



## **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Survey Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 10.15 am at the Wonersh Sports Pavilion.**

**Present:** Councillors M Band, C Crouch (Chair), S Lavender and A Shutes.

**In attendance:** L Davison

### **PS19/20 020 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

The Committee received and approved apologies for Cllrs Ellis, Howard and Weale.

### **PS19/20 021 Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of disclosable interests.

### **PS19/20 022 Open meeting for *members of the public* to raise matters about village survey issues.**

There were no members of the public present.

### **PS19/20 023 To approve the minutes of the Parish Survey Committee meeting held on 9 November 2019.**

These were approved and duly signed by Cllr Crouch.

### **PS19/20 024 To review progress at Parish-level on the following priorities and agree next steps:**

Whilst most activity to date had been at village-level the Council reviewed that progress at Parish level under the following categories were as follows

- Communication between the Council and residents
  - Cllr Lavender and Shutes drafted a communications strategy which will be presented at the Council Meeting in February for adoption by the Council.
- Parking/traffic/transport
  - Cllr Band noted that, at a recent meeting County Councillor, Andrew Povey announced that large sum was available to invest on road in Cranleigh and Ewhurst. Whilst the levels of housebuilding in the area warrants investment in supporting infrastructure Parish Councillors noted that as one of the main routes into Guildford from Cranleigh, then investment into these the routes is also warranted. Arranging a meeting with Adrian Selby and Victoria Young could highlight opportunities for this.
  - The Clerk mentioned providing a route for non-motorised travel between Wonersh and Shamley Green was also of benefit and that Surrey County Council were now providing further transport for school children living in Wonersh, given that a safe walking route was not currently available. Though welcome, this did highlight the challenge in traveling the short distance between the two villages, which was highlighted by the Parish Survey. Cllr Band provided a summary of some of the earlier challenges in achieving a safe walking route across private land.

- Housing, including affordable housing
  - The Parish Council discussed further their role in providing affordable housing in the parish. Whilst the survey results indicate a demand, particularly in Shamley Green, local community members are not driving the debate on this, so other stakeholders need to assess whether the demand is sufficient to progress. Given the lack of Parish Council owned land, not designated as common land, Waverley Borough Council were identified as the key stakeholder in future developments, they own more available land and could make a more objective assessment as to the suitable sites. On that basis, the Parish Council will lobby the Borough Council in order to effect change.
- Police awareness
  - The Clerk continues to receive updates from the neighbourhood, Waverley and Surrey Police and communicates this via the website, at Council Meetings and via Facebook.
  - As a decision topic, at present, there is no further action for this to remain as a Parish level priority and it was agreed it should be removed from future agendas. Other Parish-level priorities, like the environment / climate change, may be added as the village activities progress.

**Actions:**

**Clerk to arrange a meeting with Victoria Young and Adrian Selby to prioritise investments in commuter routes.**

**Cllr Crouch to table a paper outlining the Wonersh Parish Council approach to responding to the need for affordable housing.**

**Clerk to remove Police awareness from future agendas.**

**PS19/20 025 To share Village Working Party progress and share good practice.**

***Shamley Green***

The event in Shamley Green attracted 80 people and discussion was centred around five topics: traffic / transport led by Cllr Band; the environment led by Cllr Howard; communications led by SGVA members and Playgrounds and Mobile phones, which are concerns but are awaiting interested personnel to progress them.

Regarding traffic and transport Cllr Band highlighted the main priorities and Cllr Lavender for Wonersh highlighted synergies between priorities for the environment in Wonersh and Shamley Green. Volunteers from the attendees, who joined these groups, were now to meet with Councillors the SGVA to progress the plans.

***Wonersh***

There have been further meetings of two of the working parties in Wonersh arranged – the communications and environmental ones and action plans are being developed / some actions are underway.

Cllr Shutes highlighted that progress for the communications group included the communications strategy to be tabled by Cllr Lavender at the next Council Meeting. However the most progress had been made for ‘Wonersh Connections’, an online / virtual ‘village association’ which, during a meeting of some of the groups in the village, proved popular and is to be extended to include all interested groups, with plans for an exhibition area at the village fete.

Cllr Crouch highlighted that the transport group had split into two groups, one focused on the Pepperpot and another on traffic / transport and parking more generally. The Pepperpot group now had an independent chair and would be meeting Adrian Selby, an Officer at Surrey County Council, in the near future to discuss and progress plans to conserve the Pepperpot and make it a safer junction and more of focal point for the village.

### ***Blackheath***

There has been no progress, whilst the Council await a Blackheath Councillor.

### **PS19/20 026 To share initial action plans and agree recommendations for Council.**

There were no initial action plans to share but Cllr Shutes estimated that he would present one at the next meeting Parish Survey meeting, potentially with a request for support for the website for Wonersh Connections from the Council.

### **PS19/20 027 To agree the date of the next Parish Survey Committee meeting**

Thursday 14 May, 10.15am was confirmed as the date of the next Parish Survey Committee Meeting.

### **PS19/20 026 To consider and approve that the official record of this meeting be presented at the meeting of the Council on 13 February 2020 for approval.**

This was considered and approved.