

MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 9th September 2025 at All Saints' Church
Commenced at 8pm

PRESENT: Mrs Jamieson (Chair) Mr Waldman (Vice Chair) Dr Aish Mr Bevan Ms Moran	In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) 1 Local Resident
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25/775 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Shepherdly, GBC Cllr Oven and SCC Cllr Booth.

The Councillors received a resignation from Mrs Neish and apologies for the meeting. The Cllrs thanked Mrs Neish for her contribution to the Parish Council and wished her all the best for the future. Agreed to notify Guildford Borough Council of the resignation and the vacancy.

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25/776 Disclosure of interest

No disclosures of interest.

25/777 Questions from Members of the Public

Local Resident asked if there have been any updates on Brick Kiln and High Ryde. Update on Brick Kiln on the Agenda under item 7. Advised that the Appeal for High Ryde is with the Inspector, update pending.

25/778 Approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th July 2025

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

25/779 Matters arising not on Agenda

- i.) 25/765 Presentation from the RHS** - RHS are returning to give an update at the Parish Council Meeting on 11th November 2025.
- ii.) 25/754 Update from Taylor Wimpey** – Community updates from Taylor Wimpey have been shared via OHRA.
- iv.) Accident in Old Lane with a DCO vehicle** – Response received from Mr Wade, Senior Project Manager and shared.

25/780 Planning Matters

Current Planning Applications - Noted update report circulated in advance by Mrs Jamieson:

- i.) Reference 25/P/01156: Gosdon Hill Farm Location: Gosdon Hill Farm, Merrow Lane, Guildford, GU4 7LE** Proposal: Outline planning application has been validated by GBC for the phased development of up to 1,800 dwellings. Agreed to liaise with Neighbouring Parishes on the impact for the Community. Led to discussions with Neighbouring Parishes on the Burnt Common Slips as keen interest from some Parishes to re-engage with SCC and National Highways on this matter.
- ii.) Brick Kiln update** – Extended periods of burning over the summer, fire brigade visited on several occasions. Meeting taken place with the Statutory Authorities with representatives and with the MP Zoe Franklin to talk about the issues and concerns about the tree felling. Thanks were given to GBC Cllr Oven and SCC Cllr Booth for their on-going support.

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iii.) **Former Wisley Airfield (FWA) update** – Work to the SANGs commenced on the FWA and the hardstanding is being broken up. Led to multiple complaints re noise, dust and vibration pollution. Matter referred to planning enforcement, visit pending from GBC.

iv.) **Reference: 25/P/01107 Location: Millwater Barn, Mill Lane, Ockham GU23 6QT**
 Proposal: Erection of new vehicular access and driveway, entrance gates, new section of front wall, fencing and replacement tree planting. The Cllrs agreed to object and raised concerns about the inconsistency with the site layout, no representation from highways, noted falls within the Ockham Mill conservation site and Green Belt. **Reference: 25/P/00225 and 24/P/01513 amended application Location: 1 The Bungalows, Mill Lane, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6QT.** Noted this application is linked and owned by the same Resident as Millwater barn.

25/781 Financial matters

- a.) **Payments/received to bank account and balance** - Updated budget and cashbook circulated and approved by the Cllrs. The Community Account as of 9th September 2025 - £30,568. Cllrs approved payments for August and September: Garden maintenance July - £130 & August 2025 - £130, Admin salary, expenses and HMRC payments for July and August 2025, PKF Littlejohn External audit fees - £378. Received payment for Burial Plot 14 in August - £550. The Cllrs approved the National Joint Council pay uplift of 3.2 per cent per annum for the Parish Clerk.
- b.) **Update on works in the Garden of Rest and quote for the plinths for the benches** - Mr Bevan updated on the work taking place to cut the overhanging trees at the rear of the Garden of Rest, clean and varnish the wooden benches. Agreed not to proceed with the quotes for the plinths due to cost. Agreed to install several paving slabs under the benches for protection. Noted there had been several requests about the style of gravestone for the Garden of Rest. Mr Bevan agreed to prepare some guidance for review at a future meeting. PB
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- c.) **Notice of conclusion of audit, External Audit Report and Certificate.**
 External Auditors report and certificate for 2024/25 received from PKF Littlejohn LLP no matters raised. Agreed to publish the Notice of Conclusion of audit and the external auditor's Report and Certificate on the noticeboard and website. PC
- d.) **Appointment of internal auditor for 2025-26.** Agreed to review at a future meeting. PB

25/782 Highways

- a.) **National Highways (NH) M25/A3 J10 interchange works** – Updates shared on forthcoming closures M25/J10 works via OHRA. Concerns were shared with National Highways about the closure of local roads without prior notice. Advised of tree felling at Bolder Mere, informed SCC that prior approval would be required for Parish Council land.
- b.) **SCC Highways** – Surrey Police were invited to the Meeting, advised they no longer attend Parish Meetings. Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Porter met Police Officer Jonny Smale at Ockham Bites to discuss the concerns raised by Residents about the motorbikes following the antisocial complaints and safety concerns about speeding. Notes of the Meeting received from the Police Officer had been circulated via OHRA. Advised that Residents should report incidents of dangerous driving to Surrey Police. OPC advised that the Footpath and bridleway 544 will be re-opened
- c.) **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) data and speed watch** - Agreed to carry forward the review of the speed data from the VAS signs to the October Meeting and to share the VAS report with the Police and with Cllr Booth for SCC Highways. SW/SM
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 Mr Waldman agreed to prepare a list of traffic calming measures to ask SCC for advice and Taylor Wimpey re future plans to make Ockham Lane a quiet lane. Disappointed that no volunteers were received from the community for speed watch.
 The Cllrs approved the quote from Poulson Plan Hire for £490 plus VAT to put back the VAS sign on Old Lane following the repairs and agreed to request they fix the damaged village sign on Ockham Road North. PC/CS

- d.) Eastern Villages Flood Forum** – New date for the Flood Forum on 24th October 2025 from 10-12.00 at Ripley Village Hall. Agreed to ask Mrs Shepherdly to check availability to attend and to ask Residents in the Parish News about items for the Flood Forum Agenda. Mr Bevan had reviewed the deeds of the land around the Memorial and noted ownership by the Parish Council. Agreed to follow up with Zoe Franklin MP a potential funding source to clear the ditch as the land is location by the War Memorial. Mrs Jamieson updated on the meeting with Mr Morley from Thames Water re flood matters. Ms Moran agreed to look at paving stones to protect the grass around the War Memorial from lorries cutting across the verge and report back at a future Meeting for discussion.
- 25/783 Any items for noting or inclusion on a future Agenda**
- a.) Eight Parishes Meeting on 16th October 2025 - Mrs Jameison agreed to attend and asked for Agenda items to raise.
 - b.) SALC Conference - 13th November 2025 at Silvermere Golf Club 10.30-3.30pm, requested Cllr volunteers for 2 places.

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25/784 Date of next meeting – Next Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at earlier time of 7pm with a Q&A session with Taylor Wimpey at 8pm, questions requested in advance, at All Saints' Church.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30pm
Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council