

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019  
ALL SAINT'S CHURCH  
Commenced at 7.55pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Dr Aish (Chair) Mrs Jamieson Mrs Walton Mr Walton	<b>In attendance:</b> Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) 4 Members of the Public SCC Cllr Iles (part meeting)
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**19/131 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Dr Travers, Mr Waldman, Miss Lofthouse, GBC Cllr Cross.

**19/132 Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosures of interest.

**19/133 Questions from Members of the Public**

Members of the Public attended and informed of letter sent on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from Ockham & Hatchford Residents Association to the Trustees of Ockham Parish Rooms, to inform of an undisclosed benefactor who has offered to gift the money to save the Parish Rooms. Mr Walton read out the letter. The Parish Council noted the response from OHRA to work with the Save Ockham Parish Rooms Group on developing the business plan for the Trustees. Dr Aish offered to give some advise on writing a business plan.

Cllr Iles provided an update. Goods Vehicle Licence in Long Reach rolling over conditions. Informed of the Consultation of 52 Libraries across the County, looking at new ways of working with outreach in some areas and potential to share buildings. Includes the Library in East Horsley as to the best fit and shape for future. Option to share the space or move to a community hall. Focus on more digital provision. Improvements to Guildford Library as the main centre.

**19/134 Approve Minutes of the Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The Minutes of the Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

**19/135 Matters Arising not on agenda:**

**19/113** Defibrillator - Noted defibrillator accessible locally in West Horsley as well as the Ockham Cricket Club.

**19/115d.)** Tilford Bench – Ceremony taken place to unveil the bench and to thank Mr Bevan for his valuable contribution as a Parish Councillor.

**19/117a.)** Remembrance Service - Closed item, new time agreed at 10am.

**19/126** Ockham Village Green - Currently gathering information to inform the project plan. Copy of the presentation by Mr and Mrs Inge shared with the Cllrs. Air quality of trees to be considered, article shared on the benefit of Scots pine on air quality.

**19/127** Invoice for OPC payment towards the Judicial Review – Update pending from the Solicitors.

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**19/136 Planning Matters**

**a.) Application for the Section 113 Appeal under the Aarhus convention** - Press release from GBC shared with Cllrs to inform High Court Judge dismissed the challenges to the Local Plan. Feedback and judgement shared from the QC. Option to appeal the decision by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. QC opinion 35-40% success. Resolution proposed: For Ockham Parish Council to support the decision of Wisley

Action Group and for an indication of costs, if they agree to Appeal the decision. Pending the decision, agreement for them to instruct the solicitors to proceed on this basis. Following the debate on the resolution there was a vote with unanimous support of 4 in favour of the resolution. In favour: Dr Aish, Mrs Jamieson, Mr Walton and Mrs Walton.

**b.) Current Planning Applications** - Planning Applications as at 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019, noted report received on updates:

**1. Reference: 19/P/01909 Location: Manor Farm Bungalow, East Lane, West Horsley, Leatherhead, KT24 6HQ** Proposal: Erection of 139 (138 net) residential homes alongside provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and ancillary teaching and sporting accommodation, with associated accesses, car parking, refuse/re cycling storage, landscaping, earthworks and infrastructure following demolition of existing bungalow and agricultural buildings. To be discussed by West Horsley PC 10.12.19. OPC concerns re road and density. Mrs Jamieson agreed to draft a response for comment.

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**2. Reference: 19/P/01884 Location: South End House, Long Reach, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6PF** Proposal: To extend the existing stables building by adding two new stables and a tack room. OPC objected 04.12.19 as the property is in the green belt. The proposed development is 21% uplift on existing buildings and the location is within the 400 m to 5k radius of the TBHSPA.

**3. Reference: 19/P/01912 Location: Rydings Farm, Long Reach, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6PF** Proposal: Erection of a covered riding arena. OPC objected on 22.11.19, as the application appears to disregard the pre-application advice from GBC as well as the Planning Officers report of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The larger facility will harm the openness of the green belt and may increase traffic and congestion in Long Reach and other local roads.

