



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL**

**held on Thursday 11 September 2014, at 7.30 pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Band, Cllr G Grant, L Healy, B Holtom, Cllr P Maggs, Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair), Pc B Baldwin, Pc S Baldwin, PCSO P Edwards and one member of the public.

In attendance: Mr K Garvey (Clerk to the Council)

<p><b>14/15 068</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve apologies for absence.</b>                  The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs K Bawden, R Bawden and C Smith; and from County Cllr V Young.</p>
<p><b>14/15 069</b></p>	<p><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 any of the after-mentioned items of business.</p>
<p><b>14/15 070</b></p>	<p><b>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> on issues of local interest and concern.</b></p> <p>1. Pc Baldwin noted that there had been four criminal incidents reported over the previous month: two involving theft, one instance of road rage and the break-in at Wonersh village shop.</p> <p>2. In addition, responding to concerns from neighbours, the police had been making extra patrols at Blackheath cemetery to check on anti-social behaviour. The police had not yet caught any individuals but had found evidence there (as in some other isolated car-parks and commons locally) of substance abuse, eg nitrous oxide canisters. The police appealed from help from local residents to report findings of such canisters or other drugs/alcohol-related litter around the parish to help the former to build up a better picture of the problem and to inform measures to combat the problem.</p> <p>3. The Council requested that Pc Baldwin pass on the former's thanks to PCSO Snow for the latter's prompt response to reported fly-tipping at Wonersh Common and his success in identifying the teenage culprit and applying appropriate restorative justice.</p>
<p><b>14/15 071</b></p>	<p><b>Open meeting for <i>members of the public</i> to raise matters with the Council.</b>                  Mr Wall asked the Council about the assessment made of various local sites offered by private landowners since 2012 in response to the Parish affordable housing needs survey. Cllr Powell-Evans confirmed that <u>no</u> land around the settlement of Wonersh (all of which was presently designated as green-belt and included in the area of landscape value) had been identified as suitable but that two sites in Shamley Green had some potential. Details of the assessment had been passed to Waverley Borough Council (WBC).</p>

14/15 072	<p><b>To consider and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 July 2014.</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band). Cllr Powell-Evans duly signed the minutes.</p>
14/15 073	<p><b>To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.</b></p> <p>The Council received the latest update prepared by Cllr Powell-Evans.</p>
14/15 074	<p><b>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10 &amp; 24 July and 7 &amp; 21 August 2014.</b></p> <p>The Council noted receipt.</p>
14/15 075	<p><b>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in July &amp; August 2014</b> The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Grant);</p> <p><b>(b) the end-April, May, June and July 2014 financial statements</b> The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band);</p> <p><b>(c) the payment of up to £500 (ex VAT) for the annual clearance of the roadside verge and trimming of the face of the boundary hedge at Gerald’s Wood;</b> The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Grant);</p> <p><b>(d) the payment of up to £760 (ex VAT) for the reduction in height to 2 metres of the roadside boundary hedge at Gerald’s Wood</b> The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Grant).</p>
14/15 076	<p><b>To consider and approve:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the minutes of the Risk &amp; Audit Committee meeting held on 26 August 2014</b> Having accepted an amendment the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Grant). Cllr Healy duly signed the minutes;</p> <p><b>(b) the recommendations made by the Committee to the Council as set out in the aforesaid R &amp; A Committee minutes.</b> The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p>
14/15 077	<p><b>To consider and approve: (a) the rescission of the Council’s resolution at minute 14/15 062; and (b) the payment of up to £2,020 (ex VAT) to Guildford Driveways for the project to improve the road-side island in the centre of Shamley Green.</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band).</p>
14/15 078	<p><b>To consider and approve a new contract for the decent maintenance of the closed Wonersh burial ground for the period September 2014 to March 2016.</b></p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve the new contract with Guildford YMCA Services Ltd for this period (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p>
14/15 079	<p><b>To consider the proposed application for a funfair at Shamley Green from 26–28 September 2014 and to approve recommendations, if any, to Waverley Borough Council (the owner and licensee of the site).</b></p> <p>The Council carefully considered this application and <i>RESOLVED</i> to object to the proposal because it considered that the site was too small to accommodate a funfair and because of the negative impact it would have on the amenity of neighbouring properties (proposed by Cllr Grant).</p>

