



# Pirbright Parish Council

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 8pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall

*In attendance were all members of the Parish Council, the Clerk, LPH Trustees and LPH Secretary. Also in attendance were MP Jonathan Lord and the ward member for GBC and SCC; Cllr Keith Witham. Speakers in attendance included Mr Graeme Marks, Mr Glenn Icton & Mrs Jennie Lavendar (Pirbright Girls' Football Coaches), Mrs Helen Cocker & Mrs Tasha Feddery (SCC Countryside Partnership), and 24 members of the public.*

1.	<b>Opening Words &amp; Welcome</b> The Chair of Pirbright Parish Council, Cllr Steve Fidgett, welcomed everyone to the meeting including each of the speakers for the evening.
2-3	<b>Report from the Pirbright Parish Chair, Cllr Steve Fidgett</b> Cllr Fidgett submitted the Minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting (25/04/2022) 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 2023. Cllr Fidgett highlighted the objectives which were achieved, explained how the precept of £71,700 had been spent and went on to highlight key actions of the coming year, including the progression of the Community Sports Pavilion. Cllr Fidgett also expressed his thanks to fellow Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the newly appointed LPH Secretary and the PPC and LPH staff for all their work and advice over the last year.
4.	<b>Report on Lord Pirbright's Hall</b> Cllr David Woollett, Chair of the LPH Trustees gave an overview of the Hall's current operations and how the LPH Charity has been fully supporting the pavilion project. Cllr Woollett thanked the staff of the hall for their efforts over the last 12 months and welcomed the new LPH Secretary, Catherine Loots to the team having very recently taken on the role. The LPH Trustees will continue to make capital investments in the Hall in 2023 and will work to maintain the Hall's charitable status and continue to support its Hirers.
5.	<b>Report on the Pirbright Pavilion Project</b> Graeme Marks gave an update on the community sports pavilion project, thanking SCC's Your Fund Surrey grant to see the project coming to fruition and completion. Using a local company, the new pavilion building has been built in just 1 year. Graeme also thanked the local community for their generous £110,000 in donations. The new pavilion will officially open to the public in a ceremony on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023; the day of the village fair.
6.	<b>Presentation by the Girls' Football Coaches</b> Ms Lavender and Mr Icton gave a visual presentation on the newly inaugurated girls' youth football which is now up and running in Pirbright with support from the Surrey FA. They confirmed that the club is accredited with Mr Icton having qualified as a coach. The club have a sponsor and will officially launch on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023, welcoming girls between 6yrs and 10 yrs of age. The club is looking for assistant coaches and fitness experts to expand the team and provide a varied range of training for the girls.
7.	<b>Report from Jonathan Lord MP</b> Jonathan Lord MP gave a statement to the attendees confirming his ongoing support for the Parish Council on local matter. Mr Lord also encourage parishioners to contact him directly with individual matters of concern, assuring them that he would be prepared to act on their behalf.
8.	<b>Report from the Borough and County Councillor</b> Cllr Witham gave a report on the issues GBC and SCC had faced over the last year to March 2023 and of the projects he was working on going forward into the next financial year. Details can be found on his Facebook page <a href="http://www.facebook.com/keithwitham1">www.facebook.com/keithwitham1</a>



9.	<b>Presentation by SCC's Surrey Countryside Partnership</b> Ms Helen Cocker and Ms Tasha Feddery gave a presentation regarding the heathlands and their importance following the loss of some 85% of heathlands across Surrey in the last 200 years. The Partnership has been running for 40 years and is always looking for volunteers to help with their work. Future events for participation in local heathland work surrounding Pirbright will continue to be advertised in the PeriNews.
10.	<b>Open Forum: Parishioners Questions</b> Topics raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>A request for the clocks within LPH to be repaired. Cllr Woollett stated that this would be attended to by LPH.</i></li><li>2. <i>A request for a defibrillator to be installed within LPH. Cllr Woollett confirmed that this would be considered by LPH.</i></li><li>3. <i>The Council were asked if it could discourage the Volvo staff from parking around the village. The Chair explained that PPC had in the past held discussions with the company and had sought additional controls on the application for redevelopment of the site but in the meantime if cars were parked illegally, it was a police matter, if they were not then there is little more the council can do.</i></li><li>4. <i>The Chair of LPH was asked as to whether hirers could sell alcohol using the License registered to the hall. Cllr Woollett stated that he would follow this up and respond to the resident following the meeting.</i></li><li>5. <i>The Chair of LPH was asked whether a date for the asbestos removal had been confirmed. Cllr Woollett stated that a date had not been set to give Pirbright Players time to arrange temporary storage, but that he would follow up with the resident following the meeting.</i></li><li>6. <i>A request for public toilets was put to the council. Cllr Fidgett responded that the Council had considered this formally in the recent past and had decided that the Council did not have the funds to invest in the installation and ongoing maintenance for this facility but noted that visitors have always been welcome to use the toilets at the pubs in the village.</i></li><li>7. <i>A parishioner asked the Council to clarify the number of dogs that a professional dog walker is permitted to walk at one time. Cllr Fidgett responded that the Council had sought guidance from GBC and WBC in the past, but this was a matter for individual dog walkers and not something that can be controlled or licensed by the parish council.</i></li><li>8. <i>A parishioner asked when the parking enforcements around Avenue D'Cagny were due to come into force. Cllr Fidgett responded that the parish council had been informed by GBC and SCC that the yellow lines were imminent.</i></li><li>9. <i>A parishioner stated that the parking lines in Avenue D'Cagny car park were becoming worn and would need replacing. Cllr Fidgett responded that this was a capital investment project and would be something the council would look into in the future.</i></li></ol> <p>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 9.20pm</p>

After the meeting closed, parishioners and members of the public were invited to enjoy some light refreshments in the Club Room.