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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, 8th October 2009 at 7.30pm
At Wonersh Sports Pavilion

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

Borough Cllr M Goodridge
PC Neil Smith
Mrs M Tatlow, Book-keeper

I member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

09/149 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Band, N Goodchild and L Healy.

09/150 Local Code of Conduct – disclosures of interests

09/156: Section 9 land: Cllr Shareef declared an interest as neighbour to part of this land.

09/151 Open Meeting for Electors

- a) *Land adjacent to 1 Barnett Villas:* concern was raised about the new house being built on this piece of land. Planning permission had been granted for a 3 bedroom house some four years ago, it appeared that the house under construction had 5 bedrooms. There also appeared to be windows in the roof, currently under tiling. A fence had been constructed around the property which encroached on the public footpath on one boundary by 18". There was also a question regarding whether the connection to the water mains had been made with Thames Water supervision.

Cllr Goodridge advised that he had been contacted by a neighbour, as a result of which Mr Engleton had visited the property the previous week. Cllr Goodridge was waiting to hear the outcome of this visit. The Clerk had contacted James Taylor, Rights of Way officer at SCC concerning the footpath, also Thames Water.

- b) *PC Neil Smith:* Introduced himself and advised that he was happy to attend meetings if there were specific police issues to address. Referring to youth issues, he advised that primary schools experienced twice as much bullying as secondary schools, which led to behavioural problems both at secondary school and later on in life. A programme for teachers had been devised, called the Zap programme, which enabled them to teach their pupils how to be assertive.

Youth Shelters: PC Smith acknowledged that the police were often called because young people were hanging around in the streets, and this was a high police priority. Youth Shelters had been introduced in Thames Valley, with the aim of simply displacing young people from the streets. A site needed to be identified where the shelter would not offend residents, and the shelter should not have sides, so activities could be monitored by the police. Young people should be given ownership of the shelter, perhaps by being asked to contribute towards the cost, which would be in the region of £2,000 to £5,000. The police would support this initiative.

Cllr Morris thanked PC Smith for attending and said that the Council hoped to be able to share his wealth of experience in this area, as he had been Youth Officer for Waverley Borough Council.

- c) *Graffiti*: Cllr Bawden referred to the recent spate of graffiti in the village, which PC Smith confirmed had not yet been resolved.

09/152 Minutes of the Meeting held 10th September 2009

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments:

Agenda item 09/120 corrected to 09/136

09/142: Youth Shelters: Action: d) the police deleted; e) Simon James deleted and replaced with PCSO Simon Mitchell.

Agenda items 09/145,46 and 47 renumbered to 09/146, 47 and 48

09/153 Matters Arising

08/176: Memorial Bench: although no further action would be taken, and this matter removed from matters arising, possible future action would be borne in mind.

09/21: Litter bin outside Arbuthnot Hall: Action: Clerk to ask Sarah Henderson for a definitive decision on how the litter problem will be resolved.

09/139: Playground inspection: Cllr Harding had estimated that the wear on the links at the playground at Lordshill was currently 30%.

09/140: Parish Litter Picks: details discussed at the September meeting were confirmed.

09/143: Willow at Shamley Green: Members accepted Mr Clout's advice to reduce the tree and plant another close to it, with the intention of removing the old willow in a few years time.

Agenda item: November meeting: to approve cost of reducing existing tree and planting a further tree.

08/145: Councillors Reports: Cllr Harding stated that the paper he had submitted on Highway matters was a draft for consideration and ended with a question mark about the views from councillors from other wards. He therefore did not see how what he had written could cut across the work on prioritising.

09/146e: Path re-surfacing opposite the Bricklayers Arms: The Clerk tabled pictures of the part of the footpath that needs re-surfacing and confirmed that she had started the process of obtaining quotations for this work.

09/154 Current Planning Applications:

The Comments made to Waverley Planning department regarding the following **15** planning

applications considered since the last meeting was APPROVED unanimously, once it was noted that the revision to the letter to WBC regarding Winters Sweet was not in the file, and would be included.

WA/2009/1184 Winters Sweet, Stroud Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of extensions and alterations following demolition of utility room, front porch and store and erection of detached outbuilding (revision of WA/2009/0726)

WA/2009/1195 62 Nursery Hill, Shamley Green

Erection of a side extension including en-suite bathroom in the roof space following demolition of existing store

WA/2009/1198 Shamley Wood House, Woodhill Lane, Shamley Green

change of use of existing agricultural building to equestrian use, groom accommodation and associated storage together with external alterations (follows invalid application WA/2009/0627)

WA/2009/1205 Gate House, Chinthurst Lane, Wonersh

Addition of two doorways in eastern elevation and erection of single storey extension to form garden room.

WA/2009/1206 Gate House, Chinthurst Lane

Listed building consent for the addition of two doorways in eastern elevation and erection of single storey extension to form garden room

WA/2009/1209 Friendly Cottage, Run Common Road, Shamley Green

Erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing two storey extension

WA/2009/1210 Friendly Cottage, Run Common Road

Listed building consent for the erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing two storey extension

WA/2009/1213 The White Cottage, The Green, Shamley Green

Erection of side extension with en-suite bathroom in roof space. Single storey rear conservatory and demolition of existing garage and playroom.

WA/2009/1214 The White Cottage, The Green, Shamley Green

Conservation Area consent for the erection of side extension with en-suite bathroom in roof space. Single storey rear conservatory and demolition of existing garage and playroom.

