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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 8 July 2010, at 7.30pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllr M Harding (in the chair for items 10/120 to 122)
Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair for all subsequent items)
Cllr R Bawden
Cllr C Howard
Cllr A Shareef

Borough Councillor M Goodridge, Mrs G Grant.

In attendance: Mr K Garvey, Clerk to the Council

10/120 APOLOGIES

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs M Band, L Healy and N Morris.

10/121 CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Shareef declared a personal interest in item 10/125 (10/106 – Shamley Green Pond) because of its adjacency to his own property. Cllr Bawden declared a personal interest in item 10/127(c) because of his membership of Wonersh Sports Club.

10/122 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council RESOLVED unanimously to elect Cllr Powell Evans as Chairman of the Council (proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Shareef).

Councillors expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr Morris for his leadership of the Council during a particularly challenging period over recent years, including the four-month period at the beginning of 2010 when the Council did not have a Clerk. Despite giving up the chairmanship, the Council looked forward to Cllr Morris' continued commitment and contribution to its work over the next ten months. Cllrs were also grateful to Cllr Powell-Evans for assuming the Chair and looked forward to her leading the Council team for the remainder of its present term of office.

10/123 OPEN MEETING FOR ELECTORS TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE COUNCIL ON LOCAL ISSUES

Mrs Grant raised concerns about missing and obscured road signs, and potholes.

Action: Clerk to consult Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways to ensure that the latest road signage concerns and potholes have been logged, and that repairs are being progressed.

**10/124 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
10 JUNE 2010**

With an amendment to item 10/111 to delete “that had died” at the end of the penultimate sentence, the Council accepted these were a true record of the meeting. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes.

10/125 MATTERS ARISING:

09/167 Benches – The Council discussed the accidental demolition of a bench on Shamley Green near the Bricklayers Arms. This had been dedicated to the memory of a former resident and was donated by her family. The Council had undertaken ongoing maintenance but did not accept responsibility for meeting the costs of replacement.

Action: Clerk to consult Sarah Henderson, Countryside Ranger, about suggestions for its repair/replacement and report back to the Council.

10/068 Blackheath Village Well Folly – The Clerk confirmed that the Folly had now been added to the Parish Council’s insurance schedule.

No further action.

10/106 Shamley Green Pond – The Council agreed that Cllr Shareef should continue to lead on this project and to seek volunteers to join a Working Party to secure its long-term maintenance. Options for grass-cutting at the site should also be addressed.

Action: Cllr Shareef to seek volunteers and agree with Sarah Henderson a date for weed (bulrushes) and algae clearance in the pond and bramble clearance around its edge. Clerk to consider with Sarah Henderson options for future grass-cutting.

10/115 Surrey County Council (SCC) Transport Consultation

Cllr Powell-Evans informed the Council that she had not received any substantive comments about this and therefore had no observations to report to SCC.

No further action

**10/126 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 27 MAY
AND 10 JUNE 2010**

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

10/127 FINANCE:

- (a) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously that the June 2010 list of Payment and Receipt vouchers be approved (proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Howard);
- (b) The Council received the budget statement to end-June 2010;
- (c) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the payment of up to £1,647 to *Waterflow Group PLC* for Wonersh Common Memorial Playing Field drain cleaning, survey and recommendations, and the removal of spoil (proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Shareef);
- (d) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously to agree a new two-year (2010-12) Commons grass cutting contract with Mr Clive Greenland for £596.20 per cut (proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Howard);
- (e) **The Council RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the payment of up to £250 to Mr Paul Bradley for new online access software to the Parish website for the Clerk and Councillors together with relevant training;

10/128 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS (SOs)

The Council noted that the present SOs had been adopted in July 2006. Cllr Powell-Evans confirmed that it was time for a review in the light of their use and because of developments in good practice promoted by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Councillors agreed that they and the Clerk should review the present SOs over the next two months ahead of discussion of any proposed changes to the SOs at the Council meeting due to be held on 9 September 2010.

Action: All Councillors to familiarise themselves with the SOs and offer comments to the Clerk. Clerk to co-ordinate review of SOs and present proposals for consideration at the Council's next meeting.

10/129 ATTENDANCE AT WONERSH HISTORY SOCIETY "KNOW YOUR WONERSH" EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2010.

The Council agreed that this would provide a good outreach opportunity to the local community.

Action: Cllrs Harding and Howard to represent the Council at the event to publicise the activities of the Council and to encourage individuals to consider becoming candidates at the next election due in May 2011. Cllr Powell-Evans to co-ordinate updating publicity material for display at the event.

10/130 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Wonersh Residents' Traffic Calming meeting (17 June 2010) Cllr Powell-Evans

Waverley Borough Council (WBC) Joint Town and Parish Planning Forum (30 June 2010) Cllr Powell-Evans

WBC Joint Town and Parish Meeting (5 July 2010) Cllr Harding

**10/131 OPEN MEETING FOR CO-OPTION CANDIDATE TO DISCUSS THE
ROLE OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

Mrs Grant confirmed her willingness to serve as a Councillor by getting to know the locality and electors in order to represent them to the best of her ability. Mrs Grant spoke about her wide-ranging interests and support for local community clubs and societies. Mrs Grant cited her expertise/experience in managing a website, which could be useful in improving the Council's own website. She also expressed an interest in developing her expertise about particular issues such as Common Land management. If she were to be co-opted Mrs Grant looked forward to participating in learning/training events to ensure that she was familiar with the Parish Council's responsibilities and those of the Borough and County Councils where appropriate. Councillors stressed the importance of a new Councillor not being afraid to seek advice from colleagues and the Clerk about concerns that electors might raise and to make sure that the correct responsible body is informed and responds.

10/132 CORRESPONDENCE

WBC Consultation on Compensatory Grants

Action: Clerk to co-ordinate the Council's response

WBC Consultation on Environmental Services

Action: Cllr Powell-Evans and the Clerk to co-ordinate the Council's response

SCC Consultation on Surrey Minerals Plan

Action: Cllr Richard Bawden to co-ordinate the Council's response

Surrey County Association of Parish and Town Councils (SCAPTC)

The Council noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 24 July.

Action: Cllr Howard and the Clerk to attend.

**10/133 COUNCILLORS' BUSINESS FOR NOTING OR INCLUDING ON A FUTURE
AGENDA**

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 note

10/134 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council noted the dates for the following future meetings:

Council:	9 September, 14 October
Planning Committee:	22 July, 5 August

**10/135 SELECTION OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR FOR SHAMLEY GREEN
WARD**

The Council RESOLVED unanimously that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under this item, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public should be excluded (proposed by Cllr Powell-Evans, seconded by Cllr Howard).

Following its discussion **the Council RESOLVED** unanimously to offer Mrs Grant co-option as a member of the Council (proposed by Cllr Shareef, seconded by Cllr Harding).

Action: Cllr Powell-Evans to write to Mrs Grant to offer co-opted membership of the Council.

The Council then resumed its meeting in public. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.