



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 13 November 2014, at 7.30 pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs K Bawden, R Bawden, G Grant, L Healy, P Maggs, A Powell-Evans (in the chair) and C Smith; PCSO S Baldwin, PCSO P Snow and 4 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs Pauline Whitehead (Locum Clerk)

<p>14/15 111</p>	<p>To consider and approve apologies for absence. The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs M Band and B Holtom; and from the Clerk, Mr K Garvey.</p>
<p>14/15 112</p>	<p>Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code. Cllr G Grant declared a non pecuniary interest in 14/15/118 (d) as she lives in close proximity to Wonersh Common. There were no other declarations of disclosable interests in any of the after-mentioned items of business.</p>
<p>14/15 113</p>	<p>Briefing by the <i>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> on issues of local interest and concern.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PCSO Snow noted that over the last four weeks there had been two incidents of criminal damage: one at a property in Wonersh Park and the other at a field entrance. 2. 'Operation Candlelight' had commenced and Surrey Police were giving advice to homeowners to try to reduce potential, increased, seasonal trends in house burglary. As part of 'Operation Candlelight', property owners were reminded that sheds and outhouses were often vulnerable to thefts. Those with external storage were advised to install security lighting and encouraged to remove or strongly secure items of high value. Property of all values can be registered with 'Immobilise' which is a UK national register and helps reunite stolen items with their owners. 3. Drug taking activity in both Blackheath and Shamley Green had been less evident in the last month, the latter due to significant work by the PCSOs which included cannabis warnings in rural car parks.
<p>14/15 114</p>	<p>Open meeting for <i>members of the public</i> to raise matters with the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Brodie, a resident of Blackheath, updated the Council on the issue of <i>The Villagers</i> public house which had been empty since 2012. A group of villagers had formed a Community Benefit Society and wished to purchase the public house, use some of the land for much needed affordable housing and provide a village shop. Whilst the brewery is reluctant to sell the site, the Community Benefit Society is trying to obtain support and guidance from WBC to apply for a Compulsory Purchase Order. The group is working on pre application drawings, formulating a Business Plan with support from the Plunkett Association and is applying for Big Lottery funding. It was suggested that the Society got in touch with those who helped with the purchase of the local shop in Wonersh for practical advice and spoke to the Clerk of Shere Parish Council as they have recently been involved in a

	<p>CPO. It was also suggested that legislation included in the Localism Act 2011, such as Community Right to Buy may come into play.</p> <p>2. Mrs Cooper, resident of Wonersh and member of Wonersh History Society, asked the Parish Council to consider providing a small War Memorial for the village of Wonersh on Church Green.</p>
14/15 115	<p>To consider and approve the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 September and 9 October 2014.</p> <p>The minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 September and 9 October 2014 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>
14/15 116	<p>To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.</p> <p>The Council noted a progress report circulated to all Councillors:-</p> <p>(a) One of the contractors that had been invited to submit tenders for drainage under Wonersh Common had attended site in readiness to submit the appropriate documentation.</p> <p>(b) The legal notices required to create additional Parking Spaces at the Green, Shamley Green had been submitted to the Secretary of State by Waverley Borough Council. The deadline for responses was 19th December 2014.</p> <p>(c) A request for additional waste bins in Blackheath and at Tangle Lane, Wonersh had been passed to the Waverley Borough Council Countryside Rangers.</p>
14/15 117	<p>To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2, 16 and 30 October 2014.</p> <p>The Council noted receipt.</p>
14/15 118	<p>Finance – to consider and approve the following:</p> <p>(a) the list of receipt and payment vouchers in October 2014 The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve these (proposed by Cllr R Bawden);</p> <p>(b) the end-September 2014 financial statement The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr L Healy);</p> <p>(c) the variances and estimated outturn for the present (2014/15) financial year The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr L Healy);</p> <p>(d) the payment of up to £630 (ex VAT) for new trees and associated works at Wonersh Common (one declaration of interest)</p> <p>1. Cllr R Bawden submitted a report outlining the programme of tree planting on Wonersh Common which contained a proposal for expenditure of £630 (ex VAT) on 4 trees and he answered questions from members. The tree planting was in line with the Wonersh Common Enhancement Plan previously agreed by the Council and the associated Tree Management Plan. It was suggested that an addendum to the original Tree Management Plan stating the arrangement for management of the trees be brought to the next Parish Council Meeting. Following a vote where there were 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention, the Council <i>RESOLVED</i> to spend £630 on the tree work (proposed by Cllr R Bawden)</p> <p>2. It was noted that local resident Michael Harding had painted all of the existing tree guards on the Common, and the Chairman expressed appreciation for this on behalf of the Council. The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Harding to thank him for this voluntary work.</p> <p>(e) the payment of £1,586 (ex VAT) to Mr Clive Greenland for ground-leveling and resurfacing of the playing field at Lordshill Playground</p>

