

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 2nd October 2007, commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor L. Tucker (Chairman)
Councillor R. Angell (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs. Laxman, MacDougald, Nye, Pabbi and Rayner

Officer Present: Mr. RLN Hewson (Clerk and Finance Officer)

Thames Valley Police: Inspector Andy Boomer

PC/07/48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs. Ghatora, Hood, Jones, Mrs Underhill and Zeffert.

PC/07/49 CRIME STATISTICS

Inspector Boomer outlined the crime statistic comparison between August 2007 and a year earlier. Overall crime in the Parish was down some 16.5% compared with 6.5% throughout the Slough Borough area. Clearly the presence of the PCSO's was having an influence, the number of reported crimes reducing from 564 to 471. (These figures include an increase in domestic violence incidents).

He reported on the change in personnel and hoped to obtain a mounted police presence occasionally.

The Chairman thanked him and the meeting continued.

PC/07/50 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 4th September 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PC/07/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations.

PC/07/52 SERVICES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Laxman submitted the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2007.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes be received.

PC/07/53 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

- (a) Cllr. Angell submitted the minutes and reported on the meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2007.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes be received.

- (b) Lists of Payments

The list of payments in the sum of £15,721.12 (inc. VAT) from 17th July 2007 – 17th September 2007 was received.

RESOLVED:- that the payments list be confirmed and approved.

- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

Following the death of Mr R. Porter it was RESOLVED:- that B.T. Dancer Esq., Local Authority Auditor, Tudor Lodge, Lock Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 8JW be appointed for the next three years. The scope and extent of the audit is to ensure the internal control objectives contained in Section 4 of the Annual Return are satisfied. Current level of cost at £35.00 per hour is agreed.

PC/07/54 ESTIMATES 2008-2009

The Finance Officer took the Council through the estimates and referred to other possible expenditure on items for which no reports or agreements had been resolved. Accordingly it was RESOLVED:- that

- (a) The Budget Head of Presentations be changed to 'Civic Hospitality' and that the presentation lunch held in honour of Mrs K. Wallis be charged against this, a budget change from £300 to £500 and £500 for 2008/2009.
- (b) The precept be increased by 3% to take account of inflation. The rounded precept figure would now be £84,600 for the year 2008-2009.
- (c) The calendars quotations are to hand, the lowest being £4,132. Therefore the budget provision is increased by £650.
- (d) The audit provision has been increased by £200 to take account of the revised arrangements.
- (e) The overall effect is to show a net increase of £950 to the anticipated position 31st March 2009. Accordingly it was RESOLVED and AGREED:- that the estimates incorporating the changes be APPROVED.

PC/07/55 PLANNING

- i) RBWM – Saved Policies statement of the Royal Borough dated 27 September 2007.
- ii) P/13310/009 – Extension of Mezzanine floor etc. at Unit 7, Chancery Gate – Clerk instructed to obtain plans.

- iii) P/10086/002 – Erection of fence across land between the Red Lion Public House and the rear of 1, Belmont Close – No objections.
- iv) P/10841/003 – Conversion of garage to habitable space – plans to hand – no objections.

PC/07/56 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

- i) RELATE – Application for grant – RESOLVED:- No grant be made.
- ii) BIFFA – Colnbrook Landfill Site Meeting Agenda – 11 October at 5.30pm.
- iii) DEFRA – Ways to tackle climate change.

PC/07/57 OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) Cllr Angell reported that the snagging of the multi-use games area at Pippins Park should be carried out this week. The dog-grids had not been installed and this was in hand. There was £1,780 left over which would be used for soft-ball tennis administered by Pippins School and a sponsorship signage board.

He further reported that the remaining trees for the verges would be planted this month

- b) Cllr. Rayner referred to the foot and mouth culling that had been carried out in neighbouring areas and expressed some concerns over the issues.
- c) Cllr. Tucker reported that he had attended the following:-

Thursday 6 September 2007	Richard Goade Trustees (St Thomas Church)
Friday 7 September 2007	LLANC Executive (Knowle Green, Staines)
	LLANC Full Council (Knowle Green, Staines)
Tuesday 11 September 2007	Neighbour Action Group TVP (Village Hall)
Thursday 20 September 2007	Planning (Town Hall)
Saturday 22 September 2007	Parish Surgery (Village Hall)
Monday 24 September 2007	C.C.P. (Village Hall)
Wednesday 26 September 2007	Environment Sub-Committee
Thursday 27 September 2007	Funeral of Ralph Porter (Langley)

Saturday 29 September 2007 Village Chat (Village Hall)
Monday 1 October 2007 Three Valleys Water (Langley) *

and will be attending:

Wednesday 3 October 2007 Re Pippins Park
Friday 5 October 2007 Grundon's Liaison Group
Tuesday 9 October 2007 Environment Agency – Re Grundon (Town Hall)
Neighbour Action Group TVP (Village Hall)
Thursday 11 October 2007 Local Access Forum (Town Hall)
BIFFA Liaison Group (Sutton Lane)
Saturday 27 October 2007 Parish Surgery (Village Hall)
Thursday 1 November 2007 DSALC with Slough Borough Council (Town Hall)

* Three Valley Water Forum – 1st October 2007

840 million litres per day.
4.4 million homes in south-east.
14,500km mains buried.
60% ground water.
40% surface water.
1,000 staff.
£210 million turnover per annum.

Customer Priorities:

Having enough water.
Keeping water quality perfect.
Protecting the environment.
Providing existing services well and meeting new expectations of customers.
Contributing to the economic welfare of our region.
Keeping price increases minimal.

PC/07/58 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved and it was AGREED that the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the business.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

SIGNED: DATE