

MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 12th November 2024 at All Saints' Church
Commenced at 8pm

PRESENT: Dr Aish (Chair) Mrs Jamieson (Vice Chair) Mr Bevan Miss Lofthouse Ms Moran Mrs Shepherdly	In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) SCC Cllr Booth GBC Cllr Oven 2 Local Residents
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24/662 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Neish.

24/663 Disclosure of interest

No disclosures of interest.

24/664 Questions from Members of the Public

Local Resident asked for an update on: 1.) High Ryde, advised no updates with enforcement 2.) Brick Kiln, advised on-going Mr Campbell has been chasing. OPC has contact SCC Public Rights of Way re the footpath 3.) Night pollution near the Drift with enforcement, contacted Resident about complaint.

24/665 Approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th October 2024

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

24/666 Matters arising not on Agenda

24/649a.) National Highways M25/A3 Junction 10 interchange works - Request shared with a local Resident, who has volunteered to look at options in response to residents' concerns about speeding issues and HGVs using restricted roads. Work in progress.

24/660a.) Public Rights of Way Meeting with SCC and Neighbouring Parishes – Meeting attended by Mrs Jamieson, propose to meet 6 monthly.

24/660c.) Proposed new village facility - Noted planning application has been submitted to GBC. Thanks were given to Mr Bevan, Mrs Jamieson and the Trustees for the work involved.

24/667 SCC and GBC Updates

a.) Update from SCC Cllr Booth:

i.) **Meeting with SCC Countryside Access** - Update provided on the Meeting with Paul Manwaring, SCC Countryside Team attended by Mrs Jamieson and Cllr Booth. Considering a sign at Elm Corner regarding the illegal fishing at Lake Boldermere and to move the bollards to prevent illegal parking at Elm Corner. Suggestion made by SCC in the future after the DCO works has been completed maybe feasible to consider a club fishing on the Lake.

ii.) **Meeting with the Police** - Update provided on the Meeting with Emma Welland PCSO and traffic police re speeding, HGVs on restricted roads and anti-social behaviour, attended by Cllr Booth, Mrs Porter OHRA, Mrs Jamieson, Mrs Neish and Mrs Shepherdly. Traffic police reported regular controls taking place, offences speeding and use of mobile phones. Agreed to ask SCC for improved and better signage on weight and speed restrictions. To remind Residents to report antisocial behaviour when seen to the Police.

iii.) **Lack of pavement by the War Memorial** – Cllr Booth had met with Highways to discuss the issue of extending the pavement at the War Memorial. SCC agreed to do the works in the next financial year.

iv.) Issue regarding limited access and safety to use the pavement by the cricket club. Cricket Club have arranged to cut the hedge.

vii.) Agreed to submit a bid for Your Fund Surrey to replace the Memorial Garden fence posts. Mrs Moran agreed send the quotes, approved in principle and details to the Parish Clerk to apply for the funds. Thanks were given to Tom Grimshaw who had kindly repaired and replaced 2 posts with new ones near the War Memorial.

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viii.) Flooding update - Drains opposite the War Memorial were jetted on 29th October 2024. Waiting for landowner's permission to jet the culvert. Drainage at the church entrance due for site inspection next month and any defects will be followed up as priority. Cllr Booth agreed to follow up re drains at Bridge End.

DB

ix.) Consultation due to take place shortly on remote attendance for SCC and GBC Meetings, opportunity to comment.

b.) Update GBC Cllr Oven

i.) Meeting taken place with Mr Alexander RHS Wisley Gardens, attended by Cllr Oven and Mrs Jamieson to discuss local matters.

ii.) No enforcement cases closed in October.

The Chair and Councillors thanked Mr Oven for his support with the Hallam Land Planning Application.

24/668 Planning Matters

a.) Current Planning Applications

Noted update report circulated in advance by Mrs Jamieson. The Chair thanked Mrs Jamieson for all her work on planning applications:

i.) **Reference: 24/P/01513** Location: 1 The Bungalows, Mill Lane, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6QT Proposal: Application to increase the height of the bungalow, of application 23/P/00830, approved on 30/08/2023 for a variation of condition 2 of planning permission 22/P/01211 approved 27/02/2023 to make changes to the approved position of the bungalow and garage on site. OPC agreed to object and approved the draft letter.

ii.) OPC advised of a planning matter relating to development at Cold Norton Farm with neighbouring Elmbridge Borough Council.

iii.) Noted land for auction at Arms Heath and land for sale at Pound Farm. Councillors agreed to encourage residents to talk to neighbours ahead of any plans to sell land as they may well be interested in purchasing it to safeguard it from future development in line with the Neighbourhood Plan and the Green Belt to prevent urban sprawl and maintain green spaces.

iv.) Invite received to the exhibition at Stratford View at the Talbot Hotel on 21st and 23rd November 2024.

b.) Application for Former Wisley Airfield - Application for S.288 Review of the Inspector's decision in the Public Inquiry Reference: APP/Y3615/W/23/3320175 – Next step, oral Hearing in the High Court on 5th December 2024.

c.) Update from the Wisley Action Group – Fundraising continues towards the costs for the oral hearing.

d.) GBC Planning Committee complaint 9th October 2024 – Awaiting feedback from Guildford Borough Council.

24/669 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 12th November 2024 - £29,316. Cllrs approved November payments: Admin salary, expenses and HMRC payments for October 2024, All Saints' Church for Meeting -

£310, Garden Maintenance for October - £410, Stationery supplies - £21.20.
Goodenough Ring Legal fees s.288 - £6044.80, funded from the donation from
East Horsley Parish Council. Receipts - Payment for ashes burial plots 49(a) and
32(a) -£700 and HMRC refund for VAT - £2,266.

- b.) **Draft budget for 2025-26** – Draft budget was presented by Mr Bevan and feedback given by the Cllrs. Final budget to be approved next month.
- c.) **Vehicle Activated Signs** – Quote received for £490 (+ VAT) to erect the 2 VAS signs following the repairs, approved by the Cllrs.

24/670 Highways

- a.) **National Highways M25/A3 J10 interchange works** – Updates circulated via OHRA.
- b.) **SCC Highway** -Speed data from the VAS sign was presented by Mrs Shepherdly and Ms Moran. Agreed to report the data monthly and to send the statistics to the Police and SCC Highways. **CS/SM**
- c.) **Concurrent Functions Grant for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** – Concerns were expressed about the costs of installing a further sign and no approval from SCC for the sign on Old Lane. Consensus view not to proceed with a 4th sign and to defer due to other financial priorities. Miss Lofthouse, requested to record her disagreement with the decision not to progress the sign due to concerns about safety.

24/671 Correspondence

- a.) Public Consultation Remote meetings and Proxy Voting – General consensus value to meet in person, only in exceptional circumstances for remote attendance.

24/672 Any items for noting or inclusion on a future Agenda

- a.) SALC AGM and Conference 2024 19th November 2024 – Noted.

24/673 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 8pm at All Saints' Church

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.45pm
Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council