



Pirbright Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2022 at 8pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall

In attendance were members of the Parish Council and Clerk, LPH Trustees, the ward member for GBC and SCC, Mr Graeme Marks, a Representative of the Pirbright Institute, a Representative of the Twinning Association, and 24 members of the public.

1.	Opening Words & Welcome The Chairman of Pirbright Parish Council, Cllr Steve Fidgett, welcomed everyone to the meeting including each of the speakers for the evening. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Eason, and Shadow Councillors Graeme Symon and Henry Cresser.
2.-4.	Reports from the Parish and County Council Cllr Fidgett submitted the Minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting (26/04/2021) for approval and these were duly approved and signed by Cllr Fidgett. Cllr Fidgett then gave an overview of the projects and responsibilities which had been carried out by the Parish Council to the year ended in March 2022. Cllr Fidgett highlighted the objectives which were achieved, explained how the precept of £65,608 was spent and went on to highlight key actions of the coming year, including the successful Your Fund Surrey bid for the Community Sports Pavilion. Cllr Fidgett also expressed his thanks to our County & Borough Councillor Keith Witham, fellow Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, LPH Secretary and the PPC and LPH staff for all of their work and advice over the last year. Cllr Witham gave a report on the issues SCC had faced over the last year to March 2022 and of the projects they are dealing with going forward into the next financial year. Details can be found on his Facebook page www.facebook.com/keithwitham1 and included a number of traffic calming schemes within the Parish
5.	Report on the Pirbright Pavilion Project Graeme Marks gave an update on the community pavilion project, a new multi-purpose community sports pavilion which will replace the old cricket pavilion on the north-east corner of the playing fields which is no longer fit for purpose. An application to Your Fund Surrey has recently been approved and a Joint Committee will be formed to construct and run the new building which will be used by the cricket club, football clubs, MoD and other local sporting clubs providing a multi-use facility. Some additional pledges of funds have been made to strengthen the application but further support and donations are being sought. The build is projected to commence in September 2022.
6.	Presentation by Ms Carrie Batten of the Pirbright Institute Ms Batten gave a presentation on the work of the Pirbright Institute. The P.I. is supportive of the Parish Council and the wider community.
7.	Report from Jonathan Lord MP Jonathan Lord MP was unable to obtain permission to be excused Parliamentary duties and was unable to attend, so gave his apologies.
8.	Lord Pirbright's Hall Cllr David Woollett, Chairman of the LPH Trustees gave an overview of the Hall's operations and how the LPH Charity will be fully supporting the pavilion project. Cllr Woollett thanked the staff of the Hall for their efforts over the last 12 months and thanked the LPH Secretary Lindsay Graham who was retiring after 20 years of service. Cllr Woollett welcomed and introduced Victoria Everton to the meeting. Ms Everton will take on the position of LPH Secretary from 1 st May 2022. Cllr Woollett also thanked Chameleon for their contribution painting the eaves of LPH and Glenn Icton, Andy Fox and the other "Playground Dads" for the hours of voluntary work that they had given to refurbishing the playground. The LPH Trustees will continue to make capital investments in the Hall in 2022 and put in place a long term maintenance plan, whilst recognizing the challenges that increased utilities would present. The Trustees will work to maintain the Hall's charitable status and continue to support its Hirers.
9.	Presentation by the Pirbright Twinning Association Mr Jonathan Lopez gave a presentation outlining the Twinning Association and its partnership with town of Cagny. It is the Association's 30 th year and they are looking to engage with the wider community through various events.



10. **Open Forum: Parishioners Questions**

Topics raised included:

- **Pirbright Horticultural Society** – the Chairman of the society wished to announce that the annual show would take place on 30th July 2022.
- **Gole Road** – a member of the public wished to ask for an update on the illegal activities on two plots of land on Gole Road. Cllr Witham responded that the most recent complaints were being dealt with by SCC with outstanding planning enforcement issues being dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate and GBC. PPC have registered several enforcement issues and will be pursuing these.
- **WI** – a member of the W.I. suggested that a defibrillator be installed inside the Hall. Cllr Woollett responded that this had been added to the agenda for consideration for the Hall.
- **Speeding** – a resident of the village enquired about additional traffic calming on Dawney Hill. Cllr Godfree responded that an area of traffic calming between Caterham Close and Pirbright Arch was on SCC's running list. A further question was asked about cameras being placed on the traffic lights at the end of School Lane and at Pirbright Arch to stop drivers jumping red lights. Cllr Witham said that cameras were unlikely to be installed at these locations, however further pedestrian safety features were currently being considered at Pirbright Arch.
- **Overgrown Hedging** – a member of the public wished to draw attention to hedging over footpaths. Cllr Fidgett advised the meeting that hedges are the responsibility of the landowner and that complaints should be made directly to Surrey Highways via their dedicated website at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online

Cllr Godfree gave an update on parking restrictions around the Green and Ave D'Cagny junctions which the Parish is due to be consulted on by SCC in the coming weeks.

The Chairman thanked each of the speakers for their contributions to a successful and informative APM and thanked all those attending for their time and interest in raising local issues for the Council to address in its forthcoming program. He closed the meeting at 9.30pm.