

MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 14th April 2026 at All Saints' Church
Commenced at 7.00pm

PRESENT:	In attendance:
Mrs Jamieson (Chair)	Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk)
Dr Aish	SCC Cllr Booth
Mr Bevan	GBC Cllr Oven
Ms Moran	SCC Cllr Young

25/859 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Harkness, Ms Hickson and Mr Waldman

25/860 Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest.

25/861 Questions from Members of the Public

No Members of the Public.

25/862 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 10th February 2026

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

25/863 Matters Arising not on Agenda

All items are covered on the Agenda.

25/864 Update from SCC Councillor Booth and GBC Councillor Oven

i.) Update from SCC Cllr Booth

a.) Old Lane – SCC Cllr Booth advised that he has written to the SCC Director of Highways, Lucy Monie regarding the agreement to re-surface Old Lane on completion of the Junction 10 works due to the state of the road. Response pending.

b.) Pavement by the War Memorial, Ockham Road North - Cllr Booth advised that the pavement works scheduled to commence in April 2026 have not yet started.

c.) Devolution update – Elections are scheduled for 7th May 2026.

ii.) Update from GBC Cllr Oven

a.) Update The Bungalow, Rydings Farm - Received a planning application reference: 26/P/00406 for an extension (part retrospective). The enforcement EN/26/00032 is now suspended pending the outcome. Cllrs reviewed the application under planning.

b.) Update May Cottage, Old Lane Enforcement EN/26/00097 - Alleged unauthorised works to the listed building re sandblasting the exterior. GBC enforcements had the wrong address as this property is not listed. Enforcement case now withdrawn.

c.) Update Land at Brick Kiln Farm – Enforcement EN/25/00363 removed approximately 235 trees protected by TPO over and above the felling licence from the Forestry Commission, decision given until 1 December 2026 to plant 200 trees.

d.) New enforcement issues reported at Brick Kiln with recent activity at the weekend.

e.) RHS site Nutberry Farm – Mr Alexander has expressed concern about the objections from SCC Highways and OPC regarding traffic on the roundabout at the acquired Nutberry Farm site. Cllrs expressed on-going concerns and concluded that the OPC objection still applies.

25/865 Planning Matters

a.) Current Planning Applications - The Chair's update report was discussed and noted:

i.) Reference: 26/P/00406 Location: The Bungalow, The Rydings, Long Reach,
Proposal: A single storey oak-framed extension to a detached bungalow, to include over-cladding of the bungalow to match the extension (part retrospective). Cllrs agreed to object due to the footprint.

ii.) Meeting with DEFRA to discuss Apstry Farm and Old Rectory Farm attended by Mrs Jamieson and Mr Harkness – helpful discussion on intention to retain farms for hay, agreed to keep open communications.

b.) Land at Alms Heath - planning application Reference: 25/P/01459

Decision on planning application 25/P/01459 was refused.

Concerns have been expressed. Residents are waiting for a response to the request for a follow up Meeting with GBC Planning to discuss on-going issues. **Action: Cllr Young agreed to follow up the request with the Director of Planning.**

c.) Former Wisley Airfield updates

i.) Concerns raised that Footpath FP13A had been closed again with no notice.

ii.) Issues raised by Residents with Planning about drainage, boundary and skylark habitat concerns, response pending.

iii.) Noted Harris Land surveying taking place.

25/866 Financial Matters

a.) Payments, receipts and bank balance for approval

The updated budget and cashbook were circulated and approved. Community Account balance as at 14th April 2026: £44,266. Receipts included: HMRC VAT refund £802 received in March; final year end £36,099.

Councillors authorised the payment schedule: SALC/ NALC subscriptions £154, Clerk's Admin salary, expenses and HMRC payment for March; gardener's invoice £75. Received payment Parish precept April £8,960.

b.) Internal audit arrangements – Arranged with Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd on 8th May 2026.

c.) Your Fund Surrey grants (YFS)

i.) Memorial Garden biodiversity project – Reported underspend of £662 as the contractor could not use the spiral guards as the plants had grown. Agreed with SCC to use the surplus on shrubs and plants at the War Memorial. Agreed to ask Mrs Bevan for ideas for planting for discussion at a future Meeting. **Action PB to request**

ii.) Notified by SCC that the YFS application for the Ockham speed signs remote access has been unsuccessful as deemed to be a Highways project. Advised to consider submitting for YCCF funding when it reopens in May 2026. Agreed by the Cllrs to submit in May 2026.

Action SW

25/867 OPC Burial Ground – Fees, charges and regulations

Mr Bevan outlined the reasons for drafting the Regulations to clarify responsibilities and for liaison with All Saints' Church, Church wardens, local Funeral Directors and for enquiries. The Regulations were based on the Diocese of Guildford. Agreed no proposed changes to the fees and resolved to review in 2 years.

Agreed to share the summary and fee list in response to enquiries and the detailed regulations with James and Thomas as the Local Funeral Directors.

The Cllrs approved the Regulations, summary and fees. Thanked Mr Bevan for all the work involved.

25/868 Highways

a.) National Highways - M25/A3 J10 interchange and Ockham Park roundabout – For update – Public information event 29th April 2026

Noted the works are winding down at Nutberry and reduced NH activity on the Airfield. Ripley mitigation still under discussion. Public information event taking place as part of the planning conditions to introduce traffic calming measures in Ripley.

Opportunity for local Parishes and residents to attend the public information event on 29th April 2026 at Ripley Village Hall 2.15-8pm to share views. **Actions:** Agreed to share details via OHRA and Cllrs invited to attend - **ALL**

b.) SCC Highways -

i.) Noted the meeting with Mr Cooper, Principal Transport Development Planning Officer at SCC on 16th April 2026 to discuss the proposed Wisley cycle route on Long Reach. **Action SW to attend**

ii.) Advised of OPC discussion with Thames Water about the responsibility for the damage to Ockham Lane following the broken pipe in the field adjacent.

25/869 Any Items for Noting or Inclusion on a Future Agenda

i.) Agenda item for May meeting - Flood Forum next meeting 25th September 2026 , seeking a volunteer Cllr.

ii.) Noted Ockham community tree planting event – 16th April 2026 in churchyard for National Nature Day of action.

25/870 Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Meeting — Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 6.30pm at All Saints' Church.

Annual Meeting for residents starts at 8pm with a guest speaker Matthew Cornwell, Reserves Officer from Surrey Wildlife Trust. Wine and soft drinks served.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 7.45pm.

Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council

Signed:

Chair, Ockham Parish Council