	<p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr L Healy); (f) the payment of £450 (ex VAT) to Mr Clive Greenland for mole eradication and monitoring at Lordshill Playground for twelve months from December 2014</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr C Smith); (g) the payment of £240 (ex VAT) to 1st Call Trees for hedge trimming on the verge at Barnett Lane close to the junction with The Street, Wonersh</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (proposed by Cllr L Healy).</p>
14/15 119	<p>To consider the Council's draft budget for 2015/16 and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>The proposal for a 2% increase in the precept from £36,350 to £37,078 was AGREED in principle, however, further information may be available from Waverley Borough Council in readiness for the January 2015 Council Meeting to enable the final figure to be approved.</p>
14/15 120	<p>To consider and approve (a) the date of the 2015 Annual Parish Assembly to be held in Shamley Green; and (b) to appoint a Council working party to lead on preparations for the meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the date of the 2015 Annual Parish Assembly would be 19 March 2015 to be held in Shamley Green. The Council RESOLVED that Cllr Powell Evans, Cllr G Grant and Cllr C Smith would form the working party to lead on the preparations for the meeting and bring ideas back to the following Parish Council Meeting. Cllr C Smith would chair the working party and check that the Arbuthnott Hall was available on the agreed date.</p>
14/15 121	<p>To consider proposals about the future ownership and restoration of The Villagers Public House (a registered asset of community value at Blackheath) and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>1. Cllr Maggs reported that he had been in discussion with Waverley Borough Council about the proposals for the restoration of The Villagers Public House at Blackheath, but that he would like the support of Wonersh Parish Council to the project in principle in order to persuade Waverley to articulate ways in which they could work together on this issue more productively. There was concern that there could be an attempt to apply for a change of use for the premises. The Council RESOLVED unanimously to support the resurrection of The Villagers in Blackheath as a public house. (Cllr R Bawden proposed). It was further AGREED to enlist the help of Waverley Borough Councillors M Band and M Goodridge to persuade WBC to take a more sympathetic approach towards a CPO.</p> <p>(NB: Cllr Maggs is acting as a resident in an individual capacity on the working party for this project)</p>
14/15 122	<p>To consider proposals for the Council to become more engaged in the management of the commons at Blackheath and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>1. Members considered a report circulated by Cllr Maggs updating on a meeting with Waverley Borough Council on 6th October 2014 relating to the management of the commons at Blackheath.</p> <p>2. It was RESOLVED that, subject to the Council agreeing that the wording in an updated Enforcement Policy to be issued by Waverley Borough Council was satisfactory for their intentions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Waverley believe there is an encroachment issue, the first action they will take is to contact the Parish Council; • The Parish Council will investigate to see if they agree with Waverley;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they agree, the Parish Council will speak informally with the resident to agree a corrective action plan and report back to Waverley.
14/15 123	<p>To consider and approve that the following properties be recommended to Waverley Borough Council for registration as <i>Buildings of Local Merit</i>:</p> <p>(a) The Shrubbery, The Green, Shamley Green, GU5 0UA; (b) Tumblers, Tumblers Cottage & Tumblers Court, Woodhill Lane, Shamley Green, GU5 0SR.</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve the above (proposed by Cllr G Grant) and to forward the details of the properties to Sean Rix at Waverley Borough Council.</p>
14/15 124	<p>To consider the Parish Council's contribution to commemorating the centenary of the First World War over 2014 – 18 and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>The Council referred to the public representation at the beginning of the meeting and the desire for residents to see some form of War Memorial in Womersh. The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> that in principle it would support such a project if it could be taken forward by other organisations in the village. The Parish Council may be able to consider some funding towards the project. Cllr L Healy volunteered to be the liaison between the residents and the Council and to bring back proposals to the Council when consultation had been undertaken with the community and a tangible proposal had been developed.</p>
14/15 125	<p>To consider the public consultation by Surrey County Council (SCC) about local bus services and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>Cllr L Healy observed that the consultation was not suited to responses from organisations, that it was not well advertised and that it was not accessible to those who were not computer literate. Cllr Healy would resend the consultation to all Councillors and invited them to send any comments to her so that a response could be registered by the deadline in January 2015.</p>
14/15 126	<p>To consider the public consultation by SCC about minerals and waste plans and to approve the next steps.</p> <p>Cllr R Bawden volunteered to respond to the consultation subject to checking if it was a statement of community involvement, or a consultation on substantive proposals that might affect the communities served by Womersh Parish Council.</p>
14/15 127	<p>To consider and approve arrangements for the recruitment of additional, temporary Council staff to provide cover for the Clerk while the latter continues to make a phased return to work.</p> <p>The Council <i>RESOLVED</i> unanimously to approve this (Proposed K Bawden).</p>
14/15 128	<p>To receive reports by Members and the Clerk:</p> <p>The following written reports were received by the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) SCC Local Committee (Waverley) Task Group meeting (Cllr Powell-Evans); (b) Bramley Library (Cllr K Bawden); (c) Blackheath Village Society AGM (Cllr Maggs)
14/15 129	<p>Members' business and correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <p>It was noted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) There is a Surrey Hills Partnership Forum on 19 November 2014; (b) There is a dangerous ash tree in Gerald's Wood. For the safety of those using the Wood and adjacent road, it is necessary to have the tree felled as soon as possible. This will be financed using Chairman's and Clerk's powers under

	<p>Standing Orders.</p> <p>(c) Cllr Powell Evans and the Clerk will be meeting with representatives of the landowner of the allotments who have been in consultation with a housing association about developing the land for affordable housing. An update on this will be brought to the January 2015 meeting.</p> <p>(d) Cllr G Grant is concerned that parking on Common land is increasing and highlighted that in Shamley Green there had been a planning application to enable parking on the Common.</p>
<p>14/15 130</p>	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Council: 8 January 2015</p> <p>Planning Committee: 27 November & 11 December 2014.</p>

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

Signed: *Anne Powell-Evans*

Date: 8 January 2015