



MEETING OF WEST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022

Present

Chairman, Cllr E Best; Cllrs M Beynon, V Buosi, F King, T Rogers; Borough & Parish Cllr C Young; County Cllr C. Cross; J McClung, Clerk; J McKenzie, Deputy Clerk. Also present: five residents.

22.019 Chairman's Opening Comments

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding them that Parish Council meetings are meetings in public, not public meetings. It was reported that Angus Graham had resigned as Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The Chairman offered congratulations to HM The Queen for her reign of 70 years which we will be celebrating later this year. In paying tribute to the late Bamber Gascoigne, the Chairman recalled his graciousness, wisdom, foresight, and generosity to the village in enabling the restoration of West Horsley Place. Condolences have been passed on to the family on behalf of the parish. The awaited meeting with GBC Leader and senior officers took place on 9th February and was attended by councillors from both East & West Horsley. A write up of the session will be published on the Council's website. Guildford BC has agreed to conduct a Community Governance Review to increase the maximum number of West Horsley Parish Councillors to 11. A six-week consultation period ending 11th April will now take place, for consideration by GBC on 26th July. The Chairman had met with Phil Herrington, the Rector of St Mary's Church, to discuss several village matters.

22.020 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Murray.

22.021 Co-option of a new Parish Councillor

Members voted in favour of the co-option of Mr Guy Padfield-Wilkins as a member of the council. The motion was proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Young. Following a 30-year career with the British Army (Royal Signals), Mr Padfield-Wilkins has spent the last nine years running Woking Community Transport, providing services to the elderly, people with reduced mobility, children travelling on home-to-school transport, and the NHS. Cllr Padfield-Wilkins will Lead the Road Safety & Maintenance Task Group and will join the Planning & Environment Committee.

22.022 Declarations of Interest; Amendments to Register of Interests; and Declarations of Gifts and/or Hospitality over £25

- Cllr Buosi and Cllr Rogers declared an interest in Lower Hammonds Farm 22.027(a)
- Cllr Beynon declared an interest in Old Pastures 22.027(a)

22.023 Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 18th January 2021 were approved by the full council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Public Forum (*meeting adjourned to allow visitors to make comments*)

Borough Cllr Young:

- There has been a reduced garden waste collection service due to staff shortages and sickness.
- GBC Local Plan Part 2 (DMP) Consultation: the closing date for comments is midday on 18th February.
- Local Plan Part 1 Review: Work is underway. An independent consultant is expected to report back ahead of the April GBC Council meeting when a full briefing will be given.
- Villages Against Wisley New Town held a family walk around the airfield on 13th February. The event was well attended, including by Sir Paul Beresford, and local media coverage is anticipated.

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- Wisley Airfield: Taylor Wimpey is appealing the stub road decision. A new planning application is expected towards the end of March. All local Parish Councils are writing in, in support of Ockham PC.
- Final decision for A3/M25 Jct. 10 application is expected in May.

Cllr Cross

- The speed limit reduction along the A246 from 50 to 40mph should be complete by the end of March.

Members of the Public

- There are two large dips in the road in front of the Village Hall at the point of the previous sinkhole. Councillors will raise this with Cllr Cross and will report it again to SCC/Fix My Street.
- The narrow, sloping pavement along The Street continue to be an issue. SCC will be removing all the extra earth and ensuring that households cut hedges back sufficiently to clear the wider footpath.
- Churning of the verges by construction vehicles in Cranmore Lane is ongoing and footpath 21 (from Cranmore Lane to the A246) is in very poor condition too. This has been reported to SCC.

22.024 **Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report.

22.0025 **Significant Correspondence Received Since the Last Council Meeting**

County Cllr Colin Cross has approved Members' Community Allocation funding of £1250 towards the installation of a new defibrillator at the parade of shops near Bell & Colvill. The Chairman expressed appreciation for this generous allocation on behalf of the Council.

22.0026 **Financial Matters**

- a) Standing items: A list of payments authorised at the previous meeting was noted; and a list of proposed payments was approved by full council at this meeting.
- b) Members confirmed the bank reconciliation to 31st January 2022.
- c) Members received the report of expenditure against budget to 31st January 2022.

