

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office,

on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs S Briscoe (Chairman) Mr G Rolfe Mr J Chapman Mr N Haughton
Mr M Bishop Mrs P Beddoes Mr R Farrow Mr B Ayling
Mrs S Sinclair Mrs J Langford Mr R Jones

P18/01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs C Collier Mr S Chester
(Email received after the meeting)

P18/02 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –
Mr M Bishop – Purley on Thames Cricket Club

P18/03 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –

Three members of the public attended the meeting. The Chairman suspended standing orders and the Council received a statement from each party.

Mr Mike Fellows from Action for Pangbourne Toilets (APT) Community Trust made a request to the Parish Council for funding for the next financial year.

Councillors questioned Mr Fellows about the APT. When questions had finished, the Chairman thanked Mr Fellows. *Mr Fellows left the meeting.*

Mr K Maplesden and Mr Bruce Walles from Trentham Bowls Club made a request to the Parish Council for assistance with the costs of essential works at the club house.

Councillors questioned Mr Keith Maplesden and Mr about the Trentham Bowls Club. When questions had finished, the Chairman thanked the Bowls Club representatives.

Mr Keith Maplesden and Mr Bruce Walles left the meeting.

P18/04 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of
the meetings held on 7th December 2017(circulated).
Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting, 10th August 2017
Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting, 18th December 2017

It was noted that P17/04-5 should read £55k expenditure, P17/03 'repat' should be report.

After the corrections were noted, the minutes from 7th December 2017, 10th August 2017 and 18th December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P18/05 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (*that are not already on the agenda*).

- Mr Rolfe reported that the Parish Council had received two offers for rental of the Bungalow. The Bungalow Committee would keep the Parish Council informed of any negotiations undertaken as part of its delegated authority.
- Volunteer Car Service - meeting planned for February 14th 2018.

P18/06 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND TO NOTE THEIR DECISIONS THERETO:

- Planning Committee – 8th January 2018
Mr Rolfe reported that the Appeal in reference to 17/00650/FULD had been allowed. However, the Planning Committee would be writing a letter to LPA to raise issue with condition regarding a 7am start time for building works which varied from conditions for other neighbouring building works.

P18/07 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs Briscoe presented her Chairman's report which covered:

- Goosecroft Development Planning Application had been accepted and was now under consideration.
- WBC had confirmed to the Clerk that the streetlight in Hornbeam Close would be replaced w/c 15th January 2018.
- Community Payback Scheme Volunteers – further enquiries would be made with regard to using this scheme for projects within the village.
- Village Plan results were now in the final stages of editing and formatting.

P18/08 RESOLUTIONS

P18/08-1 To approve a position for the Parish Council to take in regard to open space land as part of a potential development at a site situated off Purley Rise. In particular addressing ownership, location, council process.

Councillors discussed the viability of the Council taking on open space land at the site which covered issues of cost, access, need in the community, planning issues related to the site.

A proposal was made to refuse the offer of open space land at the site. The Council voted *2 in support, 5 against, 4 abstentions*. As a result, the Chairman confirmed the proposal was rejected. Further discussion took place.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council wanted to hold further discussion about taking ownership of the open space land offer and established a Working Group to achieve this. (*10 support, 1 abstention*)

Members of the Working Group: Mrs P Beddoes, Mrs S Sinclair, Mr M Bishop, Mr B Ayling

P18/08-2 To consider a request for funding from a community group in a neighbouring parish.

RESOLVED to use the Council's General Power of Competence to provide £750.00 of funding for one financial year with the condition that APT explore additional funding streams for the future.

P18/08-3 **To review and approve budget for 2018/19 and to agree a figure to request for precept.**

RESOLVED to request a precept of £139,500.00 for 2018/2019. This represents an increase of 5.09% (or £4.16) per band D property which the Council agreed was necessary to cover the Council's liabilities.

P18/08-4 **To adopt the drafted CCTV policy.**

RESOLVED to approve the adoption of the CCTV Policy. (*unanimous*)

The Clerk would check with the ICO on the time frames for storing images and report back to Council.

P18/08-5 **To consider request from Recreation Committee for S106 funding for seating and litter bins in Bucknell's Meadow and Goosecroft Recreation Ground.**

RESOLVED to approve the request for £2500 of S106 monies for seating and litter bins in Bucknell's Meadow and Goosecroft Recreation Ground play area. (*10 support, 1 abstention*)

P18/08-6 **To approve proposed draft 'hire agreement' for in respect of the proposed transfer of four items of ground equipment to the care of a local sports club.**

RESOLVED to approve the hire agreement in in respect of the proposed transfer of four items of ground equipment to the care of a local sports club.

P18/08-7 **To consider a proposal for second gate access to Bucknell's Meadow and agree necessary actions.**

Mrs Briscoe proposed that this item be moved to another meeting to look at a number of issues holistically. It was agreed that members of the Highways and Footpaths Committee and the Recreation Committee would meet to map out issues relating to this proposal and bring their findings to Council on 5th April 2018.

P18/09 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr R Jones gave his report to the Committee

- Council tax rises
- Pilot scheme for changes to the method of organizing business rates
- Final decision on the boundary commission had been published.
- News reports about WBC battle with Theale Parish Council.

P18/10 CLERK'S REPORT - To note the report.

- i) Payments & Receipts Report Budget Mth7
- ii) Budget 2017/18- to note or comment on latest budget report (tabled)
- iii) The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit Report (interim) had been received and no matters of concern were raised.
- iv) Correspondence to the Clerk not previously circulated

P18/11 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMEBRS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PC AGENDA-

1. A proposal related to addressing parking issues in the village.

The Chairman will move that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst confidential matters are discussed

PART TWO

P18/12 The Chairman introduced Part Two to the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday 15th February 2018

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