



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 11 October 2012, at 7.30 pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllr M Band, Cllr K Bawden, Cllr R Bawden, Cllr G Grant, Cllr L Healy, Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair), Cllr C Smith; and

Borough Cllr M Goodridge, Pc A Kerby (for items 189 to 192 only) and one member of the public (for items 189 to 192 only).

In attendance: Mr K Garvey, Clerk to the Council.

12/189	<p>Apologies for absence.</p> <p>The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs P Brodie and B Holtom.</p>
12/190	<p>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Disclosure of Interests.</p> <p>No Members declared any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of the after-mentioned business.</p>
12/191	<p>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> on issues of local interest and concern.</p> <p>Pc Kerby confirmed that the incidence of recorded crime within the parish had remained very low over the previous month. However, he noted that there had been two thefts from motor vehicles on the Willinghurst Estate.</p>
12/192	<p>Open meeting for electors to raise matters with the Council.</p> <p>1. Mr M Ireland, employee and resident at <i>The Grantley Arms</i> expressed his concern about inconsiderate, obstructive and dangerous motor vehicle parking in the centre of Wonersh around the <i>Pepperpot</i> junction, the pavement and private access ways off <i>The Street</i> as well as at the designated bus stops. He highlighted the danger for potential accidents to children trying to cross the road and motorists whose sight lines were obscured by parked vehicles so near to the junction.</p> <p>2. The Council agreed that the situation posed serious problems but that there were no easy solutions. Members noted that it was important to secure some short stay, safe parking to attract trade to the village shop that was not taken up as a matter of course by long-term on-road resident parking. However, the Council confirmed that it was essential to address concerns about dangerous or obstructive parking and welcomed the commitment of the police to tackle such issues as they arose. Pc Kerby referred to the Surrey Police <i>park smart</i> scheme, including the placing of windscreen warning notices. He undertook to consult police colleagues to see if responsible members of the community could be appointed to act as volunteer wardens and issue “park smart” notices.</p> <p>3. The Council agreed that it should consider this issue further as a substantive</p>

	agenda item at its next meeting to explore ideas for improving the situation.
12/193	<p>To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 September 2012.</p> <p>The Council accepted these were true records of the previous meetings. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes accordingly.</p>
12/194	<p>Matters arising.</p> <p>1. The Council noted the matters arising update submitted by the Clerk. Cllr Powell-Evans noted that all Members continued to be actively engaged on a wide range of issues and initiatives for which she offered her thanks. Members made the following additional observations and decisions:</p> <p><u>12/124(e) Pavement extension between Wonersh and Bramley</u></p> <p>2. The Council expressed concern to learn that SCC no longer proposed to take this project forward due to difficulties in seeking permission from landowners on the south side of the Street to extend the footpath across such privately owned land. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to SCC to confirm the Council's preference for SCC to clear debris from the path on the north side of The Street and to request an extension towards the junction with Chinthurst Lane on land owned by Council (ie the verge of Gerald's Wood).</p> <p><u>12/150(d) Additional community notice board in Wonersh</u></p> <p>3. Cllr Healy confirmed that the <i>United Reform Church</i> had agreed to make a contribution to this project and that the <i>Wonersh Foundation</i> trustees were due to discuss this shortly;</p> <p><u>12/180 Future of Gerald's Wood</u></p> <p>4. The Council accepted the proposal by Cllr Powell-Evans that it undertake a public consultation during the month of November about the proposed sale of this land and agreed that this should be included in the quarterly newsletter (see agenda item 12/198 below).</p> <p><u>12/153 Request for new bus shelter at The Street, Wonersh.</u></p> <p>5. Cllr Grant agreed to seek formal advice from WBC about planning constraints, if any, for erecting bus shelters in the conservation area and to revert.</p>
12/195	<p>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 13 & 24 September 2012.</p> <p>The Council received the approved minutes which had been signed by Cllr R Bawden.</p>
12/196	<p>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</p> <p>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in September 2012;</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band, seconded by Cllr Healy);</p> <p>(b) the end-September 2012 financial statement</p> <p>The Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to its next meeting;</p>

