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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WONERSH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 9 June 2011, at 7.30pm at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllr P Brodie, Cllr G Grant, Cllr L Healy, Cllr B Holtom, Cllr C Howard, Cllr A Powell-Evans (in the chair).

In attendance: Mrs Pauline Whitehead, *Clerk (locum tenens)*.

11/090 Apologies for absence.

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr M Band, Cllr K Bawden and Cllr R Bawden.

11/091 Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Disclosure of Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

11/092 Open meeting for electors to raise matters with the Council on local issues.

There were no electors' issues raised.

11/093 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2011.

The Council accepted these were a true record of the meeting. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes.

11/094 Matters arising.

The Council noted the matters arising update submitted by the Clerk. In addition, the following information was disclosed at the meeting.

11/032 – Wonersh Burial Ground -The Chairman reported that the meeting between the Vicar of Wonersh, the Clerk and herself did not go ahead on 3rd June, but that another meeting had been scheduled for the beginning of July.

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11/086 – Healthwatch – Cllr Grant volunteered to attend the Healthwatch meeting in Dorking on 14th June on behalf of the Council. The Chairman agreed to enquire if Cllr K Bawden also wished to attend.

Minutes 11/087(a) Wonersh Park Association's (WPA) request for the Council's support for new traffic calming measures within Wonersh Park.- Cllr R Bawden and Cllr A Powell-Evans were meeting with WPA on Monday 13th June to explore how the two groups could work in partnership for the benefit of the community.

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Minutes 11/087 (b) Expression of interest in developing land for low-cost housing – it was requested that this matter be put onto 'matters arising' at the next meeting so that Cllr Band and the Clerk could communicate Mrs Martin-Dyers' thoughts about this issue.

11/095 To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 May 2011.

The Council received the approved minutes that had been signed by Cllr R Bawden.

11/096 To appoint a representative of the Council to the *Longacre School Traffic Management Consultation Committee*.

The Council resolved to appoint Michael Harding as the representative of the Council to the Longacre School Traffic Management Consultation Committee.

11/097 To appoint a representative of the Council to the *Bramley Library Steering Committee*.

The Council resolved to appoint Cllr Kate Bawden as the representative of the Council to the Bramley Library Steering Committee.

11/098 To appoint an additional Member to the *Council Quality Status Working Party of the Council*.

The Council resolved to appoint Cllr Kate Bawden as the additional Member to the Council Quality Status Working Party of the Council.

11/099 Finance – to consider and approve the following:

(a) the lists of receipt & payment vouchers in May 2011

The Council *RESOLVED* unanimously that the lists of Payment and Receipt vouchers in May 2011 be approved (proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr Grant).

(b) the end-May 2011 financial statement

The Council *AGREED* to defer the end-May 2011 financial statement to the July meeting.

(c) the payment of £750 to Wonersh with Blackheath Parochial Church Council for the 2011/12 for annual maintenance of the closed Wonersh burial ground.

The Council *RESOLVED* unanimously that this be approved (proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr Grant)

(d) the payment of £169 (ex VAT) to Chambers Waste PLC for the hire of a skip at Wonersh allotments.

The Council *RESOLVED* unanimously that this be approved (proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr Brodie).

(d) the payment of £170 (ex VAT) to Craigdene Ltd for the 2011 annual inspection and risk assessment of the Council's playgrounds in Shamley Green and Wonersh.

The Council RESOLVED unanimously that this be approved (proposed by Cllr Holtom, seconded by Cllr Grant).

11/100 To consider and approve issues (if any) to raise at the Waverley Borough Council (WBC) joint meeting with Town and Parish Councils to be held on 4 July 2011.

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The Chairman referred to a recent letter from the Head of Community Services at WBC requesting that towns and parishes in the borough consider taking over responsibility for some areas of grounds maintenance in their locality. Members felt that they would like to gain a greater understanding of what WBC hoped to achieve from this, to enable the Council to respond more appropriately. The Chairman agreed to formulate a question that would be submitted and to circulate it to all Councillors.

11/101 To consider and approve the Council's response to the invitation by WBC to examine grounds maintenance works and contracts from October 2012 onwards.

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The Chairman referred to the notes of the Commons Working Party dated 6th June 2011 (submitted for agenda item 11/105(e)) and carefully considered the recommendations within the report.

Members AGREED to enter into an open discussion with WBC to explore the possibility of taking over open land within the parish. It was suggested that the Parish Council formally approach Cranleigh Parish Council to explore ways of managing woodland areas collectively throughout Cranleigh and its hinterland villages as part of the clustering activities.

It was RESOLVED to approach WBC to request that Wonersh Parish Council be involved in the proposed mapping of the parish to ensure consistency of the mutual records.

11/102 To consider the outcomes of the community litter picks held in Shamley Green on 21 May 2011 and in Wonersh on 28 May 2011, and to approve dates for community litter-picks in the autumn of 2011.

Members reviewed the recent community litter picks and reported that community involvement could be improved as the event was very councillor-heavy.

In Shamley Green, Cllr Holtom collected almost four black sacks of rubbish single handedly on the day, but acknowledged and noted his appreciation for the Shamley Green Village Association who are active in the village on a regular basis and regularly collect litter within their activities.

