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Minutes of a meeting of Wonersh Parish Council held on

Thursday, 10th December 2009 at 7.30pm

At Wonersh Sports Pavilion

Present: Cllr N Morris (in the chair)
Cllr R Bawden
Cllr M Band
Cllr L Healy
Cllr A Powell-Evans

Borough Cllr M Goodridge

10 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

09/181 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr C Howard, Cllr M Harding and Cllr A Shareef.

09/182 **Local Code of Conduct – disclosures of interests**

09/187e: footpath re-surfacing: Cllr Powell Evans declared a personal interest in this agenda item..

09/193: councillors business: Cllr Morris declared a personal interest in a matter to be brought up under this agenda item.

09/183 **Open Meeting for Electors**

Ken Bevan: wished to discuss the rumble strips installed during this week. He recalled a survey, in which the village were asked about these and it appeared that the village had voted in favour, although at a meeting a year ago the proposal was unanimously rejected. Workmen were preparing to install five rumble strips in front of his house, and he would be obliged to live with the noise that these would create. Having done some research, he was aware that Highways policy was that rumble strips should not be installed within 30 metres of a house, and that many authorities would not install strips within 200 metres of a residence. These strips would be 10 metres from his front door. Highways policy also stated that strips should be placed at hazard points and, although there were some in the village, Mr Bevan did not believe that this location was one. He also understood that it had been recognised that these strips were ineffectual.

Robert Burton: a neighbour of Mr Bevan, advised that he and his neighbours were unhappy that they had not been consulted. He was aware that the minutes of the Local Committee in July showed that the proposals had been agreed by the parish council. John Hilder had now indicated that he did not believe that these strips were acceptable and that they did not conform to SCC guidelines. He had agreed to put this part of the scheme on hold until further discussions had taken place and had said that, if the local residents did not want them, SCC Highways would accept this. Mr Burton proposed that it was agreed that the drawings be amended and this

element removed. He sought reassurance that the Parish Council would now discuss this and resolve it.

Paul Enticknap: Was aware that the survey last year had shown that 98 residents were in favour of rumble strips and 45 against. He suggested that the 98 probably lived on the main road away from the strips and also questioned how these strips fitted into the village plan. He suggested that there were other ways of keeping speeds down to 30mph and asked if the police had been asked to utilise a mobile speed trap. Cllr Healy advised him that there had been one in the village for the whole morning the previous Friday. Cllr Powell-Evans pointed out that, although the police presence was very high profile, nevertheless 35 people had been caught speeding. Mr Enticknap suggested that if there was a regular police presence in the village, drivers would come to expect it and moderate their speed accordingly. Cllr Morris pointed out that there was a community speed watch team of volunteers, that these had proved to be very effective and that more volunteers were needed.

Neil Scott: lives about 30 metres from the proposed strips. He asked the Parish Council to ensure that these strips were deleted from the programme.

Mrs Enticknap: wondered how much these strips had cost, given that there appeared to be no money for improvements generally. The footpath had been badly in need of repair for some time and nothing had been done. Mr Burton said that he had discussed how priorities were allocated with Mr Hilder, who had said that if the Parish Council made a proposal, Highways would consider it. Cllr Morris said that he and Cllr Powell-Evans had spent a considerable amount of time on a proposal for Wonersh Hollow which was submitted to Highways about 18 months ago, since when nothing had been heard.

Mr Bevan: wished to congratulate the working party for the warning signs. It was clear that they were working with the interests of the village at heart, and he believed that the residents would trust the Parish Council to deal with this sensibly and arrive at the right outcome.

09/183a Highway Matters

Cllr Powell-Evans advised that the working party, which comprised of residents as well as parish councillors, had tried to work with the majority view, but perhaps in this situation it had not been appreciated exactly how the proposal would look. Mr Hilder would maintain that these were not rumble strips, but raised profile markings, which are significantly different. Where rumble strips are granite and high, these are plastic. She had driven over them today and had noted a noise inside the car, but did not know what effect was heard outside. However, she appreciated that the residents represented tonight lived very close.

Cllr Powell-Evans noted that nothing had been heard from the residents who lived near where the other strips were situated, so it would appear that they were not effected. She PROPOSED that no further raised profile strips were installed, but the ones already in place should remain.

This was SECONDED by Cllr Healy, with all in favour.

