

# Wonersh Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 11 July 2013, at 7.30 pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

### PRESENT

Cllr M Band, Cllr K Bawden, Cllr R Bawden, Cllr Grant, Cllr L Healy, Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair), Cllr C Smith; PCSO P Snow (for item 050 only) and seven members of the public (for items 048 to 063 (excepting 057.4) only).

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

<b>13/14 048</b>	<b>To consider and approve apologies for absence.</b>  1. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve apologies for absence from Cllr Holtom (proposed by Cllr Band).  2. The Council also received and accepted apologies from County Cllr V Young and Ms C Hartshorn.
<b>13/14 049</b>	<b>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code.</b>  Members declared no disclosable interests in respect of the after-mentioned business.
<b>13/14 050</b>	<b>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team (SNPT)</i> on issues of local interest and concern.</b>  1. PCSO Snow reported on six unlawful entries of garages within the parish and two garage break-ins at Wonersh park over the previous month. He urged the householders to ensure that garages were not left open or unlocked to deter opportunistic crime. He also noted that there had been two burglaries within the parish when thieves had stolen items of jewellery and that a trailer had been stolen from a local farm. He reiterated the police's interest in being informed about any suspicious <i>cold-callers</i> by residents via the 101 non-emergency telephone number.  2. Cllr Smith remarked about inconsiderate and dangerous motor vehicle parking along Woodhill Lane up to the crossroads in the centre of Shamley Green. PCSO Snow confirmed that if and when the SNPT saw examples of illegal parking during their patrols throughout the parish they would take action.  3. PCSO Snow informed the Council that Pc Kerby and he were about to issue a second local police alert bulletin to be available from the local shops. Cllr Powell-Evans thanked the SNPT for continuing this helpful and valued outreach and information service to the community.
<b>13/14 051</b>	<b>Open meeting for <i>members of the public</i> to raise matters with the Council.</b>  Mr P Maggs voiced his concerns about the development that had taken place at Blackheath Cottage without planning permission and he raised objections about the scale and negative impact of the proposals which had now been submitted to Guildford

	Borough Council. He urged the Council to take these objections into account in making its own comments about the applications to be discussed at item 061 below.
<b>13/14 052</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 June 2013.</b></p> <p>The Clerk apologised for not being able to prepare the record and the Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to its next meeting.</p>
<b>13/14 053</b>	<p><b>To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.</b></p> <p>The Clerk apologised for not being able to prepare a written report for consideration by the Council. Members noted the following updates since Minute 13/14 038:</p> <p><b>(a) New Wonersh community notice board</b></p> <p>The Council gratefully acknowledged the donation of £150 by the Wonersh Foundation towards this project;</p> <p><b>(b) Shamley Green traffic-calming</b></p> <p>Cllr Band informed the Council that the <i>Decluttering the Surrey Hills Highway Working Group</i> was due to meet to consider progress on this project and that Surrey County Council had promised to redouble its efforts to complete outstanding works.</p> <p><b>(c) Motor vehicle parking in Shamley Green</b></p> <p>1. The Clerk reported that the WBC Countryside Ranger had arranged to meet a representative of the <i>UK Power Network</i> to discuss the possibility of reducing the electricity sub-station footprint to provide more car-parking spaces (identified option 14. WBC had also commissioned a feasibility assessment about developing spaces at option 7. The Clerk undertook to make a further report ahead of the next Council meeting.</p> <p>2. Cllr Powell-Evans also undertook to contact rambling groups and organisations to seek their co-operation to make considerate parking arrangements in the centre of the village.</p> <p>3. Cllr Smith reported that the Speckledy Hen community traffic management consultative committee had met on 14 June 2013.</p>
<b>13/14 054</b>	<p><b>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 May and 6 June 2013.</b></p> <p>The Council noted receipt.</p>
<b>13/14 056</b>	<p><b>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in June 2013</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Healy);</p> <p><b>(b) the end-June 2013 financial statements</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr R Bawden).</p>

<p><b>13/14 057</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the co-option of a qualified person as Councillor for the Blackheath ward.</b></p> <p>1. The Clerk informed the Council that he had received four expressions of interest from local residents about this appointment and that three completed applications had been submitted by the advertised deadline. The three qualifying candidates were Mr P Maggs, Mr G Hayward and Ms C Hartshorn. Mr Hayward and Mr Maggs were present but Members had already noted the apologies of Ms Hartshorn for being unable to attend and participate at interview under this item.</p> <p>2. The Council invited Mr Maggs and Mr Hayward to make short personal statements about their desire to serve the community and the competences they would contribute. Members subsequently questioned the candidates and responded to the latter's additional questions and comments about the role of a parish councillor.</p> <p>3. The Council then <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under this item, it be advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded (proposed by Cllr Powell-Evans).</p> <p><i>All members of the public withdrew from the meeting.</i></p> <p>4. The Council considered the relative merits of the candidates to serve as a co-opted Member.</p> <p><i>Members of the public rejoined the meeting.</i></p> <p>5. The Council recorded their thanks to all three candidates for their willingness to serve the community. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to elect Mr Maggs to serve as a co-opted Member for the remainder of the present council term to May 2015 (proposed by Cllr R Bawden).</p>
<p><b>13/14 058</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve proposals for new and replacement equipment at the Wonersh (Barnett Lane) and Shamley Green (Lords Hill) playgrounds.</b></p> <p><b>(a) Barnett Lane playground</b></p> <p>Cllr Powell-Evans presented the proposals submitted by the Wonersh community voluntary fund-raising group for additional equipment for older children. The Council agreed in principle to support the proposals but requested that the group submit more detailed costings and siting plans for it to consider at its meeting in September.</p> <p><b>(b) Lords Hill playground</b></p> <p>Cllr Healy reported on the application by the Shamley Green community voluntary fund-raising group to apply for a £10,000 grant from the SCC Community Improvement Fund towards the cost of replacing the present multi-unit. The Council confirmed that it would undertake the long-term maintenance of the new equipment if the bid were successful. The Council therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to support this grant-funding application (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p>
<p><b>13/14 059</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the contents of the Council's Summer 2013 newsletter.</b></p> <p>The Council agreed on the issues for inclusion and delegated responsibility to Cllr Grant and the Clerk to finalise the text and arrange publication of the newsletter at the beginning of August 2013.</p>

