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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 14 March 2013, 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

Pc A Kerby and PCSO P Snow (for item 12/13 264, 265 and 270 only) and eleven members of the public (for items 12/13 262 to 265, 270 and 273 only).

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

12/13 262	<p><b>Apologies for absence.</b></p> <p>The Council received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs P Brodie and B Holtom and from Borough Cllr M Goodridge.</p>
12/13 263	<p><b>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code.</b></p> <p>No Members declared any disclosable interests in respect of the after-mentioned business.</p>
12/13 264	<p><b>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> on issues of local interest and concern.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pc Kerby briefed the Council about local criminal activity over the previous month. He noted that pieces of York stone had been stolen from a property at Wonersh Park, a window had been broken at a property on Wonersh Common and the Shamley Green village shop had been the victim of shoplifting.</li><li>2. Pc Kerby confirmed he would look into the possibility of producing a local neighbourhood policing information leaflet available for residents to read at the local shops.</li><li>3. Pc Kerby informed the Council about Surrey Police's application for an <i>Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO)</i> against an individual who had recently broken into a number of local churches causing criminal damage and stealing items.</li></ol>
12/13 265	<p><b>Open meeting for members of the public to raise matters with the Council.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr A Crowe and Mr B Dunce spoke on behalf of residents of <i>The Street</i>, Wonersh, to express concerns about dangerous driving and motor vehicle parking along <i>The Street</i>. The narrowness of the highway resulted in too many vehicles mounting and damaging the historic cobbled pavement and kerb stones, making it unsafe for pedestrians, especially any with mobility difficulties from walking along the pavement. This was particularly true between 0800 and 0900 in the morning during school term times. However, large vehicles, including buses often had difficulty passing one another throughout the day.</li></ol>

	<p>2. Mr N Scott and Mr T Ashley-Smith, on behalf of members of the voluntary, community <i>Wonersh Woodland Group</i> presented the first draft of a strategy paper about the potential future public amenity of Gerald's Wood. Cllrs Powell-Evans explained that it was not possible to have a detailed discussion about an issue that was not formally on the agenda but confirmed that the Council would be glad to clarify issues raised by the Group and agreed to set up a meeting to discuss comments and queries posed by the Group ahead of the latter preparing a formal paper for consideration by the Council as an agenda item at its meeting on 9 May 2013.</p> <p>3. Sir Douglas and Lady Morpeth stated that they were attending the meeting to support the proposal at agenda item 12/13 273(a) for their property to be recommended for listing as a building of local merit ((BLM).</p>
<p><b>12/13 270</b></p>	<p>The Council agreed to bring forward consideration of items 12/13 270 and 273.</p> <p><b>To consider the issue of parking in the centre of Wonersh and to agree next steps.</b></p> <p>1. The Council discussed the pros and cons of seeking additional speeding and parking restrictions in order to address the concerns raised by residents of <i>The Street</i>. The Council was grateful to Mr Crowe for setting down his concerns in his letter of 14 February 2013 to County Cllr Povey. The Council agreed to invite the Wonersh traffic-calming working party to examine the issues raised, including the feasibility of non-binding white lines to discourage vehicle parking on the bend near the Old Vicarage and to consider other credible proposals to put to Surrey County Council (SCC). The Council supported the need for repairs to the pavement that were in keeping with its historic status within the village conservation area and agreed to pursue this with SCC. The Council also undertook to contact the bus company to see if drivers could ensure they staggered entry into opposite ends of <i>The Street</i> to avoid having to try to pass one another in it.</p> <p>2. The Council noted the ongoing difficulty of overflow parking on grass verges by users of Lawnsmead and the Wonersh Memorial Hall. The Council agreed to write to organisations using the Hall requesting that motor vehicles should not be parked on the grass verges maintained by the Council.</p>
<p><b>12/13 273</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Council's recommendations to Waverley Borough Council (WBC) for the following structures to be designated as BLMs:</b></p> <p><b>(a) Winterden House, Shamley Green, GU5 0UD;</b>  <b>(b) The Manor House, Manor Lane, Shamley Green, GU5 0UD;</b>  <b>(c) Sceamel Mere, Woodhill Lane, Shamley Green, GU5 0SP;</b>  <b>(d) Easteds Cottage, The Green, Shamley Green, GU5 0UJ;</b>  <b>(e) Walnut Tree Cottage, Shamley Green;</b>  <b>(f) The Studio, Shamley Green.</b></p> <p>The Council carefully considered the proposals for these buildings to be designated as BLMs. However, Members agreed to defer making a decision about <i>Sceamel Mere</i> and <i>The Studio</i> to a future meeting of the Council. The Council therefore <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to approve the recommendations for Winterden, The Manor House, Easteds Cottage and Walnut Tree Cottage for submission to WBC (proposed by Cllr Smith).</p>