Members **resolved** that all road markings that already exist should be renewed: white lines, centre of road hatching and red road markings and that white hatching at the side of the road in accordance with the Highways plan to give the appearance of road narrowing should go ahead. This resolution was PROPOSED by Cllr Healy, SECONDED by Cllr Powell-Evans, with all in favour.

Action: Cllr Powell-Evans to inform John Hilder of Surrey Highways and Clerk to write to confirm

09/184 Minutes of the Meeting held 8th October 2009

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment:

09/175: *Annual Assembly working party*: Cllr Healy had agreed to join this working party.

Cllr Band requested that minutes revert to a word document on circulation rather than a pdf file.

09/185 **Matters Arising**

09/102: *Bridleway at Lords Hill*: Cllr Morris advised that he had recently been invited to join the Surrey Hills AONB De-cluttering working group. This item had been on the agenda of their recent meeting and Mr Assadi said that he had received a great many requests for signs banning HGVs, and that these were against the policy of the working group. Cllr Band said that HGVs on unsuitable roads would continue to be a problem until they were removed from SatNav directions, and believed that the working group should recognise this. This issue had been raised at a recent LORD meeting, and that group would like to see further action.

09/186 **Current Planning Applications:**

The Comments made to Waverley Planning department regarding the following 6 planning applications considered since the last meeting was APPROVED unanimously:

WA/2009/1481 Wonersh and Shamley Green CofE Infant School, Guildford Road, Shamley Green
Erection of a detached school building (dining hall, kitchen, WCs and storage facilities)

WA/2009/1482 Madgehole, Madgehole Lane, Shamley Green

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a single storey extension (revision of WA/2009/1028)

NMA/2009/0011 3 Southview Cottages, Sweetwater Lane, Shamley Green

Amendment to WA/2009/2002: Amendment to height and detail of fascia and style of windows.

WA/2009/1504 White Lodge, The Green, Shamley Green

Erection of extensions and alterations.

WA/2009/1521 The Water Mill, Norley Lane, Shamley Green

Erection of garage with basement and new water wheel following demolition of existing garage

WA/2009/1548 Avening Cottage, Lordshill Common, Shamley Green

Erection of a single storey rear extension

09/187 **Finance**

- a) Members RESOLVED that the current list of Receipt and Payment vouchers be approved. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Band, SECONDED by Cllr Bawden, with all in favour.
- b) Members received the budget statement to end November 2009. It was noted that the cost of audit was now shown separately, at the recommendation of the working party.
- c) Members received the draft budget for 2010/11.
 - £2,000 for Wonersh traffic calming should be moved out of projects and into reserves
 - Cllr Band considered that the deficit should be in the order of £1,600 to £1,800 in 2010 in order to achieve a balanced budget in election year. Proposals to reduce outgoings as follows: reduce projects by £3,000 (elections £500, office equipment £1000, transfer of £2,000 traffic calming to reserves). A precept of £35,007, representing an increase of 4.15% was PROPOSED by Cllr Powell-Evans, SECONDED by Cllr Healy, with all in favour.
- d) Approval of Clive Greenland's quotation of £500 to install a new standpipe at the far end of the allotments was PROPOSED by Cllr Healy, SECONDED by Cllr Band, with all in favour.
- e) The Clerk had sought 3 quotations to resurface the footpath at Shamley Green, but had not been able to obtain one from the third contractor. Surrey Drives and Courtyards had quoted the sum of £800 + vat, Simon James £1844 + vat, for the same specification. Cllr Healy PROPOSED that the quotation from Surrey Drives and Courtyards be accepted. This was SECONDED by Cllr Bawden, with all in favour.
- f) Letterbox had quoted the sum of £112 + vat per thousand to deliver newsletters to Wonersh and Blackheath, with deliveries over 1,000 costed at £12 + vat per hundred.

The company used a street map to ensure that they delivered to all properties, and would collect the newsletters from a point within the parish. Acceptance of this quotation and engagement of Letterbox to deliver parish newsletters was PROPOSED by Cllr Bawden, SECONDED by Cllr Healy, with all in favour.

09/188 Shamley Green Pond: authorisation of the work to the pond outlined in the quotation from Simon James and funded by the grant from Surrey Community Foundation, approval of the Parish Council contribution of £1,000 already budgeted for and release of £760 from reserves was PROPOSED by Cllr Band, SECONDED by Cllr Healy, with all in favour.