<p><b>13/14 060</b></p>	<p><b>To consider the issue of parking outside the Wonersh village shop and to approve next steps.</b></p> <p>1. The Council considered then concerns raised by Mr K Patel, Wonersh Stores, about the lack of parking for local shoppers and passing trade to use this valued community business. The Council noted with thanks the willingness of County Cllr V Young to support efforts to address the problem of the lack of parking for shop users.</p> <p>2. The Council noted the impact of increased demand for parking at Wonersh Surgery and the Pharmacy. Members agreed that it would be helpful if the Surgery could better delineate car-parking spaces within its own car-park to ensure maximum use of the available space.</p> <p>3. The Council agreed that the shop and post office were important community assets that merited ongoing special support. Members was grateful for the role of the Wonersh Foundation in underpinning this community commercial venture as well as providing the channels through which any commercial profits were to be focused on local charitable and community causes. The Council agreed that it should explore with the relevant authorities the possibility of marking out dedicated short stay parking places and seek advice about other potential solutions. Cllrs Powell-Evans and K Bawden agreed to take this forward and make a report.</p>
<p><b>13/14 061</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve observations about the following planning applications submitted to Guildford Borough Council (GBC):</b></p> <p><b>13/P/01020: Blackheath Cottage, Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RB.</b> <i>Replacement dwelling including alterations to roof and demolition of existing garage (Scheme A);</i></p> <p><b>13/P/01021: Blackheath Cottage, Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RB.</b> <i>Replacement dwelling including alterations to roof, inclusion of garage within basement and demolition of existing garage (Scheme B).</i></p> <p><b>13/P/01022: Blackheath Cottage, Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RB.</b> <i>Replacement dwelling including alterations to roof, reduced basement and demolition of existing garage (Scheme C).</i></p> <p><b>13/P/01023: Blackheath Cottage, Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RB.</b> <i>Replacement dwelling including alterations to roof, removal of part of western elevation of building and demolition of existing garage (Scheme D).</i></p> <p>1. The Council carefully considered these applications and expressed serious concerns about them. It noted that residents of Blackheath had a very strong sense of shared identity and community despite dwellings being located within two neighbouring civil parishes (St Martha's, Guildford Borough and Wonersh, Waverley Borough). It was therefore very desirable that the relevant Planning Authorities seek to be consistent in their approach to development within Blackheath. In this case, Members agreed that the proposed design and large-scale development (particularly the southern extension) as set out in all four application schemes was quite inappropriate in this part of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and inconsistent with the Local Plan. Members also objected to the significant topographical changes and excavations already carried out on-site without permission and requested that the <u>status quo ante</u> be restored.</p> <p>2. The Council therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to request that GBC refuse these applications (proposed by Cllr R Bawden).</p>

<p><b>13/14 062</b></p>	<p><b>To consider an application by the Council to HM Land Registry to claim ownership of a parcel of registered common land within the Parish and to approve the next steps.</b></p> <p>At the request of the Clerk, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to a future meeting.</p>
<p><b>13/14 063</b></p>	<p><b>To receive reports by Members and the Clerk:</b></p> <p><b>(a) Affordable housing in the Parish</b></p> <p>Minutes 13/14 036(b) and 041 last refer. Cllr K Bawden presented a report, detailing WBC's pursuit of potential brown field site developments in Shamley Green and Wonersh. The Affordable Housing working party had submitted a list of other potential sites for WBC to review their viability. WBC had been invited to contact the Council with its observations for the latter to consider what, if any further action to take. In the absence of any outstanding action by the working party it had no plans for any further meetings;</p> <p><b>(b) Wonersh &amp; Shamley Green Infant School Community Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Powell-Evans presented a report;</p> <p><b>(c) Blackheath Village Society Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>Cllr Powell-Evans presented a report.</p>
<p><b>13/14 064</b></p>	<p><b>Members' business and correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.</b></p> <p><b>(a) WBC Area Planning Committee (Eastern) meeting: 17 July 2013</b></p> <p>The Council noted that there was no parish-related business to be transacted;</p> <p><b>(b) WBC Towns and Parishes Forum: 30 July 2013</b></p> <p>The Council noted the new date for this meeting and agreed it should be represented;</p> <p><b>(c) Surrey Association of Local Councils Strategy consultation</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Powell-Evans undertook to examine the document and to prepare any recommendations for consideration by the Council;</b></p> <p><b>(d) Assets of Community Value (AVC)</b></p> <p>The Council noted that at its meeting in April (minute 12/13 292) it had agreed to consider recommendations at its September meeting and invited Members to prepare lists of potential candidates for their discussion.</p>
<p><b>13/14 065</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> 12 September 2013</p> <p><b>Planning Committee:</b> 1 &amp; 15 August 2013</p>

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

Signed: *Anne Powell-Evans*

Date: 12 September 2013