

DRAFT MINUTES OF OCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10th May 2017
THE PARISH ROOMS
Commenced at 8.00 PM

PRESENT: Dr Travers (Chair) Mr Bevan Dr Aish Miss Lofthouse	In attendance: Mrs Blackwell (Parish Clerk) GBC Cllr Colin Cross SCC Cllr Julie Iles SCC Cllr Bill Barker Emily Inge -observer 17 Local Residents
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1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Paton has resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council acknowledged the valuable contribution of Mrs Paton and extended their thanks.

2. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting and welcome.

Dr Travers agreed to Chair the meeting and welcomed Local Residents and speakers. Thanks were given to SCC Cllr Bill Barker who is retiring for his valuable support and advice to the Parish Council. The newly appointed SCC Cllr Julie Iles was welcomed.

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 Travers and seconded by Dr Aish.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 11th May 2016

The Minutes were approved.

5. Chairman's Annual report of the Parish Council 2016-17.

Dr Travers presented the Annual report. Highlights of the year included funding for the launch of the Ockham Parish Council website and BT fibre optic broadband at the Parish Rooms. Application for Asset of Community value was rejected by GBC. SCC given permission for the works to commence at the Drift Golf Club. Three Farm Meadows planning application unanimously objected by GBC, WPIL appealed decision, appeal starts 19th September 2017, and Residents are able to attend. OPC is a Rule 6 party with WAG. WAG employed a QC, asking residents to contribute towards the cost. Lovelace Neighbourhood plan in progress. Air Quality monitoring taking place at SPA. Open meeting taken place with Ockham Cricket Club. Successful Ockham Fete arranged by David Scotland and shared beneficiaries. Increase in running costs resulted in precept increase to £10,500 per annum. GBC Concurrent Functions grant received for Historic Ockham signs and funding for 2017/18 for replace gate for the burial ground. Obtained grade 2 listed status for the War Memorial, applied for funding to clean War Memorial. Speed watch initiative to commence shortly, volunteers attended training with Surrey Police. (Report available on the Parish website).

6. Approval and acceptance of unaudited draft accounts for year end 31st March 2017.

Dr Aish proposed adoption of the accounts of Receipts of £11,502, Payments of £8,893 and closing balance of £17,385, seconded by Miss Lofthouse.

7. Welcome to Guest speakers

Presentations by Zoe Channon from Surrey Wildlife Trust, accompanied by Leigh Thornton, Estate Manager and James Adier on the changes at Surrey Wildlife Trust.

Followed by a presentation by Chris Baker from the Lovelace Plan Steering Group on progress with drafting the Neighbourhood Plan. Details on the timeframe are available on the neighbourhood plan website, www.lovelaceplan.co.uk.

Thanks were extended to both of the speakers and questions invited.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and refreshments were provided