09/189 Village Gateways

Cllr Powell-Evans report was received. She requested that approval of a contribution to SCC towards the cost of installing the gateways be deferred for possible discussion at the January meeting.

09/190 Away Day 2010

The Clerk had circulated the comparative costs from three local conference centres of a morning conference and buffet lunch. Cllr Band queried the necessity for this expense and suggested hiring a local hall and having a sandwich lunch. Cllr Bawden believed it would be useful to meet out of the parish and suggested that members might consider paying for this out of their own pockets.

Agenda item: January meeting

09/191 Reports from Councillors

No reports had been received

09/192 Correspondence

- a) *Shamley Green Church:* the Vicar of Shamley Green, Sally Davies, has written to ask the Council's help and advice regarding the following: A recent visit of the Archdeacon at Christ Church raised the question of the lack of signage to the church, both on the Green and on the main road by the church. This is a significant lack because the church is out of the centre of the village and is not visible until it is reached. The PCC wondered if it would be possible to introduce some appropriate signage to remedy this.
Action: The Clerk to advise Rev'd Davies that installation of signs is not within the remit of the parish council, but that she would pass her query to SCC Highways. A request should also be made to the Church asking them to consider re-locating their own sign so that it is more visible from the main road.
- b) *Surrey Heathland Project:* have written to thank the Parish Council for its contribution towards the core funding of the Project for the current financial year, and for its ongoing support.
- c) *Surrey Air Ambulance Fund:* have written to request a contribution. They point out that, with large rural areas and roads often inaccessible by land ambulance, the Air Ambulance can be deployed from its base in Dunsfold and arrive in Wonersh within minutes in the event of a serious accident. Surrey Air Ambulance was launched in 2007 and operates with a highly skilled medical team. With its sister helicopter in Kent, it is one of 15 independent charities offering a life saving service in the UK.
Action: Clerk to advise that it is not possible for the parish council to support this, as it is not of direct benefit to the parish. She would suggest that they attend village events and gain interest and support in that way.
- d) *War Memorial Fields:* Martin Maybrey has written to advise that, as District Representative of the Surrey County Playing Fields Association, he was asked if there were any War Memorial Fields in Surrey, and points out that Wonersh Recreation Ground (as it was known at that time) was created at a Second World War Memorial in preference to the usual obelisk. He sees the benefits of having it recognised as twofold: first it will further protect the Sports Field from any threats to its

existence that might arise in the future, secondly it might be a conduit to funding.

- e) *Affiliation to Surrey County Playing Fields Association:* Martin Maybrey notes that other parish councils are affiliated to SCPFA, and that Wonersh used to be, but is no longer. The SCPFA is not a significant source of funding in itself, but has a very wide range of contacts and is very good for advice.
Action: Clerk to suggest that it would be beneficial to the Sports Club to be affiliated to this Association.
- f) *REED: Friday 4th December:* PC Peter Harris has written to thank all participants of this exercise, which produced the following result: Instant education by the Community Travel Advisors 35 for speed over 35MPH - 10 for no seat belt - 2 for using Mobiles. VOSA 20 vehicles screened and 1 trailer - 2 immediate prohibition notices, 2 delayed prohibition notices. DVLA 9 hits to disc and 8 sightings. Customs and Excise 35 Diesel tanks dipped. Waverley and Guildford Borough Licensing: 5 drivers spoken with and another 5 let on their way due to being on home to school runs. Police 6 breath tests and 2 VDRS issues.

09/193 Councillors Business.

- a) *Parking on Common:* Cllr Bawden requested this as an agenda item for the January meeting.
- b) *Wonersh Traffic Calming:* Cllr Powell-Evans undertook to advise other members of the working party of the decision taken this evening.
- c) *Blackheath Village Well:* Cllr Morris anticipated that there would be a request from Blackheath Village Society that the Parish Council take on the ownership of the proposed well building. BVS were unable to obtain a reasonable insurance quotation, but the Clerk had established that the Parish Council could insure the well under their current insurance at a reasonable cost.
The advice from the Monitoring Officer at WBC was that, as Cllr Morris had made a personal donation to the project, he should declare a prejudicial interest and take no part in discussions. Although the Parish Council had also made a donation, it was not necessary for the members to declare an interest. They should, however, ensure that they did not pre-determine any decision regarding the well.

09/194 Dates of Future meetings:

Planning: Tuesday 22nd December, 7th January, 21st January, 4th February
Full Council: 14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 8th April

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm