

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sue Briscoe (Chair) Cllr G Adams Cllr J Chapman Cllr M Bishop
Cllr P Beddoes Cllr R Farrow Cllr N Haughton

One member of the public attended.

In attendance: Mrs C Lamb, (*temporary admin cover after leaving the PC employment on 31st October 2019*)

P19/109 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Collier, Cllr S Sinclair. It was noted that Cllr R Jones may arrive late.

P19/110 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Farrow – Membership of PJFC and PSSC
Cllr M Bishop – Membership of PoT Cricket Club and PSSC

P19/111 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the member of the public.

P19/112 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the Minutes from the meeting held on the 17th October 2019.

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

P19/113 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (*that are not already on the agenda*).

- It was reported that Cllr Sinclair had found another two stalls to join the Farmer's Market at Purley Barn. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sinclair for her work.
- P19/101 Cllr Chapman asked for contact details for the resident who wanted to run a tree-planting project in the village. C Lamb would send the contact details for the new year.
- P19/106-2 A deposit had been paid to begin the work on the necessary upgrades. It was agreed that Cllr J Chapman and Cllr N Haughton would be the project leaders for the website works.

P19/114 CLERKS REPORT

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| i) Payments and receipts for months Oct & Nov to-date | NOTED |
| ii) Budget – to receive the latest budget update | NOTED |
| iii) Present bank reconciliation for signature. Oct & Nov | SIGNED |
| iv) Correspondence not already circulated – <i>if any</i> . | None not already circulated. |

P19/115 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Sue Briscoe presented her Chairman's Report to the Council.

- Meeting with Alok Sharma MP related to a Burial Ground matter. After the meeting a design for a memorial stone was received by the Parish Council which has been approved.
- Youth Community Conversation 4.11.2019 – Was supported by Berkshire Youth and attended by small group of village teenagers. The new Mad-Duck Café will be running a 'youth night' each Thursday. This will not be a formal youth club. Berkshire Youth will maintain links and will work with PRSC in the spring if issues in the Meadows happen again.
- Friends of Purley Barn AGM 2.12.19- Cllr Briscoe attended the FoPB AGM and thanked them for their fundraising efforts in 2019 which had enabled the Barn WCs to be refurbished.
- Village Post Office – the postmaster of Wanborough Village, outside Swindon, had agreed to provide an outreach service to the village. Work now underway to find a suitable location.
- Thank you – Cllr Briscoe thanks all those Counsellors and staff who had offered their time to help keep the Parish Office running since the Clerk had left the Council and the Assistant Clerk was on extended leave.

P19/116 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND TO NOTE THEIR DECISIONS THERETO:

- **Planning Committee:** 4th and 18th November 2019 NOTED

Cllr Farrow thanked Cllr Langford to carrying out Clerk duties at these meetings.

It had been reported to Cllr Farrow that a development on Long Lane seemed to have cleared a larger area than was approved by WBC Planning. Cllr Farrow advised to report any issues to WBC planning.

A Tree Protection Order has been imposed on trees between the A329 and Theobald Drive. It was not clear whether it covered particular trees or the whole area. Cllr Farrow would seek clarification.

P19/117 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE GOOSECROFT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP.

A report was presented by Cllr R Farrow:

- A meeting had taken place with WBC planning officers to discuss 19/01670/COMIND
- An extension was agreed to enable the PC to submit further evidence.
- Documents required: detailed plan of the layout and orientation of the football pitches and cricket square; a topographical plan of the area; a detailed flood risk assessment.
- It was noted that planning conditions were expected with any approval of the planning application. For example, all weather parking in Lower Goosecroft.

P19/118 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS No District Cllr attended

P19/119 RESOLUTIONS

P19/119-1 TO AGREE THE FORMATION OF A CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE WORKING GROUP TO LEAD ON ACTIONS TO HELP REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY OF PURLEY ON THAMES.

It was **RESOLVED** to set up the working group as proposed. Cllr Bishop, Cllr Adams, Cllr Houghton and Cllr Briscoe volunteers to be part of this Working Group. (*unanimous*)

P19/119-2 **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE NEW LEASE WITH PUYLEY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.**

The final lease was not ready for approval. A meeting with PSSC trustees had taken place on Friday 6th December 2019 and the PC were waiting to receive written confirmation of some final matters before the draft Lease could be updated for the final version for approval.

P19/119-3 **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AS PART OF THE 'CHANGE OF USE' PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE LAND ADJACENT TO GOSECROFT.**

It was **RESOLVED** to formally approve the £750.00 expenditure for a Flood Risk Assessment that had been approved by Cllr via email in the period since the last PC meeting on the 17th October 2019. (*unanimous*)

P19/119-4 **TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO HAVE A SMART METER INSTALLED AT 41B BEECH ROAD.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request to install a smart meter at 41B Beech Road. (*unanimous*)

P19/120 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PC MEETING

PSSC Lease

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.

P19/121 HR Matter

- The new Clerk would start on 6th January 2020.
- The Amenities Officer would be asked to provide a report of additional hours he had worked since 31st October 2019.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council: 16th January 2020.