



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm

3. PUBLIC FORUM & COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Sent & Received

3.1 The FCCWA Chair has corresponded with GBC in regards to extending their existing lease of the Community Wildlife Area at Fox Corner from GBC from 23 years to 99 years to give them great security on this 14 acre site moving into the new West Surrey authority. Further discussions are taking place.

3.2 Zero Carbon Guildford and the River Wey Trust are seeking funding to continue their work on testing the River Wey and its tributaries. At a cluster meeting with Worplesdon Parish Council and Normandy Parish Council, it was noted that possibly all three parish councils and Cllr Witham would contribute towards this cost of £1,250 per year. Our Pirbright representative will attend the meeting to speak on this issue under Agenda item 3.2.

3.3 The Highways Officer for Waverley & Guildford has corresponded with Cllr Witham to state that the reduction in speed signs for Vapery Lane will cost £10,000 to install and will take time to go through the formal Traffic Regulation Order process. The reduction will not, therefore be completed prior to the new West Surrey Authority coming into force. This reduction in speed will therefore be passed to the new authority to implement. Cllr Witham has therefore passed this over to Jonathan Lord and Bilal Aktar to oversee.

3.4 The LPH Sec has applied for a grant for a new hedgerow to run behind the green hut and along the playground, the grant is a new SCC "Together for Surrey" scheme, working on increasing biodiversity within the Borough. Details will follow.

3.5 GBC Enforcement have informed PPC that the landowner of Plot 1 Gole Road has Appealed the Enforcement Notice against the unauthorised developments that took place over the Easter weekend. The deadline to comment on this Appeal is 20/07/26 and will be discussed under Item 7. on the Agenda.

3.6 The Village Sign

The total for this restoration project came in at £1,420.07 with a grant received of £800, leaving the cost from the Precept of £620.07. Huge thanks go to Catherine & Johannes Loots who gave their time for free to repaint the crest. This took dozens of hours. Thanks also to Roy Coverly for his production of the sleeve at the base of the sign to prevent repeated rotting of the oak post.





3.7 Grant Application

The Leader of Raiders Performing Arts (Pirbright branch) has made a Grant application to PPC for funds to go towards a new Marimba. They now have 98 members, 45 of whom attended the Armed Forces Day event (free of charge). The Leader provides instruments and uniforms for all members and costs are kept as low as possible to enable children from all backgrounds to participate. Holiday sessions are often free. The group is a community marching band (ages 4 – 18) and is a registered charity. The group often practice on the main Green during the summer.

A surplus made from the AFD event on 27/6/26 of £128.50 could be considered for this grant.



3.8 Grant Application

The Clerk has received an application from the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS), they are a regional charity delivering service to an area including PPC's parish. Residents of this parish are all potential beneficiaries of the life-saving Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). The Middle East conflict has caused a 63% increase in the price of aviation fuel for them. It currently costs nearly £57,000 per day to provide the service, which they undertake 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. 91% of their funding comes from supporters within the communities they serve.

3.9 Billy Davis Fun Fair

The Billy Davis Fun Fair will arrive on 13/07/26 and set up to open on 17/07/2026, 18/07/2026, 19/07/2026, 24/07/2026, 25/07/2026. Depending on numbers they will leave on either 26/07/2026 or 27/07/2026.