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PARISH OF WONERSH NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of a meeting of Wonersh Parish Council held on **Thursday, 12th June 2008** at
7.30pm
at Wonersh Sports Pavilion.

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

Borough Cllr M Goodridge
Surrey Advertiser

In attendance The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

08/87 **Apologies for absence** were received from County Cllr Povey.

08/88 **Local Code of Conduct – Disclosure of Interests.**

Cllr Powell-Evans declared an interest in **08/93:2: Replacement of Posts:** as the contractor is a family member.

Cllr Band declared an interest in **08/94: Surrey Hills Society** as he is a member and also represents the Borough Council.

Cllr Howard declared an interest in **08/94: Surrey Hills society** as she is a member.

08/89 **Open meeting for electors to raise matters with the Council on local issues**

Cllr Goodridge raised the following matters:

a) *Letters:* He had received 11 letters from village children, raising various issues:

- i. it is dangerous to cross the road as there is no zebra crossing
- ii. this is a nice village
- iii. the village needs more lighting.

Cllr Bawden commented that the issue of lighting had come up at each Annual Meeting, and had been raised in each parish plan.

b) *Volunteers Tea Party:* this was to take place shortly, and Cllr Goodridge requested names of volunteers in the parish who had not attended before.

08/90 **Minutes – to approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th**

May 2008

These were approved and signed by the Chairman, with two amendments:

Cllr Goodchild had not been present.

08/70: last paragraph: *should read:* Run Common Road

08/91 Matters arising

08/31c: Car Parking in Shamley Green: Cllr Harding advised that Sarah Henderson was in discussion with the cricket club, as she proposed putting posts inside the boundary.

08/63c: Wonersh Stoolball Club: The Clerk had met earlier in the evening with the Chairman and Mrs Child's husband. After investigating the possibilities, they requested that they be given permission to place a seat between the last two trees on the left of the field as viewed from the pavilion, to match the seats placed between the adjacent trees. Sarah had suggested replacing an existing seat with this proposed seat, but there was none appropriate. Members **agreed** that the Stoolball club be given permission for this seat in the position suggested.

08/76: Planning Applications: Wonersh Councillors had not had the opportunity to see hard copies of the plans considered at that morning's planning meeting, which had caused problems with procedure. Members attention was drawn to the agreement made at the last meeting that plans should be sent on within 48 hours of receipt. If this could not be achieved, a member should have their name taken off the circulation list, and view the plans on the Borough Council's web site. Cllr Morris stressed that it was essential that the plans were circulated in good time, and asked members to let the Clerk know if they wished to have their name removed from the circulation list.

08/92 To endorse comments made by the Planning Committee on current planning applications.

The comments to Waverley Planning department regarding the following 6 planning applications considered since the last meeting were APPROVED unanimously

WA/2008/0725 Pinehurst, The Drive, Wonersh

Erection of a single storey extension

WA/2008/0749 The Lodge, Winter Meadow, Blackheath Lane, Blackheath.

Erection of an extension

WA/2008/0791 Derryswood Farm, Cranleigh road, Wonersh

Erection of extensions and alterations

WA/2008/0810 Pound Farm Lodge, Norley Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of extensions and alterations

WA/2008/0817 Great Tangley Manor Barns, Tangley Lane, Wonersh

Conversion of barns to provide 5 dwellings with associated works including the formation of a passing bay

WA/2008/0818 Great Tangley Manor Barns

Listed building consent for the above

A discussion took place on how interests were dealt with, Members were reminded that SCAP&TC had confirmed that the current procedure was adequate.

08/93 Finance – to approve the current list of Receipt and Payment vouchers

Members RESOLVED that the list of receipt and payment vouchers tabled this

evening should be APPROVED. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Band, SECONDED by Cllr Harding, all in favour.

In addition:

- 1) **To approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.** Members APPROVED Section 1 (Statement of Account) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement), with all in favour. These were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk, and dated with the date of the meeting and the minute reference.
- 2) **To approve expenditure on posts around common:**
 - a) *New rustic round posts to be installed around grass triangle, at Wonersh Sports ground, total cost £825.00 + VAT.* It was PROPOSED by Cllr Howard, SECONDED by Cllr Harding that this quote be accepted, with all in agreement.
 - b) *Two oak posts to match existing entrance/exit posts at side of cricket pitch and replace all round posts.* It was **agreed** not to progress this until the Commons audit was complete and findings published.

