

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Briscoe (Chairman) Cllr P Beddoes Cllr J Chapman Cllr C Collier
Cllr R Farrow Cllr N Haughton Cllr R Jones Cllr J Langford
Cllr S Sinclair

In attendance: Mrs C Thompson, Clerk.

P20/12 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr G Adams Cllr B Ayling Cllr M Bishop Cllr B Nix

P20/13 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Farrow – PSSC and Purley Jubilee Football Club, P20/21-1 Grants
Cllr Briscoe – Purley Community Shop and PO Working Group and Purley Park Social Club and Purley CE Primary School - P20/21-1 Grants and Purley Primary School
Cllr Langford – PSSC & Purley Park Social Club, P20/21-1 Grants
Cllr P Beddoes – Purley Players, P20/21-1 Grants
Cllr S Sinclair – Green Purley, P20/21-1 Grants
Cllr C Collier – Purley Park Social Club, P20/21-1 Grants
Cllr R Jones – Purley Community Shop and PO Working Group

P20/14 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Five members of the public attended the meeting.

Cllr Briscoe welcomed the members of the public.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Local landowner came in to inform the Parish Council of the Environment Agency's work on the River Thames at Mapledurham Lock to create a fish pass. The EA would be sectioning off part of the public footpath along the river, to enable the work to be carried out safely but would create a diversion within the field to allow access to the river by the public.

The EA would also be using Mapledurham Drive for vehicle access to and from the site but would monitor the traffic control to ensure public safety. EA have written to residents in the area.

The member of public informed it would mean heavier traffic flows on Mapledurham Drive than normal.

One member of the public asked the Councillors if the Parish Council was going to declare a 'Climate Emergency' following on from the governments 'Climate Emergency' and what the Parish Council are doing in response to this.

Cllr Langford thanked the member of public for the question and responded that the Parish Council has set up a Climate Change Response Group, of which Cllr Langford is part. Cllr Langford attended a workshop held by West Berks Council at the start of February. Overall, Cllr Langford was disappointed with the outcome from this workshop. Cllr Langford explained that the Parish Council has set up a Climate Change Response Working Group, a list of ideas to focus on has been made but the Parish Council welcomes ideas from members of the public and would invite residents to join the group.

Standing Orders Reinstated

P20/15 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the Minutes from the meeting held on the 16th January 2020

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

P20/16 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY

Forest School - P20/10-2 Cllr Chapman had spoken to Purley Pre School and gave the number for landowner of field behind Goosecroft/Long Lane Primary School for the Pre-School to enquire about using a permanent site for Forest School within the field.

Goosecroft Development P20/05 Cllr Farrow reported the flood risk assessment had been completed. And a response from Sport England was received with concern regarding the restrictions on number of games. Cllr Farrow had spoken to the consultants regarding the reply and would seek to arrange a telephone conversation with Sport England.

Farmers Market - P20/05 Cllr Sinclair reported that 3 more businesses had been contacted regarding a stall at the farmers market. It was also noted that Reading Farmers Market has been voted the top in the country.

P20/17 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND TO NOTE THEIR DECISIONS THERETO:

Planning Committee – 13th January and 3rd February 2020 NOTED
One planning application had gone to appeal. Appeal start date was 20th February 2020 and all representation to be received by 26th March 2020.

Recreation Committee – 13th February 2020 NOTED

P20/18 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Rick Jones gave his report:

- West Berks had given Councilor's advice on Coronavirus from Public Health Department. Communities recommended to keep with advice of hand washing and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' campaign. 6 schools at the time of meeting, had closed for precautionary measures.
- The WBC Budget would be put up for approval early March. The budget was expected to be tight but not anticipated to have any cuts to front line services. And more of the budget was likely to be put into environment strategy.
- WBC had been looking at ways to improve communication to residents.

P20/19 CLERK'S REPORT

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| i) Payments and receipts for months 9 and 10 | Circulated |
| ii) Budget – to receive the latest budget update | Circulated |
| iii) Correspondence not already circulated. | |
| iv) Report from the Internal Auditor (visited on 5 th February 2020) | |
| v) Present bank reconciliation for signature | |

Clerk reported that the internal audit report had been positive and only a couple of improvements were required, one being that the debit card transactions are signed off by the Chairman each month.