The majority of the nine attendees in Wonersh were members or their significant others. The group collected seven black sacks and a car seat. Most of the litter was in Wonersh Common Road, Cranleigh Road and the Street. Members observed their disappointment that few community members involved themselves in the litter pick, especially as residents highlighted the environment as their area of concern during work undertaken for the Parish Plan. It was noted that a significant amount of rubbish was found at the side of the main roads, probably generated by people throwing rubbish from the windows of their vehicles. It was noted that there was an increased amount of fly tipping of garden waste, especially in the large laurel hedge on the B2128 just beyond Wonersh Park. The laurel hedge itself is very overgrown and needs some remedial work. It was AGREED that this be an agenda item at the

Action: next meeting.
Clerk Members felt that further publicity should be given to the problem of rubbish and fly-tipping in the area and suggested including an article in the next
Action: newsletter.
Clerk It was proposed that the next date for the Wonersh litter pick would be 8th October 2011 with the Shamley Green litter pick being held on October 15th.

11/103 To consider and approve the Shamley Green Commons Enhancement and Management Plan.

The Council RESOLVED unanimously that this be approved and adopted (proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Brodie). It was AGREED to write to Athar Shareef and thank him for his thorough and carefully considered input into the Plan.
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11/104 To consider and approve (if any) local nominations for Waverley Design Awards 2011.

There were no nominations for the Waverley Design Awards 2011.

11/105 Reports by Members and the Clerk:

(a) Meeting of Blackheath Village Society Committee on 17 May 2011

Cllr Brodie gave a verbal report at the meeting. The public house in Blackheath has now closed. There are some complications with the ownership of the site as a whole which will be reported on fully at the BVSC Annual General Meeting on 5th July when it is hoped that the whole community will get involved in deciding if they wish to retain a pub in Blackheath and the possibilities of how this can be achieved.

The BVSC has agreed to contribute £250 plus VAT towards the community notice board in Blackheath.

(b) Surrey Rural Conference held on 18 May 2011

Cllr Howard gave a verbal report at the meeting. The Surrey Rural Conference had been attended by Cllr Brodie, Cllr Grant, Cllr Holtom and Cllr Howard. The Local Enterprise Partnership Action Plan was reviewed and it was reported that significant cuts in funding and the retirement of key personnel will impact on support given to rural Surrey. Work has been undertaken to try to find new solutions to maintain the economic vitality of the region.

(c) Meeting of Shamley Green and Wonersh Traffic Calming Working Parties with Mr Bahram Assadi, Surrey County Council Highways on 26 May 2011.

The Council received a written report, from the Chairman who had met with Mr Assadi to discuss the future implementation of traffic calming measures in the villages of Shamley Green and Wonersh.

Cllr Powell-Evans reported that she had heard back from Mr Assadi regarding funding for permanent Speedwatch signs (Wonersh TCWP, item 4). Permanent signs would negate the need for putting out and storing the A –board signs that are currently used. It would appear that Surrey County Council cannot offer funding, however, the Chairman was going to approach PC Peter Harris, one of the Waverley Community Safety Officers who may be able to help.

Plans for the building out of the pavement at the Grantley Arms (Wonersh TCWP, item 6) were now available and a request to put metal bollards outside their front entrance to prevent further damage from traffic accidents on that

corner had been declined.

(d) Meeting of the Longacre School Traffic Management Consultation Committee held on 26 May 2011

Members received a written report from Cllr Band and the minutes of the Longacre School Traffic Committee Minutes dated 26th May 2011.

(e) Meeting of the Council's Commons Enhancement and Management Working Party held on 6 June 2011

The Council received a copy of the Commons Working Party notes from 6th June and considered the working party's plans for 2011/12. Money is available for tree planting but before this is undertaken Cllr Powell-Evans was going to consult with some local residents who had shown concern regarding the grouping of the trees. It was AGREED that the Clerk should progress to completion any unfinished projects. Mr Shareef had agreed to work on Shamley Green pond. Whilst the two items requiring immediate action would be put forward to July's agenda, members were asked to notify Cllr Bawden if they had any further appropriate initiatives.

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(f) Meeting of the Barnett Hill Traffic Management Consultation Committee held on 7 June 2011

Members received a copy of the Barnett Hill Traffic Management Consultation Committee notes from 7th June 2011.

11/106 Correspondence.

Members received the result of a survey undertaken by the Surrey Superfast Broadband Project Team at Surrey County Council working as part of the Surrey Strategic Partnership. The report helped gain a picture of current problems with broadband in Surrey and gave some indication of potential demand.

A letter had been received from a young resident of Wonersh requesting that the Parish Council considers the installation of a skatepark in Wonersh next to the current play park. The resident expressed concern that the play park did not cater adequately for those over nine years of age. It was AGREED that the Chairman would arrange to meet with the residents and their parents to discuss this further.

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11/107 Members' business for noting or including on a future agenda.

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Clerk

It was AGREED that the following items would be placed on forthcoming agendas for consideration:-
Agreement of the end-May 2011 financial statement (deferred from this meeting)
Possible ways in which to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
Mare's tail at Gerald's Wood.
How to overcome problems, especially fly-tipping, associated with the overgrown laurel hedge on the B2128 just beyond Wonersh Park.

11/108 Cllr Holtom and Cllr Healy tendered their apologies for the July meeting. Dates of future meetings:

Council: 14 July 2011.

Planning Committee: 16 & 30 June, 14 July 2011.
Risk & Audit Committee: 7 July 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.