08/94 Reports from Councillors

- 1) *Parish Plan:* Cllr Morris sought Members views on whether this should be pursued. Cllr Harding believed that it should, and that this was an appropriate time, as the life of a Parish Plan was considered to be about 10 years, and this would give an opportunity to show what had been achieved already. Cllr Bawden suggested using the content for one of the newsletters, if funding could not be found from reserves. Sponsorship might also be sought. Cllr Band suggested a link from the web site. Cllr Bawden PROPOSED that the parish plan should be pursued, SECONDED by Cllr Goodchild, all in favour.
- 2) *Quality Status:* Cllr Morris outlined the steps necessary to achieve quality status. Application would be made in early 2009, as two key elements were the Clerk's CiLCA qualification, which she hoped to have achieved by November, and the quarterly newsletter, evidence of having achieved this for a full year being needed. Members would also work on encouraging new councillors for the next elections, 2011, particularly younger people. It was noted that re-accreditation would require that 67% of councillors were elected, an improvement on the 100% previously required. A working party would take this element forward, comprising of Cllrs N Goodchild, L Healy and A Shareef. Cllr Morris saw this as a stock taking exercise as well as a status, as it would enable Members to ensure that the practices that the Council followed were best practice.
Cllr Bawden suggested profiling one councillor each quarter in the newsletter, and also the Clerk.
It was PROPOSED by Cllr Goodchild that Quality Status be pursued as outlined, SECONDED by Cllr Healy, all in favour.
- 3) *Wonersh Traffic Calming working party:* Cllr Powell-Evans reported that the grant received from Cllr Povey had been used for the traffic survey and the working party was now struggling for money. To clarify the status of the working party, she explained that it had originally been comprised of residents as a result of the parish plan, but had since become a joint venture with the parish council. It was **agreed** that it was important to support this group through to a public meeting, and that Cllr Morris would join Cllr Powell-Evans on the committee, to bring his expertise with the Blackheath Traffic Calming

project.

Action: Agenda item for July meeting to agree funding.

- 4) *Communities Partnership Group meeting 5th June:* Cllr Powell-Evans advised that this had not been a helpful meeting and it was **agreed** to wait for Cllr Baily's proposed paper before making a decision on how to go forward.
- 5) *Global Warming: Carbon Neutral projects in the parish:* Cllr Powell-Evans had tabled a report and it was proposed that she continue this work. Information could be regularly published in the newsletter but it was agreed that the Council's role should be to encourage and support people in making environmental changes, but not to dictate. The advantage of Quality Status as far as this was concerned was that it would allow the Parish to work closer with the Borough on these issues. The Parish Council agreed that a working party should be established for this project. Cllrs R Bawden, C Howard and P Powell Evans were appointed.

"Green Neighbourhoods" is to be launched in December, with the remit of giving incentives for energy efficient homes. Discussion took place on how to take this message to the community, and it was agreed to use the empty unit at the village shop as a 'showcase' for energy efficient ideas, possibly to sell at cost items such as energy efficient light bulbs.

- 6) *Village Gateways:* Cllr Powell-Evans advised that SCC were happy with the proposal put to them, that the parish council provide suitable gateways, and agreed to erect them free of charge. The gateway at Wonersh was on WBC land, so Sarah Henderson would need to be consulted as well. In the meantime, SCC planned to repair the gateway at Shamley Green, as it was in a dangerous state of repair.

Cllr Powell-Evans advised that SCC were reviewing the traffic black-spots at Chinthurst Lane and also at Wonersh Park, and would appreciate feed-back from the Council on what could be done here.

Agenda item: gateways: design and costings.

The Clerk advised that SCC Community Gangs did not undertake to do potholes, as previously assumed. Their remit was verges, hedges, ditches, etc, but not work to the actual road. Accepting that there is a SCC pothole reporting number, it was **agreed** that all reports should be channelled through the Clerk, in order to keep a record.

- 7) *Eastbourne NALC conference:* Cllr Howard reported that there had been very reduced numbers at the conference. Hazel Blears had spoken and it had been expected that she would announce the 'Power of Well Being' for parish councils, but she did not. A discussion had taken place on changing the names of parish councils to "Community Councils". NALC was facing financial challenges, as their grant from Defra had been withdrawn earlier than expected.
- 8) *Surrey Hills Society:* Cllr Howard advised that there had been a 50 years celebration at the Houses of Parliament the previous month. The Parish Council had the opportunity of becoming founder members.
Action: Agenda item for July meeting. Clerk to establish from SCAP&TC

whether they considered that the Parish Council would compromise its impartiality if it joined a society, as it had been advised not to take membership of the CPRE for this reason.