**4. Reference 19/P/01913 Location: Drift Barn, The Drift, East Horsley, KT24 6NU** Proposal: Change of use of the existing vacant building to provide a 4-bedroom dwelling and creation of cycle store. OPC objected on 14.11.19 on the basis of inappropriate development within the green belt, whilst the change of use will not affect the footprint or height of the existing building, it does not fulfil affordable housing need within the borough. Proposed development falls within the 400 m to 5 kilometres radius of the Thames Heath SPA and will increase traffic levels on a particularly narrow rural road which has a stretch of single lane carriageway and already struggles with the existing level of traffic at peak times.

**5. Reference: 19/T/00242 Location: Ockham Cottage, School Lane, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6PA** Proposal: T1 - norway maple - reduce height by 2.5m, and laterals by 1 - 1.5m, lift crown over drive to 4m, leaving a height of 10 metres and spread of 4 metres. T2 - purple maple - reduce overall size of crown by 1.5m, lift crown over drive to 4m, leaving a height of 8 metres and spread of 2.5 metres. T3 - willow - fell. T4 - oak - thin crown by approximately 20%, T5 - oak - thin crown by approximately 20%. Within Ockham Conservation area. GBC approved 16/11/19

**6. Reference: 19/W/00086/HR Location: Slade Farm, Ockham Road North, Ockham, GU23 6PB.** Proposal: Approval under regulation 75 of the Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 for proposed change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3).

**7. Reference: 19/T/00322 Location: Albion Cottage East, Ockham Lane, Ockham, Woking, GU23 6NP** Proposal: Work to trees in a Conservation area - T1 - Aspen - dismantle to ground level. T2 - Oak - reduce top upper crown by 3m. T3 - Purple Leaf Plum Thin crown by 20%. New planning application received for consideration.

**c.) Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** – Consultation closes 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Cllrs agreed to submit letters of support.

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### **19/137 Highways Update**

a.) M25 Junction 10 Project – Deadline for response to the Planning Inspectorate by 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Cllrs to submit comments to Mrs Jamieson for submission.

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### **19/138 Financial Matters**

- a.) Cheques paid out/money received to bank account balance – Business Current Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - £16,764. Business Savings Account closed, balance of £3,434 transferred to current account. Cheque signed for: G.B Walker for Garden Maintenance November 2019 - £370, Stipend 1.9.19 to 30.11.19 - £1,605 and Refreshments at launch for bench £56.52.
- b.) Concurrent Functions Grant Aid 2020-21. Notification received from GBC of matched funding of £2,695 for 2 Vehicle Activated Speed Devices. Resolved for Mr Walton to place the order for the 2 devices for delivery and payment from April 2020. To be installed on Old Lane and Ockham Road North. . GW
- c.) Budget for 2020-21 – Resolved, budget approved.
- d.) Parish Precept requirements 2020-21 – deadline 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Resolved Cllrs approved precept requirements to submit to GBC for 2020-21 of £14,870. 2020-21 Council Tax for a band D property in the Parish will be £56.88. PC

### **19/139 Correspondence**

- a.) Strengthening Police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments - Government consultation, deadline 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Resolved to respond to NALC questions to express Cllrs strongly agree with the need to strengthen police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. PC
- b.) SCC Review of Parking in Countryside Estate car parks – Cllrs welcomed SCC decision to remove all charges relating to parking at all Countryside Estate car parks managed under a lease by Surrey Wildlife Trust, with effect from 1 April 2020.
- c.) Becoming a SCC Cllr Information events – Received and noted.
- d.) Wisley and Ockham Community Forum Minutes – Received and noted.
- e.) Cllr invite to a Village Network event – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7.30-9.30pm The Barn, Barley Mow. Hosted by West Horsley Parish Council. Cllrs agreed to inform the Parish Clerk if able to attend. Mrs Walton agreed to attend. ALL CW

### **19/140 Dates of meetings for 2020**

Approved dates for 2020 meetings at 8pm on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May Parish Meeting at 6.30pm and Annual Meeting at 8pm, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, No August meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **19/141 Any item for noting or inclusion on a future agenda**

No items raised.

**19/142 Date of next meeting** – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at All Saint's Church at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20pm  
*Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council*