12/13 266	<p>The Council resumed consideration of agenda items in their original numerical sequence.</p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 February 2013.</b></p> <p>The Council accepted that these were a true record of the proceedings. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes accordingly.</p>
12/13 267	<p><b>Matters arising.</b></p> <p>The Council received a report from the Clerk. Members and the Clerk made a number of additional comments:</p>
12/13 268	<p><b>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14 February &amp; 7 March 2013.</b></p> <p>The Council received the approved minutes which had been signed by Cllr R Bawden.</p>
12/13 269	<p><b>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in February 2013</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Grant);</p> <p><b>(b) the end-February 2013 financial statements</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr K Bawden);</p> <p><b>(c) the payment of £48 (ex VAT) for the Council’s 2013/14 annual subscription to the <i>LCR</i> magazine.</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr R Bawden);</p>
12/13 271	<p><b>To consider preparations for the 2013 Annual Parish Assembly and to agree next steps.</b></p> <p>The Council approved the agenda for the meeting and agreed the proposed speakers to lead on the different items.</p>
12/13 272	<p><b>To consider proposals for the Council to commission and install an orientation table/toposcope at Chinthurst Hill to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of HM The Queen’s coronation and to agree next steps.</b></p> <p>Cllr R Bawden presented a report about the proposals. The Council noted that the Surrey County Council Local (Waverley) Committee was due to consider contributing up to £5,000 towards the project. Subject to confirmation that SCC would approve such a grant the Council agreed to proceed further with project and to contribute up to £1,000 towards it. The Council approved the proposed materials for the base but requested that it be given a further opportunity to discuss and approve the named places of interest to be inscribed on the toposcope at a future meeting of the Council.</p>

12/13 274	<p><b>Reports by Members and the Clerk:</b></p> <p><b>(a) Surrey &amp; Sussex Associations of Local Councils: Briefing course for Councillors: 23 February 2013</b></p> <p>The Council received reports from Cllrs Grant and Smith who had attended the course;</p> <p><b>(b) Tree planting on Wonersh Common.</b></p> <p>Cllr R Bawden updated the Council about the planting of six new trees, due to take place on 15 March 2013.</p> <p><b>(c) Surrey Broadband</b></p> <p>The Council received a report circulated by WBC.</p> <p><b>(d) Wonersh Allotments</b></p> <p>The Clerk briefed the Council about the open meeting with allotment holders on 7 March 2013 and informed Members that he proposed to include a substantive agenda item about the allotments at its next meeting.</p>
12/13 275	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>The Council noted correspondence it had received about:</p> <p>(a) affordable housing in the parish, including inaccurate reporting in the latest WBC newsletter, <i>Making Waves</i> ;</p> <p>(b) requests for works to verges and ditches at Lordshill;</p> <p>(c) the Surrey ALC Local Councils Forum on 21 May 2013;</p> <p>(d) the proposed expansion of Wonersh and Shamley Green (CofE) Infant School to a through-primary school.</p>
12/13 276	<p><b>Members' business for noting or including on a future agenda.</b></p> <p>The Council requested that the following issues be included on the agenda of its meeting on 11 April 2013:</p> <p>(a) affordable housing in the parish (Cllr Holtom);</p> <p>(b) Tillingbourne Valley – proposed National Heritage Lottery project (Cllr Smith);</p> <p>(c) potential name change for the Council (Cllr Holtom);</p> <p>(d) future presentation of Council documents (agendas, minutes, progress reports (matters arising) and other reports (Cllr Holtom and the Clerk);</p> <p>(e) assets of community value (Cllr R Bawden).</p>
12/13 277	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> 11 April 2013</p> <p><b>Risk &amp; Audit Committee:</b> 11 April 2013</p> <p><b>Planning Committee:</b> 28 March &amp; 11 April 2013</p> <p><b>Parish Annual Assembly:</b> 18 April 2013</p>

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.