

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2018
THE PARISH ROOMS
Commenced at 8.03pm**

<p>PRESENT: Mr Bevan (Vice-Chair) Dr Aish Mrs Inge Miss Lofthouse</p>	<p>In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) GBC Cllr Colin Cross 8 Local Residents</p>
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18/58 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Dr Travers, Mrs Porter and SCC Cllr Iles. Mr Bevan agreed to Chair the meeting.

18/59 Disclosure of interest.

There were no disclosures of interest.

18/60 Presentations by Cllr Matt Furniss, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cllr Billington, Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Furniss gave apologies for Cllr Spooner who was delayed on a flight and not able to attend the meeting.

a.) Cllr Billington, Deputy Mayor, gave an update on his former Rural portfolio and projects:

- Burpham Court Farm sell off buildings to fund set up as a wetland site.
- Repair of roof at Spectrum, pending building project for Spectrum 2, seek public opinion on needs.
- Hard core for parks to prevent encampments entering playing fields.
- Rural business forum to attract employment to rural areas.
- New playground, West Side garden at Millmead.
- Stoke Park repairs and Guildford in Bloom.

b.) Cllr Furniss, Deputy Leader for Infrastructure, Operational Services, Customer Services, IT and Armed Forces, update on portfolio:

- Infrastructure – A3 upgrade, widening of A3 from Stoke Junction to Junction 10 by 2024. Worked with Highways England on improvement to traffic flow at Dennis roundabout. Create additional station capacity at Guildford East in Merrow tied to Gosden Hill development and Guildford West next to the Hospital by 2024.
- Electoral Services – resourced in-house Legal team.
- Operational Services – Waste and recycling, reached 60% target in Guildford, 11th in Country, shift to look to reduce landfill, to consult on options.
- Customer serves – to improve public interaction with the Council with on-line services.
- Armed forces support to families. New War Memorial in the castle grounds for post 1945. Armed Forces day 30th June 2018.
- Initiative to meet the Executive - 28th August 2018 at 5.45pm, opportunity to meet/surgery to improve access ahead of Council meeting.

Updated on 2 areas in Cllr Spooner's portfolio – Corporate Plan approved by GBC, outline of projects to 2023 and delivery over next 5 years. Plan available on the GBC website. Guildford Local Plan with the Inspector, examination taking place encouraged to attend if of interest, times listed on GBC website.

Questions from Members of the Public and Parish Councillors:

Q1 - Outlined list of achievements, flagged concern of having alienated Local Residents. Regarding tomorrow's decision on 3 Farm Meadows, depending on outcome if the

appeal is refused and Wisley Investment Property Ltd are not given permission to build will GBC withdraw the site from the draft local plan. Concerned about context as wealthy developers can re-apply. Whereas local people are constantly having to try to raise funds. Want Elected Cllrs to represent Local Residents by withdrawing the site from the Local Plan.

Cllr Furniss responded, not in a position to pre-empt the decision. In the event it is refused under current planning, still believe there can be a sustainable site and scheme. Sited in Ash building a new road bridge alongside housing with government support.

Q2. As Rural Cllr, what are your views about housing needs.

Cllr Billington responded not done to alienate a section of the borough nor in his gift to walk away from difficult decisions. Wanted to get the Guildford Local Plan submitted before the national formula as felt this would increase the number of houses required. Tried to protect AONB and special protection areas. Want strategic sites to get the infrastructure funding.

Question 3– At what point does GBC concede that spending money on legal action is a waste of money, with a ‘vexatious applicant’ and consider the cost to the Borough to resist and locally to fight the application. Cllr Furniss responded it is not a futile exercise, as the Borough needs a Local Plan.

Question 4 – Given local communities want to have a cross section of people what types of accommodation will be provided for local communities. Cllr Furniss responded keen to determine the mix. Specify 1-3 bedroom, mix of 40% affordable with social rent and shared ownership. Supplementary question, what will stop buy to rent. Response want to put to housing associations.

Question 5 – As both members of the Conservative Party, literature promoted “green belt is safe with us”. Now saying this bit of the green belt is not safe. Saying if the Inspector votes no, will you still go ahead. ‘Your lies and deceit have made everyone sick’. Cllr Furniss did not reply, as the question was not clear. The Chair reminded the Local Residents to avoid personal attack with the questions.

Question 6 – In relation to previous comments about an increase in housing in Boxgrove, given as an example, view this does not ruin communities. Concern that the centre of Guildford is grotty; why not focus on building flats for example at the Village near the bus station and Slyfield Green. Cllr Furniss replied working with MG as Partners on a scheme predominately for housing coming forward later in 2018 for North Street. Plan to Pedestrian North Street and a new bus station. Slyfield Brownfield site, building new sewage treatment works on existing landfill over next 6-8 years and then commission and decontaminate the site for 1,500 homes. Bedford Wharf site, deliver 3,000 houses.

