

MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15th May 2018
THE PARISH ROOMS
Commenced at 8.00 PM

PRESENT: Dr Travers (Chair) Mr Bevan Dr Aish Miss Lofthouse Mrs Porter Mrs Inge	In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) GBC Cllr Colin Cross SCC Cllr Julie Iles Zoe Channon Surrey Wildlife Trust Guest speaker Inspector Andrew Hill Surrey Police 16 Local Residents
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1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting and welcome.

Dr Travers agreed to Chair the meeting and welcomed Local Residents and speaker.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Parish Council

Councillors appointed Dr Travers as Chair, proposed by Mr Bevan and seconded by Dr Aish and Mr Bevan as Vice-Chair, proposed by Dr Aish and seconded by Mrs Inge.

4. Welcome to Guest speaker - Inspector Andrew Hill, Surrey Police.

Inspector Hill reported that the unauthorised encampment of travellers have moved on from the Former Wisley Airfield within 24-48 hours following the prompt action by Julian Seymour as on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner. Concerns were raised about other areas. Police have powers under the Criminal Justice Act where there is criminal damage but the responsibility rests with the landowner to take actions or via the Civil Courts. Guildford Borough Council offer advice on encampments and information is available on the guildford.gov.uk and SCC website. Work taking place to look at transit sites to direct travellers in the longer term.

Number of incidents reducing at Elm Corner as regular Police patrols taken place and used dispersal orders on the former Wisley Airfield (FWA) as a deterrent. Request made from a Resident for signs to be put up on the airfield as a deterrent. The Inspector agreed to look into the request. Cllr Iles received the design for proposed horse stile on the FWA to conform to standards and has asked the Landlord for comment. Parking on Elm Corner has improved; GBC noted reduction in infringements. Issue of parking off road Cllr Iles working with Surrey Wildlife on option to install bollards in the area. Cost implications would need to be reviewed with the Countryside access team and likely there would need to be a contribution from the Parish Council, Surrey Wildlife and Members Allowance.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Iles and the Police for the measures put in place to address the issues and to Cllr Iles for the Community allowance for the re-painting of the white lines on the Airfield

5. Minutes of the previous meeting on 10th May 2017

The Minutes were approved.

6. Approval and acceptance of unaudited draft accounts for year end 31st March 2018.

Dr Aish proposed adoption of the accounts of Receipts of £17,261, Payments of £23,333 and closing balance of £11,313, seconded by Miss Lofthouse. Copies of the accounts were available at the meeting.

7. Chairman's Annual report of the Parish Council 2017-18.

Dr Travers presented the Annual report. Highlights of the year included:

Attendance and articipation with the Wisley Action Group (WAG) in the Appeal hearing for the planning application for over 2000 houses on Three Farm Meadows (TFM), lasted for 5 weeks commencing in September 2017. With the support of WAG and generous local fund raising employed experts in Air quality and ecology and a leading planning QC. The Inspectors decision to be announced on 5th June 2018.

OPC in conjunction with WAG responded to the Guildford Local Plan and will attend the public examination of the plan commencing on 5th June 2018, represented by QC Harwood, aim to have TFM removed from the plan.

OPC responded to 2 Highway's England (HE) consultations on improvements to Junction 10/M25 junction. Final design awaited from HE.

Speed watch has been reviewed; David Scotland agreed to be the lead and also volunteered to be the Ockham flood co-ordinator.

OPC in conjunction with Ripley and Wisley are working on the draft Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan for consultation.

Received accounts, no change in the precept last year but need to review for next year. Increase in running costs to meet requirements. Work taking place on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into force in May 2018. Received 3 grants for costs towards Historic Ockham Signs, new gate for the burial ground and cleaning of the War Memorial.

OPC planted a tree as a tribute at the Cricket ground as a thank you to Robin Brind for over 30 years as an OPC Cllr and one was given to Robin Brind to plant in his new garden.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm and refreshments were provided