

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 March 2025
Cedar Room, West Horsley Village Hall

Present

Cllrs E Best (Chairman), V Buosi, C Clinton, P Dodgson, F King, C Mattock, L Moodie, T Rogers, S Skinner; County Cllr D Booth; Borough Cllr C Young; K Young, Deputy Clerk; 1 resident;

25/041 **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding them that Parish Council meetings are meetings in public, not public meetings. Thanks were extended to Cllr Dodgson and Jan Dodgson for organising the successful litter pick and to all volunteers who helped. On 9 March, the National Day of Reflection, the oak tree donated by St Martin's Church was received together with a plaque at West Horsley Place in recognition of the covid years on behalf of West Horsley residents. The popular "Potatoes in a Pot" competition is taking place again this year with thanks expressed to Celia Chapman and Janet Clayden for organising and to Cllr Beynon and Rhys Beynon for helping with 'planting up'. Tipping out is on 13 June. On 7 March, in recognition of International Women's Day, Chairman and Borough Cllr Young attended the Mayor's Afternoon Tea. A reminder to Councillors of the safeguarding session, focusing on vulnerable adults, on 8 April.

25/042 **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs M Beynon and G Murray; J McClung, Clerk; Borough Cllr D Bennett; Youth Council.

25/043 **Declarations of Interest; Amendments to Register of Interests; Declarations of Gifts and/or Hospitality over £50**
None

25/044 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting *Appendix 1***
The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

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

County Cllr D Booth

- Attended a meeting on 17 March with SCC Highways and Cllrs/Clerks from the Parishes which was a positive exchange of information. This will take place yearly.
- At the Full Council meeting on 18 March, no agreement was reached between SCC and the districts/boroughs on the devolution of SCC. The interim proposal must be submitted to the government by 21st March.

Borough Cllr Young

- Will also be attending a meeting on devolution but will not have the option to comment.
- GBC have a call out for potential development sites.
- Local Planning review – update has been given by Clare Upton Brown.

Members of the Public

No comments

25/045 **Clerk's Report**
Nothing that is not covered in the agenda.

25/046 **Significant Correspondence Received Since the Last Council Meeting**

- Several residents have contacted the Parish Council regarding a residential property with excessive external decorative lights contravening the Neighbourhood Plan policy WH15 Dark Skies. It was agreed a letter would be sent to the homeowners.

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25/047 **Financial Matters**

- a) A list of proposed payments was approved by Full Council at this meeting. A list of payments authorised during February was also noted. *Appendix 2*
- b) Members received and approved the bank reconciliation to 28 February 2025. *Appendix 3*
- c) Members received and approved a detailed report on expenditure against budget to 28 February 2025. *Appendix 4*
- d) Members received and approved a grant application for £225 to enable The Horsley Lunch Club for Men to purchase some additional equipment. *Confidential Appendix 5*

25/048 **Youth Council**

Members received a report on Youth Council meetings held since the previous Council meeting. On behalf of the Youth Council, Cllr Buosi requested that all Councillors respond to requests for volunteers for the events being run - Clothes Swop and Horsley Hustle.

25/049 **Student Study Hall Project**

Members received an update on arrangements for the Student Study Hall. The Horsley Community Fund has approved the application for £1000. The Main Hall at WHVH has been booked. It was agreed that a session on 8 May will not take place in view of the VE Day celebrations. Posters advertising the sessions will be created and circulated. DBS checks continue to be made.

25/050 **Millennium Viewpoint**

Members received an update on the work which has taken place to improve the view across London from the viewpoint. Surrey Countryside team have thinned out the trees which significantly improves the view. Both the plinth and plaque require attention and costings are being sought.

25/051 **Horsley Heritage Group Website** *Confidential Appendix 6*

Members received an update on a proposal to develop a Horsley Heritage website which will provide details of all the listed buildings and those of local historical interest, and much more. By a majority vote (8 for, 1 against) it was agreed that there will be a link from the Parish Council website to the Horsley Heritage website with approval to the website being established as described. The decision to change from blue plaques to roundels was noted. No additional funding required at this stage.

25/052 **Annual Parish Meeting** *Appendix 7*

Members received an update on arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (Tuesday 29th April). There will a focus on wellbeing and community groups this year, including an 'Information Hub' in the Cedar Room where attendees can speak directly with representatives of the groups.

25/053 **Planning Committee Update** *Appendix 8*

- a) Members received a report on Planning Committee meetings held since the previous Council meeting.
- b) Any other matters: Cllr Rogers attends liaison meetings run by Taylor Wimpey regarding Wisley. At the last meeting, drainage and housekeeping (how the estate is run) were discussed. It is anticipated that the first house will be ready at end of 2026 with site completion by 2036.
- c) GBC Call for land Teams meeting webinar will be attended by Cllrs King & Mattock.

25/054 **Personnel Committee Update** *Appendix 9*

- a) Members received a report on Personnel Committee meetings held since the previous Council meeting.
- b) Any other matters: A request that all Councillors review the Code of Conduct
- c) Staff annual reviews take place on 4 April

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25/055 **Other Committee Updates**

Finance: Nothing further to report.

25/056 **Task Group Updates**

- a) Asset Management & Village Appearance: Nothing to report
- b) Biodiversity: Cllr King is attending a seminar at Dorking Halls run by Surrey Nature Partnership. An audit needs to be undertaken of the current area where the agreed wildflower bed on the village green will be created.
- c) Communications: Reminder for any outstanding articles for the newsletter.
- d) Community Events & Wellbeing: Reminder for volunteers needed for all events. Wellbeing survey will be included in the newsletter.
- e) Road Safety & Maintenance: Surrey Highways continue to undertake work at junction of Greta Bank with East Lane to address the flooding issue at this location.
- f) S106: Nothing to report.

25/057 **Community Projects Updates**

- a) Friends of Horsley Station: Poster is now in circulation for the Celebration of 200 years of the Railway, 140 years of Horsley Station and 100 years of electric trains taking place on 12 April.
- b) Horsley Heritage Group: Covered under 25/051.
- c) The Horsleys' CAN: Nature Recovery – Spring into Action was a successful event with more than 70 people in attendance.

25/058 **Other Village Matters to Note**

Nothing to report.

25/059 **Date of the Next Full Council Meeting**

Tuesday 15 April at 7.30pm in the Cedar Room, West Horsley Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.

Signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record:

Date:

Chairman's Initials: _____