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Minutes of a meeting of Wonersh Parish Council, held at Wonersh Sports Pavilion on Thursday 10th April 2008.

Present: Cllr R Bawden (in the chair)
Cllr M Band
Cllr N Goodchild
Cllr M Harding
Cllr C Howard
Cllr N Morris
Cllr A Powell-Evans
Cllr A Shareef

Borough Cllr M Goodridge

Alan Golden, Surrey Advertiser
Mrs B St John

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

08/52 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr L Healy and County Cllr A Povey

08/53 **Local Code of Conduct – Disclosure of Interests**
No interests were declared.

08/54 **Open meeting for electors to raise matters with the Council on local issues.**

- a) *Norley Lane:* Mrs St John had met Stuart Copping on the 13th March and he had advised that cleaning out the ditches would prevent most of the flooding and that it was not a County Council responsibility. Cllr Howard advised that this matter had been discussed at the recent NALC conference, and it was agreed that no one authority would take responsibility for ditches and flooding. It was **agreed** to write to the relevant landowners and remind them of their responsibility.
- b) *Footpath from Lords Hill:* Mrs St John had reported the damaged state of this footpath, which she believed was as a result of flooding. She had yet to receive a reply.
- c) *Traffic Calming:* Cllr Goodridge requested a copy of the report on traffic calming, and was advised that it was available on the web site.

08/55 **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2008**

Were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment:

50c: Shamley Green: The AGM of the Village Society was held on the 27th March. The resolution to merge the Village Society and the Residents Association was approved unanimously.

08/56 **Matters Arising.**

06/85: *Lease at Lordshill Playground:* this would be copied to all councillors.

07/113: *Parish Plan:* Needs to be reviewed. Cllr Morris to take forward.

07/167: *Geralds Wood:* the chain has also been removed. The Clerk will replace with heavier duty chain and arrange for the 'closed' sign to be fixed to a higher point.

08/11: *Projects for the Scouts:* This was still ongoing but Mr Cozens had been very busy.

08/23: *Wonersh Commons Enhancement and Management Plan:* Members had been advised that their comments regarding the initial draft would be taken on board. Clerk to check with Sarah Henderson on current status. The version presented at the Annual Assembly would be treated as a draft, so that any suggestions could be taken on board.

08/24: *Quality Status:* Cllr Morris would take this forward now he had access to e-mails again.

08/25: *Local Development Framework:* Graham Parrott would consider making a presentation to a group of Parish Councils at a later stage. Clerk to take this to the Cluster Group.

08/50a: *Pre-planning advice:* Cllr Band advised that it was possible to attend a Planning Department surgery for a 15 minute session before making an application. The Borough Council were considering making a charge for this service. Officers would report to members on how local input would work; it was likely that, where a written submission was made, the written response would be copied to Parish Councils for their comments. The Government White Paper sought to remove Parish Council's right to comment on planning applications and to restrict any input to officers.

WBC Planning Committee Arrangement: Cllr Band advised that the four area planning committees had been re-instigated and officers had been split into area teams. This had the effect of being able to bring better background knowledge and understanding to each planning application and should improve liaison.

08/48: *Community Police Meeting:* residents of Firs Lane had said that they did not want to be involved in the proposed lighting in the alley between Garden Close and Sweetwater Lane. A view had not been received from Longacre School, but they did not use the path when it was dark. Cllr Shareef would continue his survey.

08/57 **Finance – to approve the current list of Receipt and Payment vouchers**

Members resolved that the list of receipt and payment vouchers tabled this evening be APPROVED. This was PROPOSED BY Cllr Morris , SECONDED by Cllr Howard, all in favour

08/58 **To endorse comments made by Ward Planning Sub-Committees on current planning applications**

The comments to Waverley Planning Department regarding the following 9 planning applications considered since the last meeting were APPROVED unanimously. Minutes of each planning meeting were circulated to all councilors before this meeting.

