

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Briscoe (Chairman) Cllr Bill Ayling Cllr John Chapman Cllr Martin Bishop
Cllr Gordon Adams Cllr Neil Haughton Cllr pam Beddoes Cllr Jane Langford
Cllr Chris Collier Cllr Rick Jones Cllr Sarah Sinclair

Public: Cllr T Marino from Tilehurst Parish Council and District Council Candidate
WBD Cllr T Metcalfe

In attendance: Mrs C Lamb, Clerk

P19/23 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

**P19/24 TO WELCOME MR GORDON ADAMS TO COUNCIL AND APPROVE HIS POSITION ON
STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Cllr Gordon Adams was welcomed to the Parish Council. He would join the Planning Committee and Highways and Footpaths Committee.

P19/25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rick Farrow, PJFC, PFC & PSSC
Cllr Martin Bishop PoT Cricket Club, P19/33-3

P19/26 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman suspended standing orders to receive a statement from WBD Cllr Tim Metcalfe.

Cllr Metcalfe reported on recent incidents of anti-social behaviour at Home farm (his property) where large gates had been removed allowing cattle to move into areas they had been excluded from. Two incidents had occurred on 3rd April 2019 and another on 28/29 March 2019. Police had attended. Cllr was thankful to residents who had been reporting any suspicious activity to him.

As Cllr Metcalfe was not standing at the Election on May 2nd 2019, Cllr Sue Briscoe thanked Cllr Metcalfe for his years of service to the community as a Parish Councillor and as a District Councillor.

Cllr Metcalfe left the meeting.

P19/27 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the Minutes from the meeting held on the 19th January 2019

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P19/28 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY *(that are not already on the agenda).*

- Goosecroft Development WG – amendments had been sent to the Planning Consultant. The Working Group was waiting for confirmation back. The Consultant had wanted to submit the plans in early April 2019.
- Cllr John Chapman requested that the application be called in by District Councillors to be discussed at the Eastern Area Planning Committee.
- The Lease for the Pavilion Extension and Bar at Goosecroft was received in its final draft. The Working group would meet with the Clerk on Monday 8th April 2019 for its final review before it being sent to the Trustees of the Tenant.
- Accessibility at Blount’s Meadow – Cllr Briscoe was in the process of arranging a meeting with Elaine Cox of WBC about the Thames Path access issues.
- Thames Valley Farmers Market – It was clarified that the Council could have a stall at no charge at the TVFM if they were not selling or promoting anything. A PC stall had been booked at each market until 9th July 2019. Cllr Briscoe asked for Cllrs to participate in a rota to attend the stand.
- Annual report - Cllr Briscoe thanked Penny Williams, Distribution Co-ordinator, and her team of delivery volunteers. The process of producing and delivering the Annual Report had been greatly improved as a result of their help.

P19/29 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND TO NOTE THEIR DECISIONS THERETO:

Planning Committee – 18th Feb, 14th Feb and 1st April 2019.

NOTED

Cllr Chris Collier gave her report. Cllr Sue Briscoe thanked Cllr Collier for stepping into the role of Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Recreation Committee – 14th March 2019

NOTED

Barn and Burial Ground Committee, 7th February 2019

NOTED

Cllr Pam Beddoes gave a report and highlighted the Fire Safety report that had instructed the curtain over the main door in the large hall to be left open when more than 150 sitting and 300 standing were expected at an event at the Barn.

P19/30 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- Election – District Cllrs were now in a period of purdah prior to the May district council election.
- Lottery was reported to be going well. There were not enough potential benefactors from this area. Any group working for community benefit can apply.
- Development at Grazeley – There was a potential development of 15,000 properties over Wokingham, Reading and West Berkshire Authorities. WBC had applied for government help to plan infrastructure. Most of the properties would be in Wokingham and Reading.
- New Primary Schools – Construction on the new Theale primary school had started. The new primary school at Newbury Collage had been delayed after developer had gone into administration.
- Newbury College – there was a project to upgrade the college to a university.

P19/31 CLERK'S REPORT

- i) Payments and receipts for months 8 and 9 NOTED
- ii) Budget – to receive the latest budget update NOTED
- iii) Present bank reconciliation for signature Mths 9, 10 &11 - confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- iv) Correspondence not already circulated Padworth Recycling Centre – Trial longer opening hours.

P19/32 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Springs Farm footpaths – This item would be on the Highways and Footpaths agenda on the 11th April 2019. Cllr Briscoe asked Cllrs not on the Committee, to forward any comments they would like to raise to Cllr Chris Collier, Chairman of Highways and Footpaths, before the meeting.

Small Grant Awards – The Grants Working Group was having a series of meetings to review the rules and procedure for awarding grants. The next meeting was planned for the 29th April 2019.

Bungalow Tenancy Renewal – It was reported that the tenants would like to stay & there had been not issues with the tenants over the past year. The tenants had asked for a dog and this would be considered and a response sent from the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

Post Office – the current post-mistress would like to give up running the post office. Cllr Briscoe and Cllr Rick Jones would be meeting with the post-mistress and Simon Grant, from the Post Office on 9th April 2019 to discuss future options for a Post Office in the village.

Neighbourhood Action Group – the next meeting would be Monday 25th April 2019 at 4.30pm in the Purley on Thames Parish Council Office meeting room. Cllr Briscoe asked members to contact her with issues to be raised.

P19/33 RESOLUTIONS

P19/33-1 To consider a request to allocate one parking space for staff of Social Club.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request to change the allocated Disabled Parking space outside the Social Club front door to a staff parking space. *(10 support, 1 against, 1 abstention)*

P19/33-2 To approve a request from Recreation Committee for funds to repair the MUGA playing surface. The damage was unexpected and exceeds planned budget.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £2k (excl VAT). *(unanimous)*

P19/33-3 To consider a request from Purley on Thames Cricket Club regarding a memorial.

It was **RESOLVED** to reply to the Cricket Club that although its proposed memorials were not acceptable to the Council, the Council would be willing to discuss any other ideas the Club may wish to propose.

P19/33-4 To approve a request received from PRSC for the Parish Council to support their litter pickers by funding a trade bin to be sited in Mapledurham Drive, as it did last year. Approximate cost for three months would be £270.00.

It was **RESOLVED** to fund the trade bin and site it in the same location as in summer 2018. *(unanimous)*

P19/33-5 **To consider a financial contribution towards funding the Pangbourne Library.**

Cllr Rick Jones declared an interest because of his position as WBD Cllr with portfolio for culture.

It was **RESOLVED** to use General Power of Competence to donate £250.00 towards the running of Pangbourne Library. (*11 support, 1 abstention*)

P19/33-6 **To approve a proposal to extend the period of funding for the security firm locking the entrance gates to end of July 2019 until the proposal for electronic gates is fully prepared.**

It was **RESOLVED** to extend the period of using a security firm to lock Goosecroft Gates until July 2019. (*unanimous*)

P19/33-7 **To approve a proposal to invest in extensions to the existing software, to improve the efficiency in administration for Allotments, Facility Hire and Burial Ground over the next 18 months.**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase software packages, support and training from existing provider. The packages would be purchased in phases over the next 18 months. Allotment software would be the first purchase in May 2019. (*unanimous*)

P19/34 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PC MEETING

- Lease for Social Club building

Part Two

The Chairman will move that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst confidential matters are discussed.

19/35 HR Matter

It was **RESOLVED** to approve local government increments for PC staff.

NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council: Annual Parish Council Meeting, 9th May 2019