WA/2009/1220 Bay Cottage, Barnett Lane, Wonersh

Construction of single storey extensions and alterations following demolition of part of existing garage and link buildings

WA/2009/1238 The White Cottage, The Green, Shamley Green

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the conversion of loft to habitable space and installation of new window in side elevation

WA/2009/1239 Torneys, Green Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of extensions and alterations (revision of WA/2008/2163)

WA/2009/1256 Close House, Chinthurst Lane, Wonersh

Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house

WA/2009/1257 Close House, Chinthurst Lane

Applications for listed building consent for erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house

WA/2009/1177 Derry Hill Cottage

Erection of extension incorporating double garage and habitable roof space following demolition of existing detached garage: amended plans

09/155 Finance

- a) Members RESOLVED that the current list of Receipt and Payment vouchers be approved. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Powell-Evans, SECONDED by Cllr Bawden , with all in favour.
- b) Members received the budget statement to end September 2009, and thanked Mrs Tatlow for having produced this in such a short time frame, the bank statements only having been received that morning. Members asked for clarification of the budget heading *sundries*, Mrs Tatlow explained that this included the internal and external audit, bank charges, hire of halls, office telephone and broadband, and Annual Assembly expenses. Members requested that the audit fees be a separate budget item, which was

- agreed.
- c) The Clerk tabled BDO Stoy Haywards's external auditors report on the Annual Return, and was pleased to report that the Council had received an unqualified opinion. Mrs Tatlow was thanked for all her work on this.
 - d) The Clerk advised that the internal auditors had re-submitted their report, removing all reference to missing invoices, and had issued an unreserved apology.
 - e) The Clerk had not received the costings for the new water pipe and work to the access road at the allotments. This item was deferred to the November meeting.
 - f) Members RESOLVED that a grant should be made to the Trustees for the refurbishment of the Church Green benches, at a total cost of £261.00 plus VAT. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Harding, SECONDED by Cllr Shareef, with all in favour. The Clerk would review the grant request form to include details of applicant, and consider how capital and revenue should be defined.

09/156 Section 9 Land:

The Clerk tabled maps which highlighted the Section 9 Common Land in the parish.

Cllr Harding advised there was an issue of parking on Stroud Common, and was asked to give details of this to the Clerk.

It was agreed that a working party should be set up to review this land and decide on a course of action. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Bawden, SECONDED by Cllr Harding, with all in favour. Working party members: Cllr Harding, Cllr Howard and Cllr Shareef.

Cllr Bawden undertook to scan the maps and distribute them.

09/157 Youth

Members noted that the issue to be addressed was how to engage young people in the work of the parish council, in order to promote citizenship.

Cllr Bawden pointed out that there were a number of youth organisations, and proposed that people be drawn from those organisations to form a youth council, which would meet 2 to 3 times a year to advise the Council about issues that they saw arising in the parish.

Cllr Howard suggested that a condition be attached to grants from the parish council to require the recipient to report to the Annual Assembly.

Cllr Shareef proposed a stall at village fetes. Cllr Howard suggested that the cost of pop up stands and good visuals be investigated.

Cllr Bawden suggested that once organisations had been contacted about the youth shelter, a dialogue should be pursued about what else the Council could do.

Action: Cllr Powell Evans would investigate the ideas raised by PC Smith.

09/158 Bye-laws

a) The Clerk was asked to investigate what other councils were using, at the Cluster Group meetings.

b) It was agreed that the bye-laws should be abridged, but that the notice should include a statement that those displayed are an extract and that the full bye-laws are available from the Clerk.

c) Cllr Howard clarified her statement at the previous meeting about the removal of bye-law signs concerning cycling. This was being piloted across the country, and Woking was piloting this for Surrey. A report would be prepared for the Local Area Committee next year, when a decision would be taken on whether to roll this out over the county.

Cllr Powell-Evans PROPOSED that the bye-laws be reinstated on the existing posts. This was SECONDED by Cllr Bawden, and approved by 5 councillors to 1. Cllr Howard voted against the

proposal. The bye-laws would also be displayed on the parish council notice boards.

09/159 Reports from Councillors

Town and Parish Council meeting: Cllr Harding's report had been circulated.

- Primary care trust: Cllr Harding referred to the questionnaire concerning the health situation, which appeared to be biased to obtain the answers that the PCT wanted. 6/8 hospital beds would be supplied in the Cranleigh area, with the proposal that nursing homes are used rather than hospitals, but this did not take account of the rise in the elderly population, which would mean that in 10 years time the need would be higher.
- Planning meetings: WBC was considering a proposal to allow parish councils to speak on any application at planning committee meetings, not just on those that WBC had received objections to.
- British Telecom: BT was urging parish councils to adopt kiosks, and would remove the telephones. It was important to keep a weekly check on the kiosks as the phones were often out of order.

09/160 Correspondence

a) *Wonersh Pre-School:* Following a letter from the Clerk regarding parking at the Sports Club, the Pre-School had apologised, as they had not realised that this was private land. They offered to pay towards the cost of upkeep. This matter was discussed and it was agreed to consider further before responding. The following actions were agreed:

- The sports club lease would be checked
- the easement would be checked
- the Clerk would send the Pre-School a holding letter.

09/161 Councillors Business

- a) *Wey and Arun Canal exhibition:* Cllr Harding had written a report on this exhibition, which would be circulated by the Clerk shortly. He noted that the exhibition had been more of a country park idea and not only about the canal.
- b) *Commons Survey:* **Agenda item:** November meeting. It was noted that the Blackheath Survey was not a parish council issue, as it had been undertaken with the Village Society.
- c) *Path Diversions:* the Clerk was asked to investigate a diversion at Madgehole. Mention was also made of a notice in Shamley Wood.

09/162 Dates of Future meetings:

Planning: 15th October, 29th October, 12th November, 26th November

Full Council: 12th November, no meeting in December, 14th January

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.42pm.