

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2024 at All Saints' Church
Commenced at 8pm**

<p>PRESENT: Dr Aish (Chair) Mrs Jamieson (Vice Chair) Mr Bevan Mrs Neish Mrs Shepherdly</p>	<p>In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) GBC Cllr Oven SCC Cllr Booth 12 Local Residents</p>
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24/616 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Miss Lofthouse and Mrs Moran.

24/617 Disclosure of interest

No disclosures of interest.

24/618 Questions from Members of the Public

Local Residents expressed concerns about the Planning Application 24/P/00685 at School Farm. Residents had written to the farm to express their concerns about the volume and size of the vehicles using the Lane and were shocked to find out a planning application had been submitted to introduce a track. GBC has not notified Residents of the Planning Application. GBC Cllr Oven agreed to following up with Officers to notify them that Residents present at the Meeting had not been notified of the Planning Application. A Local Resident shared the letter from his solicitor, he plans to submit in response to the Planning Application. Also circulated to Parish Councillors. Mrs Jamieson had spoken to a few neighbours and residents in the road and is aware of the concerns, to be discussed under planning matters.

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24/619 Approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 14th May 2024.

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

24/620 Matters arising not on Agenda

23/536 To consider whether the Council should make a further contribution in support of its role as a Rule 6 Party – The Chair had sent a letter to Mr Mulberry at Surrey ALC about VAT and had shared the response. Resolved that the Councillors would need to discuss and agree the VAT advice received from the experts. There would also need to be a full discussion about any qualifying invoices. Agreed to defer to the next meeting.

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24/572 c.) Broken cable at the Church – Awaiting feedback from the Insurance Company. Noted that the Insurance Company has advised that they are not able to liaise with OPC and requested the PCC to contact them directly.

24/621 SCC and GBC Updates

a.) Update from GBC Cllr Oven:

- i.) No updates on planning enforcement cases.
- ii.) Noted that Cllr Oven and Cllr Young had met with 2 Planning Offices and Executive Head, Claire Upton-Brown to discuss the plans by Taylor Wimpey. Taylor Wimpey has a new Managing Director. Cllr Oven noted that advice is pending re possible grounds for any Judicial Review, shared concerns about the impact on the ecology and infrastructure. Local Plan is also under review, but the impact of any decisions is unknown.

b.) Update from SCC Cllr Booth:

Mrs Jamieson and Cllr Booth have a Meeting planned on 13th June 2024 to discuss the outstanding matters:

- i.) Poor state of repair on Old Lane and safety concerns – on-going DB
- ii) Cllr Booth agreed to seek clarification on when the DCO works will be completed. DB
- iii.) Lack of pavement by the War Memorial – Cllr Booth advised that a SCC representative to visit to cost the works for consideration, pending. Noted sign for drainage works due to take place between Guileshill and the War Memorial, asked if to address flooding issues. DB
- iv) Update on the 20s plenty from the contact who advised that Ockham Lane is not suitable. DB
- v.) New item – new housing yellow sign at Alms Heath/ Ockham Junction Lane issue reported by Local Resident causing poor sightlines. DB
- vi.) New item – crash on Mays Green – agreed to register safety concerns with SCC. Suggestion OPC to raise the incident with the Police. DB
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24/622 Planning Matters

a.) Current Planning Applications

Noted the update report circulated by Mrs Jamieson:

i.) Planning Application Reference: 24/P/00885 Chestnut Farm, Ockham Lane, GU23 6NP. Proposal to extend both sides of the building by 0.8m on application 24/P/00096, approved on 1/5/24. Cllrs agreed to object as the proposals would increase the volume to almost 30%. Concerned that the applicants had immediately applied for an amendment to the conditions and the impact as in the Greenbelt.

ii.) Planning Application Reference: 24/P/00685 School Farm, School Lane, GU23 6PA. Proposal: Formation of new access to Ockham Road North and a new farm access track to serve School Farm. Cllrs heard from Residents. Cllrs agreed to object. Mrs Jamieson shared the objection letter as the route proposed for the track cuts across agricultural land in the Green Belt, track within flood zone 3, access point on Ockham Road North fast moving at 40mph and safety of farm vehicles using the lane.

ii.) Antler Home – Liaising with West Horsley Parish Council who are liaising with the developers about flooding issues as on the boundary, update pending.

iii.) Long Reach Field Article 4 – West Horsley Parish Council seeking joint action as on the boundary. Cllrs approved joint action, update pending.

iv.) Enforcements – Mrs Jamieson has asked the SCC Enforcement Team for an update on the breaches at Brick Kiln. Liaising with SCC Officers on complaints concerning the dumping of construction waste at Rydings Farm.

b.) Application for Former Wisley Airfield - Reference 22/P/01175. Appeal: APP/Y3615/W/23/3320175 – Received the Appeal Decision from the Inspector following the Inquiry; Appeal allowed, planning permission granted at the Former Wisley Airfield, subject to conditions. Decision on costs pending. OPC are awaiting advice from the KC on any grounds for a possible Judicial Review. Concerns have been expressed by the experts about the lack of detail in the Inspectors Report. OPC would need to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to agree any proposal and underwritten costings. OPC would also liaise with the RHS. MA/ALL

c.) Update from the Wisley Action Group - WAG continues to fund raise to pay for the shortfall for the fees for the professional experts required by WAG/OPC/RHS as a Rule 6 party. Awaiting advice from the KC. A Public Meeting was held by WAG and VAWNT regarding the possible Judicial Review. Around 150 Residents attended, others joined on-line. In the event of a JR, the case would need to be submitted by OPC within the timeframe with a funded plan to meet the costs. Attendees were asked if they would financially support the costs required, estimated to be £200,000 and there was unanimous support.

24/623 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 11th June 2024 - £21,713. Cllrs approved payments: Hiscox Annual Insurance Premium from 1st June 2024 - £606.81, Admin salary, expenses and HMRC payments for May 2024 and Garden Maintenance - £110. Cllrs approved the Notice of the Public Rights and Publication of the Annual Governance for 2023-24 from 17th June - 26th July 2024.

24/624 Highways

- a.) National Highways M25/A3 J10 interchange works** – National Highway updates are now circulated by Mrs Porter on upcoming closures via OHRA to inform Residents. Agreed that a Meeting will be arranged with Mr Wade, Senior Project Manager at National Highways, Dr Aish and Mrs Jamieson from OPC. Informed that Highways are doing some works in Elm Lane.
- b.) SCC Highway issues** – SCC updates on local works taking place are also circulated by Mrs Porter via OHRA. Mr and Mrs Jamieson were thanked for cleaning all the historic road signs and tightening them where needed.
- c.) Ockham Village Sign** – Reported that one of the signs needs repairing. Mrs Jamieson agreed to find out if the VHB tape from Stocksigns would suffice before placing an order.
- d.) Concurrent Functions Grant for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** – Mrs Neish agreed to follow up with Mr Hein the approval to erect the sign on Old Lane following the site visit and to try the contact provided a Neighbouring Parish Council. Mrs Shepherdly has spoken to Stocksigns who have agreed to honour the original quote. Looking at options to erect the sign before a final decision is made at a future meeting.

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24/625 Any items for noting or inclusion on a future Agenda – None

24/626 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 8pm at All Saints' Church

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