	<p>(c) the variances and estimated outturn for the present (2012/13) financial year</p> <p>The Council noted with satisfaction that it was on target to deliver its services in line with the agreed 2012/13 budget;</p> <p>(d) the payment of £90 (ex VAT) to <i>Blue Sky Tree Care</i> for coppicing two willow trees adjacent to the south pond at Shamley Green</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr R Bawden, seconded by Cllr Band);</p> <p>(e) the payment of £680 (ex VAT) to <i>PBA Consulting</i> for the biennial professional survey of trees within the parish for which the Council has a legal responsibility</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Band);</p> <p>(f) the payment of £20 for the Council's annual (2012/13) subscription to <i>Surrey Hills Society</i></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Band, seconded by Cllr Smith).</p>
12/197	<p>To consider and approve arrangements for the public consultation of Shamley Green residents and business enterprises about options for improving motor vehicle parking in Shamley Green.</p> <p>The Council agreed that the public meeting should take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 27 November at the Wonersh & Shamley Green Infant School Assembly Hall. Members approved the public notice to issue to all Shamley Green households at the end of October 2012 as an insert to the next parish magazine. Given other diary commitments, Members who were able to participate at the public meeting agreed to meet as a working party at 9.00 am on Thursday 15 November to finalise arrangements but agreed that they should also consider the matter further at the next council meeting on 8 November too.</p>
12/198	<p>To consider and approve the contents of the Council's <i>Autumn 2012 newsletter</i>.</p> <p>The Council were grateful to Cllr Grant for preparing the latest newsletter. Members agreed that it should include an additional paragraph about the proposed sale of Gerald's Wood and seeking responses from local residents. The Clerk confirmed that it would issue to all households by 3 November 2012 at the latest. Following discussion about a number of other small amendments the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr K Bawden);</p>
12/199	<p>Reports by Members and the Clerk:</p> <p>(a) Surrey County Council (SCC) Local (Waverley) Committee meeting: 21 September 2012</p> <p>Cllr R Bawden confirmed that he had attended the meeting, accompanied by Mr N Morris (Blackheath resident). Putting down a question for written answer and being able to ask a follow-up question for immediate oral reply about the problem of flooding on Blackheath Lane had been a useful way to secure a response/ commitment from senior SCC officials to this important local concern. It was</p>

	<p>important that the Council and the Blackheath community keep up the pressure on SCC to deliver a sustainable solution urgently.</p> <p>(b) Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC) AGM and Conference: 27 September 2012.</p> <p>The Council received the written report submitted by Cllr K Bawden.</p> <p>(c) Shamley Green traffic-calming project update</p> <p>Cllr Band informed the Council that SCC had accepted most of the recommendations of the revised scheme (in line with the original recommendations made by the traffic calming-consultant). Work was due to resume on the project during the forthcoming schools autumn half-term.</p> <p>(d) Bramley Library</p> <p>Cllr K Bawden confirmed that SCC had insisted the local community would have to take on running the library from 1 April 2013 to avoid closure. Cllr Bawden had included an update for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter (see agenda item 12/198 above) and inviting interested volunteers to help.</p>
12/200	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>(a) WBC briefing on new Code of Conduct</p> <p>The Council noted the invitation to attend this briefing on 24 October 2012.</p> <p>(b) Surrey Rural Conference</p> <p>The Council noted the invitation to attend this event on 29 November 2012.</p> <p>(c) Wonersh Public Telephone repairs</p> <p>The Council noted the promptness (48 hours) with which British Telecom had undertaken repairs to the pay telephone and box following the Clerk's faults report.</p> <p>(d) Wonersh & Shamley Green Infant School community woodland project</p> <p>The Council noted the request from the Head Teacher for a contribution to this project and agreed to consider the proposal as a substantive agenda item at its next meeting.</p>
12/201	<p>Members' business for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <p>(a) Litter Bin at Lordshill Playground</p> <p>Cllr Grant expressed concern about the litter bin being full to overflowing. The Clerk confirmed that it was emptied on a weekly basis by WBC contractors. Cllr Grant agreed to monitor the situation over the following month.</p> <p>(b) Agenda for Affordable Housing Working Party meeting</p> <p>Cllr K Bawden volunteered to prepare and distribute an agenda ahead of the next meeting of the WP.</p>
	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p>

	Council:	8 November 2012
	Planning Committee:	25 October & 8 November 2012

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

Not yet confirmed