

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 at All Saints' Church  
Commenced at 8pm**

<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Mrs Jamieson (Vice Chair) Mr Bevan Miss Lofthouse Ms Moran Mrs Neish Mrs Shepherdly</p>	<p>In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) Mr Treasure - Flood and Climate Resilience Specialist SCC</p>
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**24/554 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Dr Aish, GBC Cllr Oven and SCC Cllr Booth. Mrs Jamieson Chaired the Meeting.

**24/555 Disclosure of interest**

No disclosures of interest.

**24/556 Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no Members of the Public. Agreed to continue to have the Questions from Members of the Public at the start of the Meeting. Noted similar arrangements in place in neighbouring Parishes.

**24/557 Approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meetings were approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

**24/558 Matters arising not on Agenda**

**23/527 Horsley's Climate Action Network Group** – Invited a volunteer from the Local Community, no volunteers. Agreed to put on hold.

**23/536 To consider whether the Council should make a further contribution in support of its role as a Rule 6 Party** – The Chair and Mr Bevan attended a Meeting with a VAT expert to seek advice. The Chair agreed to write to Mr Mulberry at Surrey ALC regarding the advice received. Agreed to defer to the next Meeting as apologies received from the Chair.

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**23/549 Footpath Maintenance** – Footpath issues reported to SCC. Advised of the gully flooding at the War Memorial. Resolved to check the riparian responsibility for the maintenance. Mrs Jamieson agreed to share the contact for ditch maintenance if required by OPC to maintain the gully.

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**23/550 Document Management** – Ms Moran agreed to set up a document management system with secure access for Cllrs to folders. The Parish Clerk agreed to ask neighbouring Parish Councils what systems they use.

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**24/559 SCC and GBC Updates**

To carry forward to next month as apologies received from GBC Cllr Oven and SCC Cllr Booth.

**PO/DB**

**24/560 Highways**

a.) **Welcome guest speaker – Mr Andrew Treasure, Flood and Climate Resilience Specialist SCC.** Mr Treasure was welcomed by the Cllrs to the Meeting and gave an overview of the work of the team; with Boroughs, Districts, Thames Water, Rail Track and Environment Agency on flood strategy, large-scale developments,

investigation of flooding and improvements. Predominate reason for flooding is due to lack of maintenance with funding restrictions and riparian ownership where landowners do not carry out their responsibilities to maintain ditches.

- Beneficial to set up a Flood Forum with Neighbouring Parishes and to invite the MP or SCC Councillor to Chair, similar format to Worplesdon Parish Council. Role for the Parish to collate data to provide evidence and knowledge of local flooding issues. To understand the roles and responsibilities of SCC, EA, Thames water and others to address issues. Role to educate, understand risk, how to report and what is reasonable.
- Need for Residents to report issues individually and each time it happens to the right Authority as the work is triaged based on the number of complaints. To provide photographs or dash cam footage where available.
- Beneficial for the flood forum to agree key priorities and to develop a flood or resilience plan, agreed to provide a template. To prioritise based on impact. Advice available from the team for flooding of property and gardens. SCC Highways are responsible for the roads. Thames Water responsible for foul water discharge and the Environment Agency where it causes pollution to rivers.

The Cllrs thanked Mr Treasure for the helpful advice and for keeping in touch with the Cllrs who are setting up the Flood Forum.

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**b.) SCC Highway issues** – Concerns were raised about the poor state of Old Lane and safety concerns to be reported to SCC.

**c.) National Highways M25/A3 J10 interchange works** – Noted update received on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### **24/561 Planning Matters**

##### **a.) Current Planning Applications**

Noted the update report circulated by Mrs Jamieson.

i.) Informed of a planning application to be submitted to GBC for Chestnut Farm.

ii.) Notified of concerns of burning of construction waste at Barnsthorns Woods, reported to GBC and SCC Enforcement.

iii.) Planning Application - Reference 23/P/ 00417 - Agreed to circulate information to Residents via OHRA on the OPC objections to Hallam Land.

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##### **b.) Application for Former Wisley Airfield - Reference 22/P/01175. Appeal:**

**APP/Y3615/W/23/3320175** – The Inquiry has finished. Accompanied walk of the Airfield due to take place. Decision expected in the Spring.

**c.) To receive an update from the Wisley Action Group (WAG)** - WAG continue to fund raise to pay for the professional experts required by WAG/OPC/RHS as a Rule 6 party.

#### **24/562 Financial matters**

**a.) Payments/received to bank account and balance** - Updated budget and cashbook circulated and approved by the Cllrs. The Community Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - £18,540. Approved payments: Castle Water - £14.60, Admin salary, expenses and HMRC payments for December 2023, All Saints' Church for meetings - £300. Received payment Burial plot 44 and plot 121 - £1,500.

**b.) Draft budget for 2024/25** – The Councillors approved the 2024-25 budget.

**c.) Parish Precept Requirements 2024-25** – The Councillors approved the 6% uplift for the precept requirements for 2024-25 for submission to GBC.

#### **24/563 Any items for noting or inclusion on future Agenda -**

a.) Agreed for volunteers to remove the white posts at the entrances to the Village as in poor state of repair with the Historic Ockham signs now in place.

b.) Broken electric cable at the Church query raised about insurance – Parish Council have been informed about a broken cable with to the installation of the OPC Noticeboard – Cllrs agreed to ask All Saints' for further clarification about the

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possible reason for the broken cable in light of the fact that the works on the noticeboard had been completed in 2021.

**24/564 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm  
*Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council*