22.027 **Planning Matters**

- a) GBC Planning Applications received between Wednesday 12th January up to and including Tuesday 8th February 2022. The Planning Task Group reported that it had reviewed all applications and recommended the following responses, all of which were approved as presented:
 - 21/P/02659 13 Northcote Crescent *No objection**
 - 21/P/02613 Horsley & Send Cricket Club *No objection**
 - 21/P/02631 Champney Cottage, Cranmore Lane *No objection**
 - 21/P/02695 Old Pastures, Edwin Road *Objection**
 - 21/P/02672 89 the Street *No objection**
 - 21/P/02615 Little Acre, Silkmore Lane *No objection*
 - 21/P/02513 Lower Hammonds Farm, Ripley Lane *Objection**
 - 21/T/00009 Lee Cottage, Silkmore Lane *No comment*
 - 22/P/00048 Mulberry House, Northcote Road *No objection*
 - 22/P/00103 Tintalow, 140 The Street *No objection*
 - 22/P/00009 Hillside Manor, Shere Road *No objection*
 - 22/P/00117 Manaton, Mount Pleasant *Objection*
 - 22/W/00007 Round Tree Farm *No comment*
- b) Ratification of Planning Decisions*
Members all agreed that due to the closing dates for responses to six of the above applications falling ahead of this meeting, decisions had been ratified by full council via exchanges of emails.

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- c) GBC Planning Decisions, Enforcements and Appeals
Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements were noted. WHPC is responding to the Wisley stub-road appeal with its original objection. A forthcoming hearing on an appeal for Round Tree Farm will be attended by Cllrs Murray and Young.
- d) Update on Local Plan & Other Significant Developments/Project
A37: Manor Farm - a second meeting with Thakeham Homes has been arranged for 8th March.
- e) GBC Local Plan DMP Consultation
Members received and approved a draft response to the Development Management Policies Consultation and Duty to Cooperate Statement (Jan 22) and approved the submission of the response.
- f) GBC Parking Supplementary Planning Document
Members agreed that the Parish Council would not comment on this.
- g) Other Matters to Note
From 28th February the Planning Task Group will be a formal Committee.

22.028 **Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee**

Members received and approved a report on planned activities for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including the allocation of £2000 towards the 'Horsley Platinum Jubilee Picnic Party' which is being organised by both West and East Horsley Parish Councils.

22.029 **Installation of Village Flagpoles**

Members received and approved a report on the purchase and installation of four flagpoles around the village, and the provision of both Union Jack and customised Parish flags.

22.030 **Welcome Packs**

Members received and approved an update on the Welcome to West Horsley Welcome Packs, including the approval of £300 for printing costs.

22.015 **Task Group Updates**

Asset Management & Village Appearance: The refurbishment of the tennis court will commence on 21st February and will take approximately four weeks. The long-awaited bench installation at the corner of East Lane and Ockham Road North will begin on 22nd February and will take a week. The gardening contract will be up for renewal soon.

Climate Change: There is a large team of volunteers. It has been agreed that there will be six joint meetings per year with East Horsley hosting morning meetings and West Horsley hosting evening meetings. The WI's Blue Heart Verges project is progressing well, as is a 'cycle to school day' initiative which is being organised by a team of local mums. The Group is also researching podcasts on how to plant a meadow.

Communications: The remaining two new noticeboards will be installed in the next couple of weeks. One of the restored noticeboards will be placed at the tennis court. The Youth Council's noticeboard has been installed and decorated and is now in use. Framed copies of the parish newsletters are to be displayed at the village hall. Work on the April issue of the newsletter is underway.

Community Events & Wellbeing: The calendar of events for 2022 has been confirmed and dates are now available on the Parish Council website. It is a busy year and therefore one of two regular events have been merged with other larger events.

Personnel: Appraisals for both clerks will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Road Safety & Maintenance: The Task Group may need to look in to temporarily closing the A246 for the planned procession from West Horsley Place to Horsley Towers on 5th June (Jubilee Party).

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Youth Council: A timetable of monthly meetings has been agreed. A youth tennis tournament is being planned to celebrate the reopening of the refurbished tennis court. No date is fixed yet. The Youth Council is talking to West Horsley Place about holding a trial cinema event. Members of YC will be hosting the Parish Council's Community Drop-in Session on 6th April, 11.15-12.15 at the Village Hall.

22.016 **Other Village Matters**

Gigabit: Several residents have asked for guidance on the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. Further information has been posted on our website.

Treescapes: The Parish Council has secured a number of free whips and feathers from SCC as part of the Forestry Commission's Local Authority Treescapes initiative.

WI Linked Tea: The Women's Institute will once again be hosting a Linked Tea event, on Saturday 12th March at West Horsley Village Hall.

21.238 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 8:42pm.

Signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record:

Date:

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