Question 7 – About the Local plan, how many homes will be there be over the life of the Local plan, don’t believe the Council has released the model yet. Concern raised that Surrey University with 18-24 year olds is skewing the figures and impacting on housing numbers. Cllr Furniss responded that the Inspector has ruled that the numbers be released and will be available on the Council website and decisions where given by the Inspector.

Question 8 submitted in advance by Local Resident – What is GBC’s strategy for environmental protection given the section of the A3 between Milford and Wisley is the filthiest part of the road. Will there be anti litter enforcement and long-term education policy. Cllr Furniss reported a number of clearances have taken place. Some responsibility rests elsewhere as private land around BP garages. Land around Ockham Bites has been reported to Highways England who is responsible.

Question 9 from OHRA representative, perceive get ignored as we are on the edge of the Borough. Submitted a business case to GBC for funding for £300 for an initiative to prevent litter, been declined. Cllr Furniss suggested liaising with Cllr Iles and Surrey Wildlife Trust about initiative. Cllr Cross reported about the large numbers of visitors to the community such as the Persian new year event resulting in a large clean up due to high levels of litter.

Question 10 – Concern perfect storm brewing with scenario of A3/M25 traffic works for 3 years and if the former Wisley Airfield development starts at the same time with lorries and changing the infrastructure over the next 2-3 years with the impact on traffic and chaos. Cllr Furniss responded Highways England is clear they would prioritise their work first ahead of development.

Question 11 – When Slyfield site is developed mentioned plan to reinvest new sewage treatment works. Cllr Furniss advised that the Council are responsible as they own the site and tip. GBC have agreed to fund the plant and reclaim when the houses are sold on the Land.

Question 12 – FWA applicant secretive, does GBC know them and their financial integrity. Cllr Furniss responded this is a matter for HMRC rather than Planning.

Questions 13 – Concern raised about the lack of enforcement when planning is breached. Cllr Furniss outlined new enforcement in the pipeline. Offered to send a list of decisions pending to him and Cllr Cross to follow up.

Question 14 – Parish Council spends a disproportionate amount of time reviewing planning applications and some applications refused as it does not fit with Ockham. Cllr Furniss advised that new policies are coming through, decisions currently compliant with 2003 guidance. Advised to write to Philip Brooker if there are areas to review. GBC are not building anything, up to the developers to submit plans.

Question 15 - Mentioned going out to consultation, yet had a consultation with 50,000 objections, what value do they offer. Cllrs Furniss advised that all comments were taken into account and responses given.

Question 16 – Local Resident raised that 10 years ago they worked on projects for potential use of underground car parks in Guildford to release land for housing. Cllr Furniss advised that North Street Friary plans would have housing working with MG partner, Bright Hill affordable Council housing. Costs not viable and deficit in parking and additional parking required for new homes. Bedford Road car park on a flood plain.

The Chair thanked the speakers and Local Residents for attending. The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council acknowledged that the Councillors and Local Residents do not necessarily agree with all the decisions and will continue to fight where they feel it is not the right decision. Conveyed the prolonged agony is having an impact on the Community and asked GBC Cllrs to pass on the message as we reply on GBC to express the views on behalf of the Community to Government, Highways England and for this to be seen to be done.

18/61 Approve Minutes of 15th May 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting on 15th May 2018 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.

18/62 Matters Arising not on agenda:

18/47 Potholes on the Highways – Closed item. Dr Aish advised that Residents and individuals are encouraged to report potholes directly on the SCC website.

Item 18/17 Request for additional new historic Ockham signs – Mr Walton has ordered the new signs and thanked Ockham Parish Council for funding 50%. Invoice to be sent to the Parish Council. New sign will be ready within one month and publicity has been arranged with Tony Edwards about historic Ockham.

18/21c.) Prudential ride London event – Closed item. Dr Aish reviewed the scope for potential funding from Prudential Ride London towards the historic Ockham signs. Reported not eligible as the request falls outside of the criteria as the grants are for sporting activity.

18/29 Review of flooding issues – Closed item. Cathy Walton volunteered to support David Scotland as a flood co-ordinator for Ockham. Peter Bevan agreed to share the contact details with them.

PB

18/43a.) Ockham Village Green. Agreed to inform Highways England following recent enquiry about ownership of the Green. Asked for ideas about clearing the Ockham Green and proposals to come back to a future meeting for consideration. PC
ALL

18/63 Planning matters:

a.) Planning Application as at 6.6.18

1. **GBC Draft Local Plan** - GBC submitted new Local Plan to Planning Inspectorate 13 December 2017. Examination in Public from on 5 June 2018.

2. **Reference: Appeal APP/Y3615/W/16/3159894** Location: Land at Wisley Airfield, Hatch Lane, Ockham, GU23 6NU. Appeal report to be submitted to Secretary of State on 5th March 2018. Secretary of State decision expected on 13th June 2018.

