



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 9 October 2014, at 7.30 pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs M Band, L Healy (in the chair), B Holtom, P Maggs and C Smith; and seventy members of the public.

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

<p>14/15 090</p>	<p>To elect the Chairman of the meeting. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council, Cllr Healy was elected to chair the meeting (proposed by Cllr Band).</p>
<p>14/15 091</p>	<p>To consider and approve apologies for absence. The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs K Bawden, R Bawden, G Grant and A Powell-Evans; and from Borough Cllr M Goodridge, County Cllr V Young, Pc B Baldwin and PCSO P Snow.</p>
<p>14/15 092</p>	<p>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code. Members declared no disclosable interests in any of the after-mentioned items of business.</p>
<p>14/15 093</p>	<p>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> on issues of local interest and concern. In the absence of the Pc Baldwin and PCSO Snow on operational duties no matter was discussed.</p>
<p>14/15 094</p>	<p>Open meeting for <i>members of the public</i> to raise matters with the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fourteen individual members of the public spoke to make their comments and express concerns about elements of the Waverley Borough Council draft Local Plan to be discussed by the Council at item 099 below. Many thanked the Council for the preparation and publication of its draft submission to WBC which had incorporated the views expressed by local residents in writing and orally at the open public session at the most recent Planning Committee meeting held on 2 October 2014. They reiterated the importance of protecting the locally designated areas of green belt within the parish and rejected the proposal that part of this land on the slope of Barnett Hill at Wonersh be incorporated into the village settlement. They cited material concerns about access and drainage (flooding) as well as the presumption against development in the green belt unless exceptional circumstances could be shown. The Council thanked all local residents who had already commented directly to WBC about the Local Plan and exhorted those who had not already done so to respond to the public consultation. The Council itself was determined to reflect the concerns of local residents in its formal submission and to ensure that it captured as many material comments as possible on the unsustainability of building new homes in

	<p>this part of Surrey when the demand was shown to be elsewhere in the county together with the negative impact it would have on protected green belt, most of which was also designated as AONB or AGLV. The Council shared the concerns expressed by residents about the lack of response to-date by key stakeholders such as Surrey Highways and the Environment Agency about the lack of capacity for the existing transport and other vital infrastructure to cope with substantial numbers of new homes in and around the parish. The Council would ensure that these concerns were also highlighted in its submission.</p>
14/15 095	<p>To consider and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 September 2014.</p> <p>This was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.</p>
14/15 096	<p>To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.</p> <p>The Council received the latest update prepared by Cllr Powell-Evans. Members noted:</p> <p>(a) the finger post at the junction of Wonersh Common road and Blackheath Lane had been replaced by Surrey County Council (no further action required);</p> <p>(b) Cllr Healy had received the formal quotation for new outdoor table tennis tables and basketball hoops for the Wonersh Playground (£7,270) which was within the Fields-in-Trust grant approved for Wonersh Sports Ground and the order would now be placed.</p> <p>(c) The Clerk confirmed that the new equipment for the Lordshill Playground was due to be installed by the beginning of November 2014.</p>
14/15 097	<p>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10 & 24 July and 7 & 21 August 2014.</p> <p>The Council noted receipt.</p>
14/15 098	<p>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</p> <p>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in September 2014 The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr Band);</p> <p>(b) the end-August 2014 financial statement The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Holtom);</p> <p>(c) the payment of £10,437 (ex VAT) to Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd for new equipment at Lordshill Playground The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Smith); and</p> <p>(d) the payment £170 (ex VAT) to Craigdene Ltd for the 2014 annual safety inspection and report of the parish playgrounds at Wonersh (Barnett Lane) and Shamley Green (Lordshill) The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr Smith).</p>
14/15 099	<p>To consider and approve the Council's submission to Waverley Borough Council (WBC) about the proposed Waverley Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council carefully considered the draft paper prepared by Cllr Healy together with all the comments received in writing and orally from members of the public. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve the finalised submission (proposed by Cllr Maggs) to WBC and to publish it on the Council's website (e-notice board).</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send the submission to WBC, copied to Borough Cllr Goodridge, County Cllr Young and Mrs Anne Milton, MP.</p>

