

**MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019
THE PARISH ROOMS
Commenced at 8.00 PM**

<p>PRESENT: Dr Travers (Chair) Dr Aish Miss Lofthouse Mrs Walton Mr Waldman</p>	<p>In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) Guest speaker Zoe Channon Surrey Wildlife Trust 12 Local Residents</p>
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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Dr Travers Chaired the meeting and thanked Residents for attending. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bevan, SCC Cllr Iles and GBC Cllr Cross

2. Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 15th May 2018.

The Minutes were approved. Dr Aish proposed adoption of the Minutes and seconded by Mrs Walton. The minutes had been circulated and copies were available at the meeting.

3. Welcome to Guest speaker - Zoe Channon, Liaison Officer Surrey Wildlife Trust

Zoe Channon outlined her role. Responsible for public engagement across 14 sites including Wisley and Ockham. Involved with the project to widen the A3, Ash die back, Land Management and Liaison meetings with Partner Agencies. Miss Lofthouse attends from OPC, next meeting 17th July 2019.

- New CEO, Jane Chimbwandira, few internal changes.
- Progress with management of commons, visited by Natural England. Reviewed Wisley and Ockham Common in favourable condition.
- Addressing anti social behaviour issues of illegal fishing at Boldermere Lake. Working with the Angling Trust to undertake checks.
- Looking at inappropriate use of car parks. Agreed to discuss with SCC the request to close the car park at nights. Overnight parking at Boldermere put in height barrier. Issue of inappropriate litter as no night facilities. Undertaking litter picks arranged once a quarter from A3 layby to Boldermere. Working with Christine Townsend and David Scotland on litter issues. Motorbikes on the airfield situation improved, still some on-going issues.
- A3/ Highways England – Atkins Consultancy undertaking animal survey. Discussion about mitigation for removing land. Pushing for a green bridge across the road network.
- Guided walks – Night jars on 20th June 2019 and in Health week 1 August 2019. Belted galloways returning.
- Questions raised from Local Residents:
 - I. Query regarding a notice on the airfield end of Elm Corner from the National Trust about works to commence and a forest sign to warn of the danger of poison. Zoe agreed to investigate the notices.
 - II. Question raised about the upgrade from Natural England to favourable conditions and asked whether this may impact on developers and if any less stringent conditions apply. Zoe advised that the visit was in response to the SWT request to re-assess the area.
 - III. Question raised about solutions to the night car parking issues. Zoe agreed to discuss the issues with SCC about the request for night closure or if not clamping.
 - IV. Question raised about works to treat the ragwort at Snakesfield as it has an impact for neighbours. Fence is not secure and asked about the focus for the area. Zoe agreed to check the contract for spraying and to feedback to Miss Lofthouse.

- V. Question raised about the compensation land from Highways England as Highways England are going out to consultation on compensating land. Zoe agreed to look at the consultation documents as important to protect the SPA.

Thanks were given to Zoe for her informative presentation and for the partnership working.

4. Chairman's Annual report of the Parish Council 2018-19.

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

- Last year OPC and WAG have spent much time trying to have TFM removed from the Guildford Local Plan (GLP) and responded in great detail to the various public consultations, as did many Residents. An Inspector then examined the GLP. WAG and OPC participated in the examination along with planning barristers funded mainly by donations received by WAG for the Appeal Hearing and Public Examination of the Local Plan.
- The Inspector found the plan sound and TFM/FWA remains in the plan. One of the factors in keeping the site in the plan was the addition of some 40 hectares of land that some landowners who own land abutting TFM agreed could come out of the greenbelt to allow for the development of the proposed 2000 houses. At the GBC meeting on 9th April 2019 there is a motion being tabled to postpone the adoption of the GLP by GBC. OPC and WAG continue to review the options.
- There has been improvement since last year in addressing the motorcyclists who were illegally using the former runway as a racing track causing danger to walkers, horse riders and pets. With the help of SCC Cllr Julie Iles, the Police Superintendent and GBC parking department in issuing parking fines for illegal parking this problem is more under control.
- There have been inroads into controlling the litter problem around the truck layby by Ockham Bites and along the west end of Old Lane with the efforts of two resident. Thanks were given to Christine Townsend and David Scotland in taking this forward.
- Limited progress has been made by Highways England to improve the junction 10/M25 roundabout. There has been a small consultation process and the proposal has to undergo a public examination. There are some concerns from landowners who have been asked to give up some of their land.
- OPC in conjunction with Ripley and Wisley are part of the Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan (LNP). The LNP is in draft form and almost ready to submit. This is due to the efforts of Annie Cross and others from all three villages. Dr Aish was thanked as the lead Cllr for Ockham for the LNP.
- Social events during the year. The fete continues to be a highlight of the summer; this year is on June 16th. The monthly film evenings have been well received by Residents. Thanks were given to Jan Lofthouse for setting up the process and arranging the monthly film, refreshments and raffle.
- OPC is accountable to a number of statutory bodies and OPC Councillors are spending more time on parish work, the Parish Clerk is also needed for more hours than previously. Therefore, the running costs of OPC are increasing. This year OPC welcomed 2 new councillors, Simon Waldman, Cathy Walton.
- Thanks to the funding from the SCC Members Allowance Ockham now has a replacement Ockham Notice board made at Norbury Park in situ by the War Memorial.
- A vote of thanks was given for Mr Bevan as he is leaving the Parish Council. He has been a stalwart of the community as lead Cllr for planning this has involved a tremendous amount of work. Also involvement in many other things in the Parish with All Saint's Church, he is a trustee of some of the trusts. Mr Bevan and his wife both contribute so much to the Parish.

The meeting closed at 9pm and refreshments were provided

Alyson Blackwell, Clerk to Ockham Parish Council