

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024 at Ockham Cricket Club
Commenced at 8.00 pm**

<p>PRESENT: Dr Aish (Chair) Mrs Jamieson (Vice Chair) Mr Bevan Ms Moran Mrs Shepherdly</p>	<p>In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) GBC Cllr Oven SCC Cllr Booth Mrs Bevan - guest speaker Mr Edwards - guest speaker Mrs Porter OHRA 10 Local Residents</p>
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1. Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting

At the start of the Meeting Mrs Bevan unveiled the plaque for the Queens Canopy for the commemorative trees planted at the Cricket Club.

The Chair welcomed Local Residents, thanked Mrs Bevan and welcomed Mr Tony Edwards as the guest speaker on 'Confessions of a PR man'.

2. Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting on 16th May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Chair's Annual report of the Parish Council 2023-24.

Dr Aish presented the Annual report. Summary of the year included:

- Welcome to new OPC Councillors Chloe Shepherdly and Rebecca Neish, new GBC Councillor Pat Oven and new SCC Councillor Dennis Booth.
- The Inquiry into non-determination by GBC of the Planning Application for the Former Wisley Airfield, OPC was Rule 6 party with WAG and RHS. Before the Inquiry GBC planning refused the application. Parishioners were asked to submit objections and to support fundraising. Await the decision. Thanks were given to Helen Jefferies for her planning knowledge, liaising with the KC and other advisors and managing the fundraising. Thanks were given to Chris Campbell both for co-leading the VAWNT with Frances Porter, as a Rule 6 Party, and for their hard work and support. Thanks to the Horsleys, Send and Ripley for supporting the Appeal and taking on Rule 6 status.
- Two associated applications for the south side of FWA for the Harris Land and the Hallam Land to which OPC objected, stating they could not be considered before the FWA decision.
- OPC had concerns with potholes, flooding, and crumbling road surfaces, and asked parishioners to report events to SCC. New Councillors Rebecca Neish and Chloe Shepherdly set up the Local Flood Forum. OPC issued advice to parishioners with road frontage regarding their responsibility for ditches.
- Speed watch was restarted by Rebecca Neish. OPC need more volunteers. The three Vehicle Activated Signs show high numbers of speeding vehicles. Thanks were given to OHRA for its support by participating in HGV watch.
- Shared the dismay about the loss of trees due to the M25J10/A3 works and the general disruption to traffic flows.
- Opening of the new Elm Lane - SCC lead for National Highways very helpfully communicative.
- Looking to set up local cross parish Climate Action Group.
- The Chair thanked the Parish Councillors, GBC Councillor and SCC Councillor:

Jan Lofthouse for her help on the OPC graveyard and the new sign.
Sonjia Moran on the War Memorial Garden Concurrent Functions Grant project, with the investment in biodiversity with new bird boxes and bat boxes.
Imogen Jamieson, Vice Chair was thanked for regularly providing the Council with recommendations and updates on planning. Recently met with the GBC enforcement team with Pat Oven.

Peter Bevan thanked for all his sage advice, leading on budgeting.

Alyson Blackwell, Parish Clerk was thanked for her knowledge and experience of Council matters and keeping the Council in touch with the Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC).

All in all, another busy year for your Parish Council.

4. Welcome to the guest speaker - Mr Tony Edwards on 'Confessions of a PR man'

Mr Edwards concluded the Meeting with entertaining anecdotes and stories from Fleet Street. This was greatly appreciated by attendees and drinks were served.

There being no further questions the meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council