

Purley on Thames Parish Council
Minutes of the Barn and Burial Ground Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 5th November 2024

In the Small Hall at the Barn, Goosecroft
Commencing 6:00pm and concluding at 6:25pm

Present: Councillors J Langford (Committee Chairman), P Beddoes, M Bishop, A Grindley G Rolfe.
In attendance: Sharon Way (Clerk).

B&B 24/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

B&B 24/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

B&B 24/14 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance.

B&B 24/15 MINUTES OF MEETING

Cllr Langford invited comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2024.

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Grindley it was:

RESOLVED: Approval and adoption of the minutes of the meeting, 29th July was AGREED.

The minutes of the meeting, 29th July were duly signed by the Chairman.

B&B 24/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 29th JULY

None.

B&B 24/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Langford referred members to the report previously circulated and asked members if they had any questions. No questions were raised.

Cllr Langford thanked Friends of Purley Barn for the supply and installation of the new blinds.

B&B 24/18 PARISH OFFICE REPORT

The Clerk referred members to the report previously circulated.

The Clerk noted that the first comedy night had been successful with over 130 attendees and a second night booked in March.

The Clerk stated that all regular hirers are now on the increased negotiated rates, as detailed in the report.

The Clerk stated that an application for a certificate of lawfulness for the new shed had been submitted and a decision is expected in 4-6 weeks.

The Clerk noted that the new Grundon screen will be delivered on 18th November.

The Clerk stated that a grant application has been submitted to cover the majority of the costs to double glaze the front windows of the Barn. A decision is expected in the first quarter of 2025.

The Clerk stated that the six-monthly check of the alarms and extinguishers had been carried out with no issues raised.

With reference to the scouts' incident, the Clerk noted that the barn's internal CCTV is not active between 11am and 11pm, whereas the external CCTV is in operation 24 hours a day.

Members agreed that the proposals for EV grazing rechargers would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

B&B 24/19 BARN DISPLAY WALL

Cllr Langford proposed that the northern wall of the Barn be formally used as a 'Wall of Honour'. Cllr Langford then discussed the background to the proposal received from Purley Players to place a painted portrait on King Charles on this wall.

Following a proposal from Cllr Langford and seconded by Cllr Beddoes it was:

RESOLVED: To hang the portrait of King Charles on the northern wall of the barn was AGREED with one abstention.

Cllr Langford stated that it had previously been agreed that the lamp used to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings would also be hung on this wall with a small plaque linking it to FOPB.

B&B 24/20 BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Cllr Langford proposed that since hire charges have only recently been increased, they are not further increased in 2025/26. This will also allow hirers time to plan for an increase in 2026.

Cllr Rolfe declared an interest as Chairman of the Memorial Hall committee.

Following a proposal from Cllr Langford and seconded by Cllr Grindley it was:

RESOLVED: That Barn hire rates will not be increased in 2025/26 was AGREED with one abstention.

Members agreed that Cllr Langford would show an indicative 2% increase in rates for 2027/28, subject to ongoing review.

Cllr Rolfe stated that the energy costs currently budgeted appeared low and required review. Cllr Langford agreed to review and circulate updated figures.

B&B 24/21 MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

B&B 24/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting – Monday 10th March 2025.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm

Signed:

Date: 10th March 2025