

# Wonersh Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 13 June 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 (item 045(c) excepted), Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair), Cllr C Smith; County Cllr V Young (for items 033 to 041), Borough Cllr M Goodridge and twelve members of the public (for items 033 to 041).

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

<b>13/14 033</b>	<b>To consider and approve apologies for absence.</b>  1. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve apologies for absence from Cllr B Holtom (proposed by Cllr K Bawden).  2. The Council also received and accepted apologies from Pc A Kerby.
<b>13/14 034</b>	<b>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code.</b>  1. Cllr Band declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in item 041 because of his lead responsibility for <i>housing – delivery</i> as a member of Waverley Borough Council Executive.  2. Cllr Healy reconfirmed a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 045(c). Minute 13/14 004 last refers.
<b>13/14 035</b>	<b>Briefing by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team on issues of local interest and concern.</b>  In Pc Kerby's absence this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.
<b>13/14 036</b>	<b>Open meeting for <i>members of the public</i> to raise matters with the Council.</b> <b>(a) Wonersh playground</b>  Mrs R Holmes, on behalf of the Wonersh playground voluntary committee, presented proposals for additional equipment to be installed that would cater for older children, eg a <i>basketball</i> hoop and an outdoor <i>table tennis</i> table. The Council agreed that it would consider then proposals formally at its next meeting in July.  <b>(b) Affordable housing within the parish</b>  Mr W Bailey requested that the Council drop all proposals for potential affordable housing development on designated "Green Belt" land within the parish (see minute 041 below).
<b>13/14 037</b>	<b>To consider and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 May 2013.</b>  The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr R Bawden).

13/14 038	<p><b>To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.</b></p> <p>The Council received the latest report which had been prepared by Cllr Powell-Evans.</p>
13/14 039	<p><b>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 April and 9 May 2013.</b></p> <p>The Council noted receipt.</p>
13/14 040	<p><b>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in May 2013</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band);</p> <p><b>(b) the end-April &amp; end-May 2013 financial statements</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr R Bawden);</p> <p><b>(c) the payment of up to £290 (ex VAT) to Blue Sky Tree Care for the clearance of fallen trees on Council-owned common land</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Smith).</p>
13/14 041	<p><b>To consider the issue of affordable housing in the parish and to approve the next steps.</b></p> <p>1. Minutes 13/14 006(a) and 036(b) last refer. Cllr K Bawden presented a report on the Council Working Party's two meetings on 20 May and 6 June with Wonersh residents concerned about the prospect of building any new affordable homes on Green Belt land adjacent to the present village settlement boundary. These had helped to allay misunderstandings about this complex issue. The Council agreed on the importance of continuing to explore ways of meeting identified local housing need in consultation with all residents and working in collaboration with WBC but reiterated that it had no desire to build on <i>greenfield</i> sites if suitable local <i>brownfield</i> sites could be identified instead. The Council noted that WBC was actively pursuing a number of potential brownfield sites in Wonersh and Shamley Green on which six new houses could be built.</p> <p>2. The Council therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that it should continue to liaise with WBC to evaluate the suitability of potential sites for affordable housing development in the parish, ensuring that all suitable brownfield sites be developed and ruling out any greenfield sites that are unsuitable, before reviewing the need for further affordable housing on any potentially suitable greenfield sites (proposed by Cllr K Bawden).</p>
13/14 042	<p><b>To consider and approve arrangements for the process of co-option of a Councillor to fill the present vacancy in the Blackheath Ward.</b></p> <p>1. The Clerk informed the Council that no electors had requested that an election be held to fill this vacancy arising from Cllr P Brodie's resignation in April 2013 and that responsibility now fell to the Council to consider making an appointment by co-option for the remainder of the present Council term.</p> <p>2. Members noted the desirability of filling the vacancy at the earliest opportunity so that a representative from Blackheath could contribute to the service of that community as well as to the parish as a whole. Members recalled the process under which the Council had successfully co-opted two Members on the last two occasions (in 2010</p>

