**

### **To Consider Application 14/P/00826, Pirbright Institute, Ash Road**

*Outline application for redevelopment of the site to include up to 60,000 sq. m. of floor space including Class B1 research laboratory campus floor space together with ancillary conference centre, sports and other facilities, and including two new road junction access points onto Ash Road (All matters reserved).*

**3:1** A presentation of the Pirbright Institute's Masterplan was given by the applicants, during which several questions were put by members of the public. Although broadly supportive of the Institute's work, concerns raised by residents included:

- the size of the proposed increase in laboratory and ancillary floorspace from 23,500 sq. m. to 60,000 sq. m. (including buildings that have already received planning consent) and the height and potential commercial use of new buildings to the front of the site;
- the projected increase in scientist and support staff, creating 350 new jobs;
- the anticipated increase in traffic movements (staff travelling to and from work plus deliveries throughout the day);
- lack of effective road safety improvements along Ash Road and its junctions with the A324 (Aldershot Road) and B3032 (Guildford Road, through Fox Corner);
- the proposed extension of the permitted development area into the Green Belt and relocation of the main entrance.

Section 106 agreements propose improvements to footpaths and bus stops, possibly to include lighting and a pedestrian crossing (although these did not find favour with all residents).

It was stressed that residents' further questions should not be included in submissions to GBC, because they could not be answered in that way but instead they might be sent to the Institute via a dedicated email address: [pirbright@localdialogue.com](mailto:pirbright@localdialogue.com)

**Proposal 1:** to grant delegated authority to PPC's Planning Committee to agree a submission to GBC.

**DECISION:** *Approved unanimously.*

**Proposal 2:** to defer agreement on the submission to GBC to the next meeting of PPC's Planning Committee.

**DECISION:** *Approved unanimously.*