



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2019 at 8pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

In attendance were members of the Parish Council & Clerk, the ward members for SCC & GBC and 40+ residents & guests.

1.	<p>Opening Words & Welcome The Chairman of Pirbright Parish Council, Cllr Steve Fidgett, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the one of the guest speakers, the CEO of Surrey Wildlife Trust, had suffered a vehicle problem on her way to Pirbright and was not able to complete her journey.</p>
2.-4.	<p>Reports from the Parish, Borough and County Councils Cllr Fidgett, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Witham gave an overview of their reports for the year ended in March 2019*, for which paper copies were supplied to everyone at the meeting.</p> <p>*These are available now on the PPC website: www.pirbright-parish-council.com</p>
5.	<p>Report on the Progress of the Pirbright Pavilion Project Derek Bytheway and Graeme Marks gave an update on the progress of the project to build a sports clubhouse, which will replace the old cricket pavilion on the south-east corner of the playing fields. A Community Amateur Sports Club will be formed to run the new building, which will be used mainly by the cricket club and adults & youth football teams. The planning application is nearly ready to submit to Guildford Borough Council, after which fundraising will begin. Some pledges of funds have already been made by residents to strengthen the application for grants from official sporting bodies. Drawings of the proposed new building and its position on the playing fields were available to view in the Clubroom.</p>
6.	<p>Report on Pirbright's Summer Event Helen Whitworth, a member of the event's Steering Committee, promoted the event to take place on 15th June, from 11am to 5pm, at the church and on Pirbright Green. The theme for this year will be dragons, and residents & groups were invited to submit their own versions to be displayed on the Little Green. Helen had set up a colourful model made from recycled tyres for display and inspiration.</p>
7.	<p>Surrey Wildlife Trust – 30 days wild This item was deferred to a future meeting.</p>
8.	<p>Open Forum: Parishioners Questions Topics raised from the floor included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement trees – what progress is being made on planting trees to replace those that were felled on the Little Green because of disease? • Access to the ranges – what is the progress on negotiations with the MoD about its installation of bunds and other apparent restrictions to prevent the traditional access to the military ranges enjoyed by residents over the years? • Parking on the south side of the Village Green – a complaint was made by the owner of the butchers shop about lack of available parking spaces for customers, which was affecting shop business. This is one of three parking hotspots in the village centre and it was agreed that a meeting would be held for stakeholders (residents & business owners) with the GBC parking officer to find a solution. • Changes to the Green Belt in the new Guildford Plan – further information was requested with reassurance that Pirbright would not be affected. • Professional dog walkers on Pirbright Common – concerns were raised about the number of professional dog walkers using the common, especially as many had started coming to the village after finding restrictions elsewhere. Did any such restrictions apply in Pirbright, especially in regard to protected heathland? • Litter on the roads into the village - concern was expressed about the proliferation of litter on the verges of roads into the village. Was there a GBC mechanism to collect and dispose of this or could we organize a group of volunteers to do a litter-picking event? Many people raised their hands to indicate their willingness to participate. <p>ACTION: The Parish Council will discuss these issues at its next meeting in May, and seek solutions with input and advice where appropriate from Guildford Borough Council and the MoD.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.