

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017  
THE PARISH ROOMS  
Commenced at 8 PM**

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| PRESENT:<br>Dr Travers (Chair)<br>Mr Bevan<br>Dr Aish<br>Miss Lofthouse<br>Mrs Inge | In attendance:<br>Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk)<br>Julie Iles SCC Cllr<br>John Medhurst Chairman Chobham & District<br>Ploughing Association<br>John Oliver – Save Newlands Corner<br>Campaigner |
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**17/43 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from GBC Cllr Colin Cross.

**17/44 Approve Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**17/45 Disclosure of interest.**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**17/46 Update from John Medhurst Chobham & District Ploughing Association.**

Permission has been given by Colin Rayner to hold a ploughing event on Wisley Airfield on 1 October 2017 from 10.15-1.15pm, prize giving 2.30-3pm. Around 25 tractors to arrive at staggered times from 9am for the event. No trade stands, expecting 50-100 spectators. Parish Clerk to inform Mr Medhurst that the Parish Council has no objections to the event, to suggest they may want to have appropriate security in place. To publish the event on the parish website and inform OHRA.

PC

**17/47 Matters Arising not on agenda:**

**Item 17/21 Ockham Common Green** – Decision taken to mark out the area on OS maps using the bunds in place. Emily Inge agreed to invite Surrey Wildlife Trust to be present and send an invite to Julie Iles to pass on to the appropriate contact at SCC to state the intention and for the registration process.

EI

**Item 17/34 Land at Pound Farm** – Awaiting a response to the letter sent to GBC, Mr Bevan agreed to follow up.

PB

**Item 17/35 Complaint vans at Elm Corner and Motorcycles on PROW** – Follow up letter sent to Mr Murray at Causeway Land Investment LLP, awaiting a response to the questions. GBC have responded to enforce illegal parking on the yellow lines and the parking tickets have led to a reduction.

**Item 17/40b.) Invite to Ms Tracey Coleman, GBC Director of Planning and Regeneration** – Confirmed attendance at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Item 17/40c.) GBC Election Services Notification of Vacancies** - Agreed to advertise 2 vacancies, within the guidelines to return to 7 Councillors. Parish Clerk to inform Election Services of the vacancies.

PC

**17/48 Appointment New Councillor** – Confirmed and welcomed the appointment of Emily Inge as a new Councillor. Received the declaration of interest form.

**17/49 Planning matters**

- a.) **Current Planning Applications** – No updates received since the last report. Concern expressed about the proposed changes by GBC and withdrawal of weekly planning lists and reports. Agreed to support other Parish Councils with the request to GBC to reinstate reports of planning applications in the area. Noted SANG Appeal on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and

- request for Councillors to attend. ALL
- b.) **Rule 6 Appeal Hearing Update** – Collaborative working in place to prepare for the hearing. Meeting planned with Paul Sherman, GBC Case Officer for the Appeal on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
  - c.) **NALC Consultations on Future of Localism and Parkrun** – Received papers, no further comments.
  - d.) **SCC Application for erection of play structures at Newlands Corner** – John Oliver from Save the Newlands Corner campaigners requested to attend. Asking for support from Parish Councils to object to the SCC proposal to introduce 6 new play structures at Newlands Corner, concerns about the impact on the common areas as designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Green Belt. Consequential impact to increase visitor numbers and car parking by 40% over next 3 years profits to go to Albury Estate and Surrey Wildlife Trust. SCC applied to planning inspectorate to carry our works, consultation to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Following discussion there was not a unanimous decision and concluded there was insufficient evidence to object as the Parish Council to the proposals, although concerns were expressed about the impact to the environment and traffic increases. Concluded option for individual to respond directly to express personal views. Julie Iles agreed to ask Keith Taylor for an update and any plans to increase the car park. Parish Clerk agreed to inform Mr Oliver of the decision. JI  
PC

#### 17/50 Highways Update

- a.) **Ockham Signs** – New Historic Ockham signs installed. Thanks were extended to Dr Aish and Garry Walton for all their work on the project and to GBC for the grant funding. Publicity arranged on local radio and Surrey Advertiser.
- b.) **Clearing of Footpaths** – Thanks were extended to Colin Rayner for the prompt action in clearing access to FP13a and FP19. Malcolm agreed to send request for other footpaths for clearing to SCC Highways. MA

#### 17/51 Financial Matters

- a.) **Bank statement** – Received for community account of £12,919.08 as at 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, business premium account of £3,420 as at 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Signed cheques for Payments Garden Maintenance GB Walker - £110, Refreshments AGM £26.48, Came and Company for Ecclesiastical Local Council Insurance - £454, Stocksigns Ltd for Historic Ockham Signs - £3,322.13, Thomas Griffin deposit for Oak Gate Burial Ground - £650, STIPEND March-May 2018 - £1,185. Approval for set up of direct debit account for BT for broadband and line rental at the Parish Rooms.
- b.) **Section 2 Accounting Statement 2016/17** – Approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of Ockham Parish Council.
- c.) **Notification of Exercise of public rights to commence** -To display on the notice board and website to commence from 16<sup>th</sup> June – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- d.) **Approval War Memorial Grant Contract** – Grant awarded by the War Memorials Trust for £620 to professionally clean the War Memorial. The Chairman signed the Grant Contract on behalf of Ockham Parish Council. Agreed to contact Traditional Stone to arrange for the works to be done in line with the terms of the contract. PC

#### 17/52 General Power of Competence -

Noted briefing paper on General Power of Competence and scope to request donations. Concluded would need a legal opinion before pursuing.

#### 17/53 Arrangements for targeted consultation for Local Plan from 9<sup>th</sup> June -24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Noted dates for drop in event on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Agreed to collect hard copy of documents from GBC for Peter Bevan. PC

#### 17/54 Correspondence

- a.) NALC Transparency Fund for 2017-18 - Agreed to circulate the draft application for ALL

2017-18 for approval for submission.

- b.) GBC Explore Villages around Guildford website – Emily Inge agreed to lead and submit items of interest to include details of Farmland, Footpaths, habitat, rural character and All Saints Church. EI

**17/55 Any Other Business**

- a.) Request for a flood co-ordinator for Ockham from the Parish Council or Local Resident near Ockham Lane, to forward details to Julie Iles. ALL
- b.) Overgrown grass verge by Pound Farm – Concerns raised about the restricted view for drivers and risks from the overgrown verges. Agreed to contact the school to suggest the entrance is cleared. EI
- c.) Brick Kiln Farm – concerns raised by Local Residents about health and safety risks from large lorries transporting capital demolition to Brick Kiln Farm. Agreed to forward concerns to Julie Iles to pass on to the appropriate contact at SCC. CT
- d.) Screen for the Parish Rooms – Agreed to review purchase of a screen for use at the Parish Rooms for presentations. CT

**17/54 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 22.50pm