	<p>and 2012) and noted the value of including an interview of the candidates to inform the Council's decision. Members agreed that they would prefer to include this important item of business as a part of their next meeting in July rather than convene an additional, separate meeting.</p> <p>3. The Council therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that it would seek to appoint a co-opted Member to represent Blackheath Ward at its next meeting on 11 July 2013 in accordance with the provisions set out in the attached public notice (Annex A) (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p>
<b>13/14 043</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the appointment of a representative of the Council as a Trustee of Wonersh United Charities (WUC).</b></p> <p>1. The Council noted the decision of Mr Michael Harding to retire as a trustee of WUC at the end of his present term of office and recorded its sincere thanks for Mr Harding's dedicated service to the parish over many years.</p> <p>2. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that Mrs Penny Hodgson be appointed to serve as one of its representative trustees of WUC for the period July 2013 to June 2017 (proposed by Cllr Band).</p>
<b>13/14 044</b>	<p><b>To review the Annual Parish Assembly held on 18 April 2013 and to approve the official record of the meeting.</b></p> <p>1. The Council noted that Members had devoted considerable time and effort to advertise and prepare presentations on a wide range of potential local initiatives to encourage attendance and engagement by the community. However, it had been disappointing that, perhaps due to meeting fatigue about other Blackheath-specific issues, the turnout by Blackheath residents and representatives of its local organisations had been lower than expected. However, the Council noted that discussing a hot topic like affordable housing had ensured that interested Wonersh and Shamley Green residents had participated. Members agreed that the exhibitions and displays had been worthwhile, with many participants offering comments and asking questions during the informal sessions before and after the formal meeting. The Council considered it right to focus on consultation about local issues but agreed that it should also continue to explore the opportunities to invite key guest speakers in future too.</p> <p>2. The Council received and approved the official record of the Assembly. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes accordingly.</p>
<b>13/14 045</b>	<p><b>To receive reports by Members and the Clerk:</b></p> <p><b>(a) Surrey Local Councils' Forum: 21 May 2013</b></p> <p>Cllrs K Bawden &amp; Smith presented reports about this Forum;</p> <p><b>Waverley Planning Forum with Town &amp; Parish Councils: 21 May 2013</b></p> <p>Cllrs Grant and Healy presented reports about this Forum;</p> <p><b>(c) Longacre School Traffic Management Consultative Committee: 23 May 2013</b></p> <p>Cllr smith presented a report.</p>

	<p><i>Cllr Healy withdrew from the meeting</i></p> <p><b>(d) Gerald's Wood</b></p> <p>Minute 13/14 006(b) last refers. Cllr Powell-Evans presented a report about the Wonersh Woodland Group's efforts to establish itself as a legal entity with which the Council would be able to enter into an agreement for the future management of Gerald's Wood. Members requested that the Clerk and WWG prepare such an agreement for consideration by the Council at a future meeting. In the meantime, having gained appropriate public liability and personal accident insurance cover, the Council was able to give permission for the WWG to organise a number of working parties to carry out urgent renovations on-site.</p> <p><i>Cllr Healy rejoined the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>13/14 046</b></p>	<p><b>Members' business and correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.</b></p> <p><b>(a) Wonersh &amp; Shamley Green Primary School: Parent &amp; Community Forum, 24 June 2013</b></p> <p>The Council welcomed the official announcement by Surrey County Council that the latter had approved the school's transition from Infant to Primary School from September 2013. The Council noted the importance of consultation with the local community about the impact of new buildings and establishing a traffic management plan. Cllr Powell-Evans confirmed her willingness to attend the Forum on behalf of the Council and to make a report;</p> <p><b>(b) WBC joint meeting with town &amp; parish councils: 8 July 2013</b></p> <p>The Council agreed that it should be represented at this meeting;</p> <p><b>(c) Blackheath Village Society AGM: 19 June 2013</b></p> <p>Cllr Powell-Evans agreed to represent the Council at this meeting;</p> <p><b>(d) SCC Local (Waverley) Committee meeting: 5 July 2013</b></p> <p>The Council regretted that no Member was available to attend this meeting;</p> <p><b>(e) Shamley Green (Lords Hill) playground</b></p> <p>Cllr Band briefed the Council about his efforts to ensure that some unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy (Section 106) monies relating to development in Shamley Green be made available to support the ongoing fundraising project by the SG playground voluntary group to replace old equipment.</p>
<p><b>13/14 047</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> 11 July 2013</p> <p><b>Planning Committee:</b> 20 June and 5 July 2013</p>

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

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## **VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

**THERE IS A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR THE BLACKHEATH WARD. THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO SELECT A MEMBER BY CO-OPTION AT ITS MEETING ON:**

**THURSDAY 11 JULY 2013.**

**POTENTIAL CANDIDATES SHOULD CONTACT ME BY LETTER OR EMAIL AT THE ADDRESS BELOW FOR AN INFORMATION PACK AND DETAILS OF HOW TO APPLY.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PARISH OFFICE:**

**FRIDAY 5 JULY 2013.**

*Kevin Garvey*  
*Clerk to the Council*

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

Signed: *Anne Powell-Evans*

Date: 12 September 2013