<p>14/15 100</p>	<p>To consider and approve the Council's submission to WBC about the proposed <i>Blackheath Commons Management Plan</i>.</p> <p>The Council noted that the deadline for submission of comments was 31 October 2014 and <i>RESOLVED</i> to delegate responsibility to the Council's Planning Committee to consider and approve the Council's response.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Maggs to prepare and circulate a draft paper taking account of comments made by residents of Blackheath and other members of the public for discussion and approval by the Planning Committee.</p>
<p>14/15 101</p>	<p>To consider and approve the Council's comments to Surrey County Council about the implementation to-date of the Shamley Green <i>traffic-calming project</i> and other related highways safety issues.</p> <p>1. The Council noted that a number of components of the Shamley Green traffic-calming project had not been implemented properly. In particular, the incorrect re-installation of white lines and cats-eyes on the new road-surface from The Green to half-way up Church Hill had resulted in increased traffic speed by inconsiderate drivers, ignoring the 30 mph repeater signs. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that SCC be requested to remove these white lines and cats-eyes (proposed by Cllr Band). In addition the Council noted the importance of resolving the problem of leaking water on the slopes of Church Hill which had previously caused seriously damage to the road surface and would do so again to the newly laid one. The Council therefore also <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously that SCC be requested to undertake the necessary drainage repairs and improvements to remove the flow of this stream of water down the road (proposed by Cllr Band).</p> <p>2. The Council noted receipt of the request made by a resident of Church Hill to County Cllr Young to make crossing the road safer at the overlap of the roadside pavements for pedestrians including young children. This was not a new problem but Members noted that installing a pedestrian crossing was not easy because of short sight line for drivers of motor vehicles and the absence of street lighting. The Council agreed that the danger from speeding motorists to pedestrians trying to cross Church Hill was an important reason for SCC to implement the traffic-calming scheme in full.</p> <p>Action: The Shamley Green community traffic-calming Working Party to pursue these issues with Surrey Highways. Cllr Powell-Evans to raise these concerns at the SCC Local Committee (Waverley) Task Group meeting on 6 November 2014.</p>
<p>14/15 102</p>	<p>To consider and approve the Council's support for a proposed traffic-calming initiative by Bramley Parish Council (BPC) to extend a request for a 20mph limit along <i>Station Road, Bramley to The Street, Womersh</i>.</p> <p>Members noted the proposals by BPC and the support received from residents of The Street during the recent public consultation. The Council therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to support the BPC initiative in the latter's presentation of formal proposals to the SCC Local Committee (Waverley) Task Group (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p> <p>Action: Cllr Powell-Evans to support the BPC initiative at the Task Group meeting on 6 November 2014.</p>
<p>14/15 103</p>	<p>To consider and approve the Council's submission to WBC about the proposed additional parking spaces to be created at <i>The Green, Shamley Green</i>.</p> <p>The Council noted the details of the proposals which it supported and requested the additional spaces be created by WBC as a capital project in 2015/16. The Council</p>

	<p>further noted it would be willing to consider its own financial support in due course, if required.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Band to inform WBC of the Council's observations.</p>
14/15 104	<p>To consider and approve the completed Annual Return of the Council's audited 2013/14 accounts and financial & risk management systems, including the observations of the external auditors.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the completed Annual Return had been advertised on the Council's notice boards as required by law together with the invitation to all residents to inspect the 2013/14 accounts. The Council carefully considered the Annual Return, including the observations of the external auditors and <i>RESOLVED</i> to approve them (proposed by Cllr Band).</p> <p>Action: The Clerk and the Council will ensure that there are no missing details from the 2014/15 Annual Return.</p>
14/15 105	<p>To consider and approve the 2014 annual safety inspection report of the parish playgrounds at Wonersh (Barnett Lane) and Shamley Green (Lordshill).</p> <p>The Council carefully considered the latest report and <i>RESOLVED</i> to approve it (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p> <p>Action: The Clerk will commission the relevant repairs and improvements recommended in the report.</p>
14/15 106	<p>To consider a request by a neighbouring property holder for a new easement for vehicular access across the Council-owned Wonersh Common and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>The Council carefully considered this request and agreed that its legal representative should take this forward in line with the Council's policy to act in step with WBC in responding to such proposals, including the fee to be based on the enhanced value to a property of the granting of such an easement and the preservation of the existing grassed surface of the commons in question.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk will commission Hedleys Solicitors to act for the Council and to bring finalised proposals to the Council for the latter's consideration and approval at a future meeting.</p>
14/15 107	<p>To consider and approve the rescission by the Council of its interest or title to a parcel of land in Wonersh not presently registered at HM Land Registry.</p> <p>The Council considered the expense of pursuing this claim for ownership or interest in it against the lack of risk to the land's status as registered common land despite there being no designated owner and therefore <i>RESOLVED</i> to rescind its earlier resolution at minute 12/036 of 9 February 2012 (proposed by Cllr Healy).</p> <p>Action: No further action.</p>
14/15 108	<p>To receive reports by Members and the Clerk:</p> <p>The following written report was received by the Council:</p> <p>(a) Longacre School Traffic Management Committee meeting (Cllr Smith).</p> <p>The following reports were received orally and written reports will be submitted to the November Council meeting:</p> <p>(b) Blackheath Commons meeting of Cllr Maggs with WBC representatives (Cllr Maggs);</p>

	(c) Villagers Inn, Blackheath community meeting with Mr Wenham, WBC, to discuss the future of this registered asset of community value (Cllr Maggs).
14/15 109	<p>Members' business and correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <p>Proposal for a TESCO store in Bramley</p> <p>The Council noted the public interest and concerns about this proposal and agreed that it should maintain contact with Bramley Parish Council about developments (including details if and when a formal planning application is made) and be ready to consider the issue as a substantive agenda item at a future Council meeting.</p>
14/15 110	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Council: 13 November 2014</p> <p>Planning Committee: 16 & 30 October, 13 November 2014</p>

There being no further business, Cllr Healy closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Signed: *Anne Powell-Evans*

Date: 13 November 2014