



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25 February 2014 in the Parish Shop at 7.30 pm.

Members present:	Cllr R. Nevins (Chairman)	Cllr M. Jackson
	Cllr E. Eason	Cllr C. Newman
	Cllr S. Fidgett	Cllr R. Richmond
	Cllr M. Hobbs	
In attendance:	L. Graham (Clerk) and Cllr K. Witham (SCC)	

1. **FORMALITIES**

To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G. Jackson (GBC).

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

Cllr M. Jackson made a personal declaration of interest re 6:3 (as a member of the Bowls Club).

3. **MINUTES**

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

ACTION: *it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 should be approved and the Chairman signed them.*

3:2 To Receive the Clerk's Report (for information, unless further action is specified)

3:2:1 Damage to the surface of the playing fields from vehicle tracks was caused during the night one weekend recently, presumably by joy riders.

ACTION: *members confirmed that the Clerk has delegated power to install posts to fill the gaps at the points of entry.*

3:2:2 Restoration of the Saxon boundary stone on the ranges is one of the ideas proposed to commemorate the 800 years of Christian worship in Pirbright.

ACTION: *Cllr Fidgett offered to inspect the stone and report back to the Parish Council.*

3:2:3 The law requiring two cheque signatures (LGA 1972, s.150.5) is to be repealed, which will allow payment of invoices via the Internet. However, there will still a legal requirement for all payments to be approved by the Parish Council, in accordance with current Financial Regulations.

3:2:4 Large potholes have again opened up on the Sandpits right of way, causing concern to the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

ACTION: *the problem will be referred to the Highways & Environment Committee.*

3:2:5 School Lane near the schools is on a list of roads with parking issues being assessed by SCC at the next meeting of the Guildford Local Committee at its next meeting.

3:2:6 The phone kiosk on the Green sustained damage during recent stormy weather and is being repaired by British Telecom.

3:2:7 The balance in the Precept for the financial year 2013-14 is just adequate for expenditure during March, confirming the accuracy of the budget and the benefit of regular financial statements. The Precept for 2014-5, with its increase of £999 (2.2%), has resulted in a Band D increase of £1.32 (3.54%) because of a decrease in the notional figure used for its calculation.

3:2:8 Quotes for repairs to benches on the Green are being sought.

ACTION: *it was agreed that hardwood should be used for the replacement struts.*

4. **REPORTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

To Receive Reports of Crime in the Parish

4:1:1 No one from the police could attend the meeting but PC S. McMurtry sent apologies with a report afterwards.

4:1:2 Statistics for the month show one case of criminal damage in the village and Camp areas, two thefts in the village, plus one other offence and two domestic reports in the Camp.

4:2 To Receive Reports from the County and Borough Councillors

4:2:1 Cllr Witham (SCC) reported that:

a) the main focus of recent SCC activity has been on assisting residents with the flooding of 1100 homes during the winter storms, which also affected 5000 homes in some way. It is thought that the worst is probably over, and that the situation is now in recovery stage. SCC declared a major incident, calling in the army for help; Highways and Social Services became involved in helping people affected. An new type of self inflatable biodegradable non-sandbag has been introduced, which could help in future with the current problem of supplying sandbags and disposing of those contaminated by the flood water.

b) a grant of £1,000 will be made to the new community transport scheme for parish.

4:2:2 Cllr Jackson (GBC): no report was received from Cllr Jackson.

4:3 To Receive Updates on Activities at Lord Pirbright's Hall

The planning permission for the starting date for rebuilding the Green Hut expires at the end of February but a planning officer has confirmed that the demolition of the old building would count as the project having begun.

4:4 Arrangements to Mark the Outbreak of World War 1

Ideas discussed at a recent meeting of members of PPC, the church, the Royal British Legion and Pirbright Historians include a special church service on Monday 4 August, plantings of poppies by the war memorial and in the grounds of LPH, research into the biographies of all those from the parish who served in the war and a production by Pirbright Players of *Oh What a Lovely War*.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

GBC issues:

5:1 Beech Grove play area in Pirbright Camp: a consultation about the play area has begun, with an event held during half term.

For information

5:2 Mayor's Award for Service to the Community: once again GBC is inviting nominations for the award.

ACTION: *for discussion under item 10:3.*

SCC issues:

5:3 SCC Highways has sent notice about the roadworks due to take place during the month in Aldershot Road.

For information

5:4 SCC Highways has begun the legal process required to introduce a 30 mph speed limit in Gole Road, from the traffic lights at Pirbright Arch to just past the last house (The Willows).

For information

Other topics:

5:5 The family who donated the bench on the green on the north side of the pond in memory of their mother would like to plant a tree and add a brass plaque to the bench in memory of their father, who has now died.

DECISION: *members approved the request to add a plaque to the bench and agreed in principle to the tree planting.*

ACTION: *to contact the correspondent to enquire what type of tree and where they would like to plant it, adding that PPC is currently thinking of replacing fallen trees on northern side of cricket pitch.*

6. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

6:1 To Approve PPC Payments Made During February 2014

ACTION: the schedule of payments for February was approved and signed by the Chairman.

6:2 To Approve the Updated Risk Assessment

ACTION: the updated Risk Assessment was approved.

6:3 To Sponsor Use of Lord Pirbright's Hall for the Eve Appeal Tea

DECISION: the proposal to sponsor the use of LPH for the Eve Appeal Tea was approved.

7. **PLANNING**

To Receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee

ACTION: members received the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014.

7:2 To Discuss the GBC consultation for the new Strategic Housing Market Assessment

ACTION: Cllr Fidgett confirmed that PPC's comments on SHMA were submitted to GBC online. The Chairman & deputy chairman have been invited to meet the Leader of GBC and Councillor Monika Juneja to discuss the Local Plan.

8. **HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT**

8:1 To Receive a Report on the Speed Data Recorder and Vehicle Activated Signs

Cllr Hobbs has erected the existing SDR equipment on Aldershot Road, using the replacement palm device just received. New SDR equipment, to be owned and used exclusively in the parish, has been ordered and is expected soon. The SDR will be erected on Dawney Hill.

8:2 To Discuss Any Flooding Problems in the Parish During Recent Stormy Weather

Pirbright was not badly affected by flooding problems during the recent stormy weather, although there was minor flooding in Chapel Lane, Gole Road, Vapery Lane, where a resident has also complained about flooding from a neighbouring ditch, and the footway outside Dene Cottage, The Green. All these issues will be reported to the Flood Forum next month.

9. **NEWSLETTER**

To Agree Items for the April Issue

An announcement of the Annual Parish Meeting will be the main item for the Parish Council's entry.

10. **CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSION**

10:1 To Receive the Chairman's Notices and Member's Questions

There were no notices or members questions.

10:2 To Discuss Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (28/4/14)

ACTION: it was agreed to invite Pirbright's MP (Jonathan Lord), the Mayor of Guildford (Cllr Lockyer Nibbs) and the Revd. Chris Musser to talk about St Michael's 800th anniversary and ideas to mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1.

10:3 To Agree a Nomination for the Mayor's Award for Service in the Community

ACTION: members agreed the nomination for the Mayor's award.

10:4 To Note Items for Inclusion on the Agenda for the Next Meeting (25/3/14)

Arrangements and a budget for the Annual Parish Meeting will be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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