

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office
on Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr S Briscoe (Chair) Cllr J Chapman Cllr G Adams Cllr P Beddoes
Cllr M Bishop Cllr R Farrow Cllr B Nix Cllr N Haughton
Cllr R Jones

Public: One member of the public attended, District Cllr Thomas Marino

In attendance: Mrs C Lamb, Clerk

P19/67 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Collier and Cllr B Ayling.
Cllr S Sinclair would be arriving arrive late.

P19/68 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rick Farrow- member of PSSC
Cllr Martin Bishop – member of PSSC
Cllr R Jones – Purley on Thames Tennis Club (Berkshire)

P19/69 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

P19/70 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the Minutes from
the meeting held on the 13th June 2019.

19/65 Typo on p3 'need' should be 'meet'.
The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

P19/71 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (*that are not already on the agenda*).

P19/60 Cllr R Farrow corrected the report to say that Councillors were invited to make their own comments
independently to the Reading Borough Council Local Plan.
19/60 Six councillors attended the course. It was reported that the course was well attended and
informative. Cllr Briscoe noted that the course highlighted the benefit of having a Neighbourhood Plan.

P19/72 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND TO NOTE THEIR DECISIONS THERETO:

Planning Committee – 17th June, 1st July, 15th July.

NOTED

It was noted that the planning application for change of use Of Land North of Goosecroft Recreation Ground had been submitted, acknowledged and was allocated a planning number 19/01670/COMIND

Recreation Committee – 20th June 2019

NOTED

It was noted that the refurbished Disabled WC would be ready to open as a public WC (daytime only). An article would be put in the PC Newsletter to advise residents.

Barn Committee – 4th July 2019

NOTED

Highways and Footpaths Committee – 11th July 2019

NOTED

It was noted that E Cox from WBC had not yet sent a report to the Parish Council after her visit to Blount's Meadow to review accessibility issues.

P19/73 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

WB DCllr R Jones presented key points from the new Newsletter for Parish Councils produced by Councilors R Jones, T Marino and A Williamson for Tilehurst & Purley Ward.

- A Climate Change Motion was passed at WBC. An cross-party Environmental Advisory Group had been established.
- WBC was consulting on a new Economic Development Strategy (2019-2036) for the district.
- NHS had announced that three new areas had become 'Integrated Care Systems'. One was to cover Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West.
- Children aged 4-11 would be invited to take part in WBC Libraries Summer Reading Challenge – to borrow and read 6 books between 1st July and the end of September 2019.

WB DCllr T Marino reported that Local Police Area Commander (West Berkshire), Superintendent Jim Weems, would be moving-on to a new role in the next couple of months. A replacement would be announced.

P19/74 CLERK'S REPORT

i) Payments and receipts for Mth 2

NOTED

ii) Budget – to receive the latest budget update

NOTED

iii) Present bank reconciliation for signature

None ready for signature.

iv) Submission of Annual return & Notification of Electors Rights (1st July to 30th July 2019)

NOTED

v) Correspondence not already circulated

None that had not been circulated already.

Cllr S Briscoe presented her Chairman's Report.

Neighbourhood Action Group – Cllr Briscoe raised questions with the Police and received the following response:

- The Drug Diversion Programme had been in place in the local area since January 2019. No figures available to report the success or impact of this.
- Possession of 'laughing gas' (nitrous oxide) capsules is not an offence currently. To be in possession with intent to supply is an offence
- Police can only search individuals for drugs if they have material evidence already eg drug paraphernalia. The smell of drugs is not enough. However, local people are encouraged to 'call-in' presence of the smell of drugs as police may then find material evidence on investigation. Should also 'call-in' vehicle details.
- Police are working actively with all the local secondary schools in the area except for one secondary school where access is not encouraged by the school.
- During recent warm weather the PCSOs have made several visits to the riverside between Pangbourne and Purley on warm evenings. For example, there was a walking patrol 3 times last week.
- PC Murphy did not know who was responsible for putting up the notice at the end of Mapledurham Drive but presumed it was WBC. This would not be policed by the Police. The drinking of alcohol is not an offence but antisocial behaviour as a result of having done so, is. PC Murphy would investigate the origin of the sign.
- There has been an increase in vehicle break-ins at motorway service stations.

Community Post Office

Three drop-in sessions at the Parish Office had been held (8th, 11th and 18th July) and a Community Meeting was held at the Barn on the 16th July. It was estimated that 35 residents attended the meeting.

6 people had volunteered to be on a management committee.

Initial meetings of this group would be facilitated by the Parish Council.

Workload of the Parish Council

Cllr Briscoe asked Members to note that all the newly confirmed Vice-Chairman had held positions of Chair or Vice-Chair of a Committee before and that, for the future of the Council, new Councillors needed to step forward to gain experience.

P19/76 RESOLUTIONS

P19/76-1 TO APPROVE THE REVISED GRANT AWARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURE AGREED BY THE GRANTS WORKING GROUP.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised Grant Awarding Policy and Procedure document that would be issued by applicants for Parish Council Grants from September 31st 2019.

A meeting to agree the procedure by which the Grant Working Group's annual meeting would be run would be arranged before the next PC meeting.

P19/76-2 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE PSSC FOR PERMISSION FOR LATE-NIGHT OPENING AT NEW YEAR 2019/20.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request to open the bar until 2am with staff leaving by 2.30am on the condition that PSSC Management Committee take responsibility for the Goosecroft gate being locked and cover the cost of the security firm service that night.

P19/76-3 TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO USE CIL MONIES TO REPLACE THE PICNIC BENCH OUTSIDE THE BARN. Model proposed is Heavy duty recycled plastic at a cost of £750.00

It was **AGREED** to withdraw this item and the matter be taken to the Barn Committee.

P19/77 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.

P19/78 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR.

This item was withdrawn.

P19/79 TO AGREE THE COUNCIL'S POSITION ON A CONTRACTUAL MATTER.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the existing contract offer of £3.5k for Mast tenancy.
(1 abstention, 9 support).

NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council: Parish Council Meeting, 12th September 2019