3. **Reference: 16/P/00449** Location: Land south of Pound Farm, Old Lane, Cobham, KT11 1NH
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to dog walking/activity area with fenced enclosure. Appeal dismissed 26/10/2016. Still awaiting enforcement action by GBC. Colin Cross asked to be sent the details. PB

4. **Reference: 18/P/00357** Location: Land adjacent to Rose Cottage, Elm Corner, Ockham, GU23 6PX
Proposal: Conversion and extension of an outbuilding to form a single dwelling. OPC comments: objected, new dwelling within 400m of SPA. GBC decision awaited as at 9.6.18. Natural England objected on SPA grounds. Query raised by Local Resident as concerned the Planning website has not been updated ahead of any decision. Mrs Inge agreed to forward the comments received to Mr Bevan to follow up. EI/PB

5. **Reference: Elmbridge Borough Council 2018/0892** Location: Land Northwest of Black Swan, Old Lane, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1NG. Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to use for dog day care and alteration to fenestration. OPC comments: not within Ockham Parish boundary but object on grounds of inappropriate development in Green Belt, dangerous access to and from Old Lane, potential noise nuisance, flooding, inadequate waste disposal. Elmbridge Borough Council decision awaited 9.6.18.

6. **Reference: 18/P/00613** Location: Studio, Blue Ryde Lodge, The Drift, East Horsley, KT24 6NU. Proposal: Insertion of 4 new dormers to front elevation roof, removal of masonry to allow for full height window/door units to front elevation. OPC no formal objection, query size on new dormer. GBC refused application 17.5.18.

7. **Location: Oakmead Farm, Ockham Lane, Ockham, KT11 1LY.** No planning application submitted but building work commenced believed to be preparation for erection of a new garage. OPC lodged an enforcement complaint. GBC approved application 31.5.18.

8. **Reference: 18/P/00472 Location: Millwater, Mill Lane, Ockham, GU23 6QT**
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. OPC : No objection. GBC approved application 31.5.18.

9. **Location: Brick Kiln Copse, Old Lane, Cobham, KT11 1NL.** Land being used/to be used for importation, deposit, storage, processing and composting of waste materials, excavated waste. Retrospective planning application submitted to SCC/GBC. OPC submitted an objection letter to SCC and GBC. GBC raised no objection, SCC decision pending by 2/07/18.

10. **Reference: 18/T/00100 Location: Romelli, Ockham Road North, Ockham, GU23 6NL**
Proposal: Removal of willow tree (T1). OPC: No objection. GBC decision awaited as at 9.6.18.

b.) **Guildford Local Plan Examination** – Discussed earlier on agenda, examination commenced 5th June 2018.

c.) **Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2033** – Meeting planned with OPC Cllrs, Annie Cross and Jim Morris on 15th June 2018 to comment on the draft plan to be considered following feedback from other parties. Mr Bevan and Dr Aish attending. PB/MA

18/64 Highways

Update on stiles and footpaths - Noted FP 24 at the back of Brick Kiln Copse site has been re-routed, as footpath is shut and made an alternative route. Paula Matthews has

been asked to approach the horse riders for comments about the design for the replacement horse stile compliant with the relevant British Standard (BS 5709). Dr Aish has passed on the feedback to Cllr Iles.

JI

18/65 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Undertaken the Audit of Parish records held at the Parish rooms. Further session to be arranged. Agreed to circulate draft GDPR policy for comment for adoption at the next meeting. Dr Aish agreed to be the Data Protection Officer and work in conjunction with the Parish Clerk. Agreed to ask the website developer and Mrs Porter if they are available to meet to set up the new accounts on 13th July 2018 between 6-8pm.

MA/PC

ALL

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18/66 Financial Matters

- a.) Cheques paid out/money received to bank account - Community Account as at 30th May 2018 of £12,729, Business Premium Account of £3,422. Cheques signed for Came & Company Public Liability Insurance £336.66, GB Walker garden maintenance £110.

18/67 Correspondence

- a.) Guildford Local Committee – 13th June 2018. Received and noted the agenda.
- b.) Letter from Highways England regarding ownership of Land – Agreed to respond to the queries with information where known.
- c.) Letter received from the new Mayor with request to attend events in the Borough. Agreed with David Scotland to invite the Mayor to Ockham Fete.
- d.) Consultation on Powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments, deadline by 15th June 2018. Circulated to Cllrs and invited to respond using the on-line link provided.
- e.) East Horsley Neighbourhood Plan – Noted approval.

PC

ALL

18/68 Any item for noting or inclusion on a future agenda

- a.) Agreed to discuss the clearing of Ockham Village Green at a future meeting.
- b.) Meeting with Elm Corner Residents - Discussion suggested and proposed dates for an informal meeting to discuss the response to the M25 consultation.

EI/CT

18/69 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 8pm at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.25pm.

Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council