08/95 Parish “Young Persons Award” scheme: This had arisen out of the Cranleigh Award, which would have gone to a pupil from Glebelands had he not lived in Shamley Green, out of the Cranleigh parish. It was agreed that not having a secondary school within the parish was a disadvantage, but did not rule the scheme out. Members discussed raising this at the Clerks’ Cluster group meetings and the possibility of contacting senior schools and asking for nominations. Cllr Howard pointed out that Bramley had an award for young adults, and their inclusion area covered Wonersh.

Action: To be reviewed as part of working party whose remit was to get young people involved in the Parish Council, PROPOSED by Cllr Goodchild, SECONDED by Cllr Howard, all in favour.

08/96 SCAP&TC Constitution: Members **agreed** that this should be accepted in its current 5th draft form.

08/97 Lords Hill Common Playground Lease: WBC wished to transfer the responsibility for cutting the hedge to the Parish Council, and the Parish Council would re-charge SCC. Cllr Harding pointed out that the piece of land between the service road and the hedge also required maintenance, and SCC were responsible for this. It was anticipated that the boundary of the playground reflected in the leased would be moved to the far side of the hedge.

Action and Agenda item: Clerk to ask Sarah Henderson for costs of cutting the hedge, and if she was reimbursed by SCC. Clerk to advise SCC that the Parish Council has agreed to take over this responsibility. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Band, SECONDED by Cllr Bawden, all in favour.

08/98 Shamley Green and Lords Hill Commons Management Plan: It was PROPOSED by Cllr Powell-Evans that the Plan, with the amendments, should be agreed with Sarah Henderson and early publication requested. Mention should also be made of the heritage features. This was SECONDED by Cllr Band, all were in favour.

08/99 Footpath from Garden Close to Sweetwater Lane: Lighting: The Clerk had established costings. It was agreed that more information was required on whether lighting was essential, although noted that it had arisen in the parish plan.

Action: Shamley Green Councillors to investigate further and bring back to Council for action.

08/100 Roundabout at Lordshill – quotation for repair:

The total cost quoted by Wicksteed for repair was £450.00, excluding VAT. This included 3 sets of bearings, as it was unclear which set would be needed, and so the final cost would be less. Acceptance of this quotation was PROPOSED by Cllr Goodchild, SECONDED by Cllr Harding, all in favour.

08/101 Correspondence:

a) *Letter of complaint concerning grass cutting:* Members agreed with the complaint that the daffodils were cut too soon, but believed that the golden rod that was also cut was on common land. They pointed out that the common was now cut more often than in the past. The Clerk would draft a letter in response, to be approved by the Chairman.

b) *Donation for Wonersh Playground:* Mr Bill Bailey had e-mailed to offer a

donation, preferably towards a Wonersh playground project. The Clerk would write and thank him for his generous offer, and give him Cllr Healy's e-mail address as Treasurer of the Playground Committee.

- c) *Parking on Shamley Green:* Mr Kendall had asked for permission for a temporary period, as he was having some external decoration done which would involve scaffolding. The Clerk would thank him for requesting permission, but advise him that parking on common land was illegal.
- d) *Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) Designation:* The Surrey Hills Board was seeking to establish whether there would be support from Parish Councils for a formal review of the AONB to incorporate the AGLV in order to secure its protection in the long term. This was **agreed** particularly as part of this parish is within the AGLV and some already incorporated within the AONB
- e) *Heritage Lottery Fund – celebrating the 50 years of the AONB designation:* Surrey Hills AONB office had received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to celebrate 50 years of food and farming in the Surrey Hills. They requested the parish council's help by looking at how the landscape of the Surrey Hills had changed over the last 50 years, and offered help to enable the parish to explore the history of any aspect of the local area. The Clerk would copy this to Cllr Band, and circulate to all other councillors.
- f) *Consultation on South East Water's draft Water Resource Plan 2010-2035.* This was noted.
- g) *TAG Farnborough Airport:* A preliminary consultation document, providing an overview of plans for the next stage of development, was on circulation.

08/102 Councillors business for noting or including on a future agenda:

- a) *Wonersh Playground:* Cllr Powell-Evans reported that two people had expressed an interest in the playground, which would mean that the committee could be re-started. She and Cllr Healy would take this forward.

08/103 Dates of future meetings

Full Council meeting: Thursday 10th July, 7.30pm, Wonersh Sports Pavilion
SCAP&TC AGM: Saturday 12th July, 2pm, Burstow Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm.