

# Wonersh Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 12 August 2010, at 7.30pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

### PRESENT

Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair)  
Cllr M Band  
Cllr R Bawden  
Cllr M Harding  
Cllr L Healy  
Cllr G Grant  
Cllr C Howard  
Cllr N Morris  
Cllr A Shareef

Mr A Golden, Surrey Advertiser

### 10/136 APOLOGIES

None.

### 10/137 CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Shareef declared a personal interest in item **10/144 - Shamley Green Pond** - because of its adjacency to his own property.

### 10/138 OPEN MEETING FOR ELECTORS TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE COUNCIL ON LOCAL ISSUES

No issues were raised.

### 10/139 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 July 2010

The Council accepted these were a true record of the meeting. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes.

### 10/140 MATTERS ARISING:

No issues were discussed.

**10/141 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 24 JUNE AND 8 JULY 2010**

The Council received the confirmed minutes that had been signed by Cllr Harding.

**10/142 FINANCE:**

- (a) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously that the July 2010 list of Payment and Receipt vouchers be approved (proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Harding);
- (b) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the payment of up to £500 to *PBA Consulting* for the biennial inspection of trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council (proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Bawden);

**10/143 WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL (WBC) CONSULTATION ABOUT THE LOCAL VALIDATION LIST FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FIRST DEADLINE 19 AUGUST 2010**

Cllr Powell-Evans reiterated the importance of this opportunity for the Parish Council to submit its views to WBC and requested that all Councillors consider the list and prepare observations ahead of the Planning Committee, scheduled for 19 August. Councillors noted that they should seek to: reinstate references to the areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONBs) and areas of great landscape value (AGLVs) as well as to Conservation Areas; insert reference to the Village Design Statement in any design and access statement; and highlight environmental and sustainability issues, including thermal efficiency and light pollution.

**Action:** Councillors to prepare comments and submit them to the Clerk for the proposed detailed discussion of the List by the Planning Committee at its next meeting. Clerk to prepare a consolidated paper for adoption by the Parish Council at its meeting on 9 September, ahead of submission to WBC.

**10/144 REVIEW OF COMPLETED SHAMLEY GREEN POND RESTORATION PROJECT**

Cllr Powell-Evans introduced this item and referred to the report she had circulated to members. This was an opportune moment to consider the completion of a comparatively long-term project and for lessons to be learned, ahead of imminent discussion about potential projects for the Council to take forward in 2011/12.

The Council noted that it had engaged on a number of long-term projects, such as this, which had extended over many years. Councillors agreed that this project had achieved its stated goal of restoring a previously neglected amenity, with added positive outcomes by involving the wider local community and other key stakeholders such as the Waverley Countryside Ranger, and by improving experience/expertise in seeking funding from other agencies and donors. However, it was crucially important to identify the necessary/realistic resources by:

- appointing “champions” (individuals for leadership/impetus and working parties for burden-sharing/support) to drive forward projects (with clearly defined outcomes and outputs/milestones) while scrupulously observing the Code of Conduct;
- managing expectations (maintaining good communication with the local community about progress to ensure ongoing buy-in and support).

The Council agreed that it needed to maintain this approach in considering other projects, including shorter-term ones that it aimed to achieve within a financial year. It needed to assess rigorously the required resources and proposed timescales. Where appropriate it should build on success in one settlement (eg the Blackheath Traffic Calming project) to address similar concerns in Shamley Green and Wonersh. The Council should continue to support a fair distribution of sponsored projects in all three settlements and work with the many different community groups to leverage additional resources (human and financial).

**Action:** Cllrs to note lessons learned and to take them into account in considering future projects.

## **10/145      REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

(a) Wonersh Common Enhancement and Management Plan (WCEMP). Cllr Bawden submitted a report of the newly established Working Party.

**Action:** Working Party and Clerk to establish costings for identified early, easy wins and bring to Council for approval;

(b) Shamley Green Common Land Enhancement and Management Plan. Cllr Shareef is working on the draft plan in co-operation with the Waverley Countryside Ranger, similar to the WCEMP.

**Action:** Cllr Shareef to report further at the next Council meeting.

(c) Cllr Harding raised a number of Shamley Green issues: grass-cutting, Surrey Highways consultation with the Shamley Green Village Association over traffic calming proposals and ongoing gas-works.

**Action:** Clerk to update the Council at its next meeting.

(d) Cllr Healy requested the removal of some isolated scrub, left after grass-cutting on Wonersh Common.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange removal of the scrub.

(e) Shamley Green Pond. Cllr Shareef spoke about ongoing efforts to: remove duckweed; establish an annual maintenance schedule; and an invitation to other Members and the Clerk to participate in a visit to the Pond by the donors for its restoration on 18 August (The Surrey Avertiser would take photos for inclusion in a forthcoming article in the paper). The Council requested that Cllr Shareef continue to lead in taking forward proposals for a sustainable future maintenance plan.

**Action:** Cllr Shareef to update the Council at its next meeting.

## **10/146      COUNCILLORS' BUSINESS FOR NOTING OR INCLUDING ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

(a) The Council requested that there should be an item to agree dates and arrangements for the next community litter-picks in Shamley Green and Wonersh.

**Action:** Clerk to include this on September meeting agenda.

(b) Cllr Powell-Evans notified Members about her desire to host a 2011/12 budget brainstorming meeting at the end of September.

**Action:** Clerk to canvas Councillors about the most suitable date for this meeting in the week beginning 26 September.

#### **10/147 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Council noted the dates for the following future meetings:

Council:	9 September, 14 October
Planning Committee:	19 August, 2 September

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.