

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 January 2025
Cedar Room, West Horsley Village Hall

Present

Cllrs M Beynon, V Buosi (chair of meeting), F King, C Mattock, L Moodie, G Murray, T Rogers, S Skinner; Borough Cllr C Young; J McClung, Clerk; K Young, Deputy Clerk; one members of West Horsley Youth Council; one resident.

25/001 **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding them that Parish Council meetings are meetings in public, not public meetings.

25/002 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs E Best, C Clinton, P Dodgson; Borough Cllrs R Brothwell, D Bennett; County Cllr D Booth

25/003 **Declarations of Interest; Amendments to Register of Interests; and Declarations of Gifts and/or Hospitality over £50**

- Cllr King – 25/010 Village Hall Boiler
- Cllr Moodie – 25/007d) Subscriptions

25/004 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting *Appendix 1***

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024 were approved by the Council and signed by the chair of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

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

County Cllr D Booth

- Cllr Booth sent a written report on the Government's English Devolution White Paper and Surrey County Council's response to the proposed local government reorganisation.

Members of the Public

- A lot of research already exists relating to the replacement of the Village Hall boiler and how to separate the Rubin Room heating from the Main Hall. The resident is happy to liaise with whoever drafts the specification for the work.

25/005 **Clerk's Report**

- The Council's request for a westhorsley-pc.gov.uk domain has been accepted. Proposals to move the website and emails to gov.uk will be prepared for consideration by Council.
- The Council's VE Day events have been registered with the official VE Day 80 organising body and a certificate of 'grateful recognition' received. This will be framed and hung in the Village Hall lobby in due course.
- The Government will be publishing a White Paper clarifying the roles of Parish and Town Councils in light of its English Devolution White Paper. The paper is expected by the end of March.
- Collection of confidential council papers for shredding is scheduled for 4 February. Councillors to get any papers to the Clerk by 2 February latest.
- The next IT Clinic for councillors/clerks is on Friday 21 Feb.
- There has been an escalation of the ongoing anti-social behaviour at the tennis hut. This has been reported to Surrey Police and our PCSOs are promising to patrol the area whenever they are on late shifts. The PCSOs have recommended installing a sensor light as a deterrent.
- Non-emergency crimes can be reported to Surrey Police via Facebook Messenger as well as the Live Chat function on its website or by calling 101.

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- Dates for West Horsley in Bloom and Potatoes in the Pot have been confirmed, and details are now available on the website.

25/006 **Significant Correspondence Received Since the Last Council Meeting**

- A camera has been installed at the Bell & Colvill roundabout. The Council is investigating who has authorised this and why it is there.
- A resident has made a formal complaint to SCC about the parking on The Street between the King Billy and School Lane. Vehicles are being parked right up to the corner of School Lane making it particularly dangerous for residents to pull out.
- Surrey County Council has received an application to recognise and record a route which links two points of West Horsley bridleway no. 100 at Hillside Manor as a public bridleway. The Planning Committee will consider this at its next meeting.
- The Mayor of Guildford is calling for nominations for her 'Awards for Service to the Community'. The deadline is 17 February.
- Zero Carbon Guildford is on the move again in March to new premises in Walnut Tree Close.

25/007 **Financial Matters**

- a) A list of proposed payments was approved by Full Council at this meeting. A list of payments authorised during December was also noted. *Appendix 2*
- b) Members received and approved the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2024. *Appendix 3*
- c) Members received and approved a detailed report on expenditure against budget to 31 December 2024. *Appendix 4*
- d) Members received and approved the list of Parish Council subscriptions for 25/26. *Appendix 5*

25/008 **Youth Council** *Appendix 6*

Members received a report on Youth Council meetings and activities held since the previous Council meeting. The Good Neighbour Challenge has launched at the Raleigh School. The following events have been confirmed: Clothes Swap 27 April; Horsley Hustle Fun Run 1 June. A series of Student Study Space sessions will be held during May/June and there are plans for a Teens Movie Night during the summer and an Open Mic Night in the winter.

25/009 **Strategic Documents and Policies for Review**

Members received and approved the following policies:

- a) Transparency Code *Appendix 7*
- b) Scheme of Delegation *Appendix 8*

25/010 **Village Boiler Replacement**

- a) Members received an update on the condition of the Village Hall boiler, which is now very unreliable, resulting in a poor level of service for hirers.
- b) Members agreed to engage an expert to draft a specification for its replacement, cost not to exceed £400. Members agreed to obtain three comparable quotes for the work.
- c) Members agreed to finance the replacement boiler. GBC has approved the use of the remaining \$106 for Oakland Farm for this purpose. Opportunities for grants are being explored. Any balance will be paid from the ear marked reserve for Village Hall Refurbishment.

25/011 **SCC Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation** *Appendix 9*

Members received and approved the Council's response to the consultation, as proposed by the Road Safety and Maintenance Task Group.

25/012 **Planning Committee Update** *Appendix 10*

- a) Members received a report on Planning Committee meetings held since the previous Council meeting.

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b) Any other matters

- Ada Gardens: The Committee is still waiting for a meeting with SCC's flood team. There are concerns about the delayed installation of deer fencing and a lack of screening from the site for neighbouring residents.
- Manor Farm: Bens Wood is now under GBC management. There are a few teething issues including the waste bins not being emptied. A community use agreement must be in place before the padel courts can be used. This should be in place by spring '25. The sports hall is due to open in Autumn '25. Several unsold flats and 2-bed houses have been sold to housing association Abri.
- Wisley: a full design application is due by the end of February.
- 19 East Lane: Developers have gone to appeal due to the non-determination of the planning application by GBC. The Parish Council will reinforce its original objections.
- Sheepleas House: The planning application will be considered by GBC Planning Committee next week. Cllr Murray will speak in objection to the application if permitted.

25/013 **Other Committee Updates**

- a) Finance: Nothing further to report.
- b) Personnel: Nothing to report.

25/014 **Task Group Updates**

- a) Asset Management & Village Appearance: Contacting Surrey Wildlife Trust to discuss the possible return of the view across to London from the Millennium Point at Sheepleas.
- b) Biodiversity: The group is considering how the Council can best meet its biodiversity duty and how it can support The Horsleys' CAN with its climate change initiatives.
- c) Communications: The Welcome Pack has been updated.
- d) Community Events & Wellbeing: Meeting next week. Plans for VE Day 80 are well underway and will be reported to council in February.
- e) Road Safety & Maintenance: The pavement along The Street is still the priority. The Task Group is liaising with Cllr Booth on this. Met with Rickson's Lane residents to discuss how to alleviate the regular flooding along The Street.
- f) S106: The task group will meet to discuss S106 requests for Waterloo Farm.

25/015 **Community Projects Updates**

- a) Friends of Horsley Station: The Council has been invited to host a stall on 12 April at the station's celebration event.
- b) Horsley Heritage Group: A decision by GBC on plaques for listed buildings is due this week.
- c) The Horsleys' CAN: The minutes of the previous meeting were noted, nothing further to report.

25/016 **Other Village Matters to Note**

- The Horsley Medical Practice is to lose its physiotherapy service. The Patient Participation Group is considering other outreach services the practice could offer and will liaise with the ICB on this.
- COVID-19 Day of Reflection will take place on 9 March to remember the pandemic and its impact on communities across the UK.

25/017 **Date of the Next Full Council Meeting**

Tuesday 18 February at 7.30pm in the Cedar Room, West Horsley Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8: 25pm.

Signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record:

Date:

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