<p><b>14/15 080</b></p>	<p><b>To consider the issue of the noise and frequency of aircraft overflying the parish and to approve, if any, the next steps.</b></p> <p>The Council carefully considered the papers submitted by Mrs Anne Milton MP relating to trial aircraft routes to Gatwick and Heathrow. Having consulted a local resident with expertise and experience of flight paths over the parish the Council agreed that, after a period of noticeable, increased noise due largely to seasonal prevailing wind changes, this had now subsided. However, the Council further agreed to keep this issue under review.</p>
<p><b>14/15 081</b></p>	<p><b>To consider proposals for the name of the Council to be changed and to approve the next steps.</b></p> <p>Members carefully considered this issue but a majority felt that they did not have a mandate to pursue this with less than a year to go before elections for a new Council. The Council therefore agreed that it should be included as a substantive agenda item at the 2015 Parish Assembly to gauge public opinion and, if appropriate, be pursued by the Council to be elected in May 2015.</p>
<p><b>14/15 082</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve proposals for new highways improvements projects in 2015 to submit to the Local (Waverley) Task Group.</b></p> <p>1. Members noted that the next meeting of the Task Group would take place at the Wonersh Sports Pavilion on 6 November 2014. Cllr Powell Evans confirmed that she would represent the parish at the meeting.</p> <p>The Council considered various proposals and agreed that the Task Group be invited to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) creating some new car-parking bays at Nursery Hill, Shamley Green, out of the verges where appropriate;</li> <li>(b) supporting a traffic-calming feasibility study at Blackheath;</li> <li>(c) addressing ongoing flooding issues across Blackheath Lane at the south-western entrance to Blackheath.</li> </ul> <p>2. The Council also noted that the traffic-calming initiative at Shamley Green had not yet been completed and requested that this be discussed at the Task Group meeting to ensure that Surrey Highways implemented all the agreed, outstanding components of the scheme at Church Hill.</p>
<p><b>14/15 083</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Council's observations on the draft Guildford Borough Council Local Plan.</b></p> <p>Members carefully considered the draft paper prepared by Cllr Maggs. Having made some amendments to the text the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve its formal submission to GBC (proposed by Cllr Maggs).</p>
<p><b>14/15 084</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the installation of bench seating and a plaque at Blackheath well.</b></p> <p>Members noted the additional works carried out by Blackheath Village Society and the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Maggs).</p>
<p><b>14/15 085</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the contents of the Council's autumn 2014 newsletter.</b></p> <p>The Council were grateful to Cllr Maggs for the work he had done in commissioning changes to the letterhead to reflect the four seasons. Members also agreed the topics for inclusion and requested that lead Councillors and the Clerk submit copy to</p>

	Cllr Grant as soon as possible to enable the newsletter to issue at the beginning of October 2014.
<b>14/15 086</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the award of a contract to deliver the Council's quarterly newsletter within the village of Wonersh and outlying residential properties.</b></p> <p>1. Given the commercial confidentiality of the bidding process, and in accordance with Standing Order 1c, the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting while it considered the options before it (proposed by Cllr Powell-Evans).</p> <p>2. On reopening the public session the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to award the contract for the delivery of the Autumn newsletter over a two-day consecutive period at the beginning of October 2014 to Mr C Bushell, a resident of Wonersh and a retired local postman, for £200 (proposed by Cllr Grant). The Council further agreed that, subject to satisfactory delivery of the autumn newsletter, that it would consider awarding an annual contract to Mr Bushell at a future meeting.</p>
<b>14/15 087</b>	<p><b>To receive reports by Members and the Clerk</b></p> <p>The Council received the following reports:</p> <p>(a) Blackheath community meeting to consider the future of The Villagers Public House (Cllr Maggs);</p> <p>(b) Blackheath traffic-calming community working party (Cllr Maggs);</p> <p>(c) Guildford Vision Group public meeting (Cllr Smith).</p>
<b>14/15 088</b>	<p><b>Members' business and correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.</b></p> <p>1. The Council noted that it was time to look at the 2015/16 budget and precept approval process and agreed that Members should meet as a working party on 6 November 2014, ahead of formal consideration of the draft budget at its November meeting and, subject to receipt of notification from WBC about the proposed levels of compensatory grant and council tax support grant, formal approval of the budget and precept at the January 2015 meeting.</p> <p>2. The Council noted receipt of correspondence from:</p> <p>(a) Mr Maybrey about the tree-planting policy around the perimeter of Wonersh Common;</p> <p>(b) Surrey Playing Fields Association newsletter;</p> <p>(c) Surrey Police stakeholder bulletin.</p>
<b>14/15 089</b>	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> 9 October 2014</p> <p><b>Planning Committee:</b> 18 September &amp; 2 October 2014</p>

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed: *Anne Powell-Evans*

Date: 13 November 2014