P20/20 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Briscoe gave her report:

- The Community Shop Steering Group had been researching possible location sites. And had been seeking guidance from the Post Office on the requirements of the building housing a Post Office.
- The 2019/20 Annual Report was ready to go to the printers. Thank you to Graham Rolfe for preparing the artwork and assistance with the report.
- A Local resident had taken on the organising of the delivery of the Annual Report to all households.
- Annual Parish Assembly to take place in the Small Hall in the Barn on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm.
- Flood Wardens are covered by the Council's insurance when carrying out Flood Warden duties.
- The website upgrade had progressed and anticipated completion date of the end of March.
- Cllr Jane Langford attended the Climate Change Response Workshop organised by WBC on 4th February, on behalf of the Parish Council.

P20/21 RESOLUTIONS

P20-21-1 To approve the Grants Proposed by the Grants Working Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Grants awarded as recommended by the Grants Working Group.
(Five in favour, one against and three abstention).

Applicant	Amount awarded	Power
Citizens Advice Reading	£826.00	LGA 1972 s142
Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	£400.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Social Welfare)
Purley on Thames Cricket Club	£300.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Misc.)
Berkshire Vision	£500.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Social Welfare)
Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice	£350.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Social Welfare)
Purley Pre School	£662.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Educational)
Purley Horticultural Society	£67.00	LGA 1972 s145 (Entertainments)
Purley Players	£300.00	LGA 1972 s145 (Entertainments)
Purley Community Shop and Post Office	£440.00	LGA 1972 s137 (Misc.)

Grants were not awarded to the following organization as they did not meet the criteria:
Purley CE Primary School, Orchestra of St John's, Green Purley and Purley Park Social Club.

The rules and criteria for Grant applications were to be re-visited.

P20/21-2 To renew the security firm contract to continue locking the entrance gates at Goosecroft Recreation Ground and increase to four nights per week.

It was **RESOLVED** to keep to the locking for three nights per week for six months and allow the Clerk and Amenities Officer to have the discretion to increase to four nights a week if it was needed.

(Unanimous)

P20/21-3 To agree for the proposed replacement of existing wooden adventure trail in the Upper Goosecroft Playground.

It was **RESOLVED** to allow a maximum of £6,100 to be spent on the replacement adventure trail. It would be taken from the CILs money.

(Unanimous)

P20/21-4 To agree the proposed grounds maintenance renewal contract for 2-year period.

It was **RESOLVED** to renew the grounds maintenance contract with the contractor for a 2-year period.

(Unanimous)

P20/21-5 To consider the proposed sites for the Community Shop and Post Office location.

It was **RESOLVED** as an agreement in principle, to the proposed site near the Barn at Goosecroft for the location of the Community Shop and Post Office.

(Seven in favour, two abstention)

P20/21-6 To agree the proposed lease for the Purley Sports and Social Club.

It was noted the postcode on the lease was incorrect.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the lease for the Purley Sports and Social Club.

(Seven in favour, two abstention)

P20/21-7 To consider a proposal from the local community to have trade waste bin in the village for use in a community litter picking event.

It was noted the event date of the litter picking was 29th March and the Parish Council provide a trade waste bin at Mapledurham Drive from April onwards for the summer months.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide a trade waste bin opposite Bucknells Meadow for the community litter picking event and would be kept there for the duration of the spring/summer months.

(Unanimous)

P20/21-8 To approve an application for a headstone design in the Burial Ground.

It was noted that this was to agree the specific application and that would not change the Burial Ground rules going forward.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the application for a specific headstone design that did not comply with the Burial Ground Regulations.

(Seven in favour, one against and one abstention)

An additional clause was proposed to be added to the Burial Ground rules, to allow foreign languages on Burial Stones in the Burial Ground. It was **RESOLVED** to be added to the rules.

P20/22 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PC MEETING

- Ancient Oak Tree in Long Lane
- Bungalow Rental Renewal

The members of the public left the meeting.

P20/23 HR Matter: Report and Update

The HR Matter was **RESOLVED**.

(Unanimous)

NEXT MEETING:

Barn Committee: Thursday 12th March 2020

Highways & Footpaths Committee: Thursday 19th March 2020

Parish Council: Thursday 2nd April 2020