WA/2008/0275 26 New Road, Wonersh

Erection of an extension and provision of a dormer window to provide a loft conversion

WA/2008/0290 Orchard House, Wonersh Common Road, Wonersh

Erection of detached double garage

WA/2008/0300 Cherry Tree Cottage, Lordshill Common, Shamley Green

Erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing extension

WA/2008/0300 Cherry Tree Cottage, Lordshill Common, Shamley Green

Application for Listed Building Consent for erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing extension

WA/2008/0324 Northcote Farm, Northcote Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling

WA/2008/0335 Mendlesham Barn, Run Common Road, Shamley Green

Erection of an extension

WA/2008/0400 Coppers Wallk, Hullbrook Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of a first floor extension

WA/2008/0488 53 New Road Wonersh

Erection of extension and conversion of loft to habitable following demolition of existing extension (revision of WA/2007/2432)

WA/2008/0528 Land at Willinghurst Estate, Guildford Road, Shamley Green

Use of land for the siting and storage of equipment in connection with clay pigeon shooting and associated works to be permanently retained.

08/59 Report from Wonersh traffic calming group

Cllr Powell-Evans explained that the group wished to make an application for funding from the Parish Council in order to carry out a survey similar to that undertaken in Blackheath. The group had no funds except the £250 given by Cllr Povey and were also disadvantaged because there was no village society in Wonersh to support them.

The traffic calming working group had been working with the police on obtaining a flashing sign, which would be put up shortly. They were also looking at the problems with the area around the Pepperpot.

Members agreed that they would like to have sight of what the group hoped to achieve, in order to have a realistic idea of costs, and asked for this to be brought to the next meeting. Cllr Morris and Cllr Powell-Evans would discuss the Blackheath project in order to take the Wonersh survey forward.

08/60 Gaston Gate Burial Site

Cllr Band advised that Gina Pink, Enforcement Officer, had visited the site in February and had noticed that the burials were still in rows. She undertook to discuss this with Waverley's legal department. Cllr Harding said that ditches were an issue, also that because there were a number of different agencies involved, it was very difficult to move this forward. Cllr Shareef advised that Surrey Wildlife Trust had not walked away, but had removed their sign because of the lack of response from the directors. This item to remain on the agenda.

08/61 Annual Assembly

- Paul Enticknap had confirmed that he would attend.
- WUC: Brian Ives had tendered his resignation from the charities. A new Trustee was needed, preferably from Blackheath.
- Sarah Henderson was due to bring copies of the Shamley Green and Wonersh Commons Plans.

08/62 Reports from Councillors:

- a) Village Gateways: Cllr Powell-Evans. The Clerk confirmed that she had not yet heard from SCC in this respect. Rob Fairbanks, Surrey Hills AONB office, was

very keen on this project and hopes to encourage other parishes to do this with the support of Highways.

Action: Cllr Band undertook to find out who WBC used who made street furniture from re-cycled plastic.

- b) **Web-site:** Cllr Shareef. The Website is now fully operational, with all information accessible and up to date. There is an archive page, with 15 months of past minutes, reports and matters arising (re-named as progress reports). Cllr Shareef would retain the technical aspects, but had now handed the day to day maintenance to the Clerk. It was now necessary to keep an eye on local organisations, in order to be able to register any changes. Cllr Morris would do this for Blackheath, Cllr Shareef for Shamley Green. Cllr Shareef requested that all councillors keep an eye on this.

Cllr Shareef had organised additional e-mail addresses, so that e-mails could be forwarded to Members personal addresses.

08/63 **Correspondence.**

- a) *English Rural Housing Association:* Members had been invited to the official opening of the latest development at Chiddingfold. No-one was available to attend.
- b) *Blackheath Village Fair:* to take place on Monday 5th May.
- c) *Macmillan Nurses Picnic:* Mrs Anstee, Wonersh Village Club, asked permission to hold a fund raising picnic on the common on the 13th July, from 3 to 5pm. Money raised would be by donation only. This was agreed, provided that parking was supervised and none allowed on the Platt.
- d) *Wonersh Stoolball Club:* have written requesting permission to place a bench in the park, close to the club house. This was agreed, subject to siting and design, the Clerk would speak to Sarah Henderson regarding design ideas.
- e) *Keep Guildford and Waverley Clean 2008: nominations campaign:* WBC asked for help identifying areas in the borough that needed particular attention. Members suggested Nursery Hill.
- f) *Environmental Law Foundation:* offers guidance and support to those in need of assistance when faced with issues that affect their quality of life. Noted.
- g) *Lords Hill Cycle Track:* a parishioner had suffered a serious cycle accident on the track from Lords Hill to the old railway, when his bicycle had hit an obstruction on the path and he had been thrown off. Mrs St John had already reported this obstruction, as noted above, but nothing had yet been done. The Clerk would report this and copy the letter to Cllr Povey.
- h) *Surrey Minerals Plan:* as part of the review of this plan, a workshop had been planned for Monday 28th April. No-one was available to attend.
- i) *Cricket Field:* Martin Maybrey had reported a large hole in the outfield, where a pipe had collapsed. The Clerk was checking whose responsibility it was. The cricket club had offered the labour, and had a civil engineer as a member. Some expense might be involved for the parish council, if they were responsible. Cllr Bawden would ask Mr Maybrey to get in touch with the Clerk.
- j) *Royal Surrey County Hospital:* Anne Milton had written to advise that the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority had agreed that the Royal Surrey can move to the first stage of the application for Foundation status.

08/64 **Councillors business for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a) *Easement track from Bricklayers Arms, Shamley Green, to Malthouse:* residents along this track wanted to undertake work on the surface, but were not prepared to do anything until the drainage had been addressed.
- b) *Youth Achievement Award:* general feeling that this might be something that the

Parish Council would like to set up in Wonersh.

Action: Cllr Goodchild to look at this and report at a future meeting.

- c) *Projects:* Agreed that an informal workshop should be held to look at existing and future projects, after the Annual Meeting.
- d) *NALC:* Cllr Howard reported that the Chairman of NALC had met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of SCAP&TC, and a robust discussion had taken place regarding the lack of legal service. Parish Councils were very fortunate to have the services of Roger Taylor. SCAP&TC also asked for the rules to be changed so that the Chairman could remain in post for more than 4 years. Cllr Howard said that SCAP&TC was providing very good Clerk, Councillor and Chairman training at present.
- e) *Surrey Hills Society:* this has now been launched.

08/65 **Dates of future meetings.**

Annual Meeting: Thursday 8th May 2008, 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Councillors reports

WONERSH TRAFFIC CALMING WORKING PARTY. AGENDA ITEM:

The Wonersh Traffic Calming Working Party comprises 5 residents from Wonersh and a Ward Parish Councillor.

The Chair, David Beevers attended a PC meeting in January 2008, and advised the Council of the WP's proposals. Various suggestions were made by the PC and it was agreed that the WP would provide a stand at the Annual Assembly with information about their findings and proposals.

Dr Povey has provided funding of £250 and the WP is now in the process of arranging a speed monitoring survey with a company called Benchmark.

At a recent meeting with Andrew Povey, he indicated that he thought there was a good chance of getting 20mph signs installed in The Street although the recent news that SCC Highways is allocating more money to maintenance and less to projects may make this unviable.

The WP is in contact with LORD regarding the unsuitability of The Street for heavy traffic.

The WP recognises that evidence of widespread support for any proposals is important and the WP will be holding a public meeting when they have more facts to present.

Finance is an issue as there is no organisation in Wonersh which represents the whole village and can contribute towards funding .i.e. a Village Society or Residents' Association. The WP would therefore ask the PC for a grant towards the cost of information gathering and publicity. – See Agenda.

Anne Powell-Evans.

05.04.08.