

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2009  
AT KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE, EFFINGHAM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Jones in the Chair  
Cllrs Clark, Crouch, Driscoll, Hogger, Lightfoot, Symes and Wetenhall.  
The Clerk and 2 residents

**105.09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Pindar (work). Subsequently: Cllr Nicholls (indisposed).

**106.09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillors present signed to show they had had the opportunity to view the Register of Interests.

**107.09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 JULY 2009**

The Minutes were signed as a true record.

**108.09 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (not elsewhere on the Agenda)**

97.09 State of BW 121 Cllr Hogger reported further complaints. The Clerk confirmed that the PCSO, SCC Rights of Way and GBC Cleansing Officers had all confirmed they would act.

98.09 Golf Club tree: The Clerk will write. **SM**

99.09 Commoners' day, postponed: There will be a meeting on 14 September.

99.09 Beech Avenue verges: Cllr Wetenhall will check whether there has been any work to the tree-stumps left after the felling. **JW**

100.09 Bus shelter, Guildford Rd: Cllr Wetenhall had re-inspected but it seemed stable and not unsafe.

101.09 Regular reports from schools: This had not been dealt with as schools were closed for the holidays. **SM**

**109.09 POLICE AND SAFETY**

**PCSO's report**

PCSO Culross was not present.

**Police and Safety – other matters:**

GBC's review of the Neighbourhood safety warden scheme

The Parish Council agreed that it had seen no benefit to this scheme. The Clerk will respond to the survey. **SM**

**Reports and correspondence: Police and Safety matters**

Anti-social behaviour

Councillors discussed reports of quad biking in Great Ridings Wood, an incident of arson in the barn behind Home Farm House, repeated episodes of egg throwing, antisocial behaviour on BW 121 and vandalism in the Burial Ground. There was felt to be a significant rise in anti-social behaviour, with residents unwilling to report it. Most is thought to happen at weekends. There was debate about what the Parish Council could do to encourage residents to report incidents to the police. It was agreed to write to Sgt Hill asking about specific action taken against offenders (rather than general surveillance) and ask him to attend the next meeting with PCSO Culross. **SM**

### Thefts

The copper cable from the BT system had been stolen for the second time in six months, cutting the connection for a large part of Effingham. Equipment used by the drainage engineers on Guildford Road had also been stolen.

## **110.09 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **New applications**

#### 09/P/01009 Rustlings, Lower Farm Road

Retrospective application for a two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and alteration to roof of existing single storey garden room at rear, following demolition of existing single garage (revision to planning approval 09.P/00565). There is a problem over whether this is or is not permitted development. It was agreed to re-submit the Parish Council's objection and comment as before.

**SM**

#### 09/P/01161 Effingham Cricket Club Pavilion, Effingham Common Road

Erection of a double lane cricket net / practice area. There was concern about whether this affected the definitive route of FP 114. As a resident had already pointed this out, it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to support the application in principle.

**SM**

#### 09/P/001124 34 Leewood Way

Loft conversion incorporating dormer windows with balcony to rear and single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory. It was agreed to object on the grounds that this development was inappropriate in the context of neighbouring dwellings.

**SM**

#### 09/P/01167 Crocknorth Farm, Crocknorth Road, East Horsley

Conversion of existing garages into two bedroom dwelling house. It was agreed to write commenting that additional accommodation, if granted, should be under condition to remain as ancillary staff accommodation for the main dwelling.

**SM**

#### 09/P/01179 Miles House, Beech Avenue

Two storey side extension and detached single garage following demolition of existing attached double garage and store. No comment.

#### 09/P/01204 Coppermill, Effingham Common Road

Demolition of flat roof / utility and new part single storey, part two storey side/rear extension (variation to planning approval 09/P/00092 for a revised design and position of front porch). No comment.

#### 09/P/01243 Friars Elm, Dog Kennel Green, Ranmore Common

Replacement conservatory and new porch to west elevation, incorporating two dormer windows in roof slopw at first floor, one replacement dormer window and one additional dormer window to west elevation, and one replacement dormer window to east elevation. No comment.

#### 2009/1230 and 09/P/01237 Land near Junction 10 M25, Cobham

Details pursuant to Conditions 28 (Construction Method Statement), 29 (Storage and Parking), 30 (nuisance control of mud etc), 31 Dust Suppression Measures), 33 (Control of Construction Noise), 36 (Surface Water Settlement) and 37 (Method of Construction – Balancing Ponds) of planning permission 1995/0601 (Motorway Service Area)  
This application includes a request to allow access from Horsley Road, in contradiction of Condition 10 on the consent. Copies of objections by Ockham Parish Council and East Horsley Parish Council had been received. The Parish Council had already objected to any relaxation of this condition in 2007 on grounds of security and traffic implications. It was agreed to write objecting to this access in support of the reasons advanced by the two parish councils, and also to point out the risk to the Effingham Conservation Area and Listed Buildings.

**SM**

Cllr Lightfoot showed an image of an artist's impression of the main building in which it appeared to be almost 3 storeys high. She has concerns that the landscaped bunding will not be high enough to buffer the noise.

## Results / progress on previous applications

09/P/00478	24 Leewood Way	To appeal, written representations. EPC did not comment on the application Cert of Lawfulness - Refused
09/P/00889	Oldlands Dene, Outdowns	Approved
09/P/00933	Orchard End, Lower Farm Road	Approved
09/P/00942	Hunters Lodge, Lower Farm Rd	Refused at Planning Committee, by a vote of 14 to 4. Cllr Hogger thanked those who attended and spoke.
09/P/00858	Grove House, Guildford Road	Approved
09/P/00870	Hartland, Lower Farm Road	Certificate of Lawfulness - refused
09/P/00889	Oldlands Dene, Outdowns	Withdrawn
	HGV Operator's licence application, Henry Prinze Ltd (aka Fairlight)	

## Other Planning matters

### Badgers Farm

The temporary permission for the mobile home granted by the Inspector has now expired and it was agreed the situation must be re-addressed. It was agreed to write pointing out that the Parish Council is alert to the situation and asking for information on the current position.

SM

### Three Acre Barn, Guildford Road

The restitution of the barn appears not to have taken place within the period of the planning consent. It was agreed the Clerk will contact Planning Enforcement and ask for action urgently.

SM

### Leewood Farmyard

The Clerk reported that SCC and GBC Environmental Health (statutory consultees) had both objected to the application to establish this as an operators centre. However, there was concern that GBC Planning should also make an objection because VOSA believed there was full planning consent for business use by a construction and demolition company. The Clerk will contact GBC Planning to verify the position.

SM

## Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

### Proposal for composter, Wisley Airfield

The applicants are appealing against SCC's failure to determine the application. Meanwhile, they had made technical alterations to the design of the facility. A copy had been received. This was noted.

### The Vineries

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council's request to GBC for information about business activities at the site in connection with the recent planning application.

### Century Court

A resident reported that he supported the action being taken by Planning Enforcement concerning removal of a Portakabin put in place by a construction company.

## 111.09 VILLAGE GREEN SPACES AND AMENITIES

### Current GSVA matters

#### Visit to the Home Farm Estate

It was agreed this would be timely and the date set for 2.00 on Saturday 3 October if Cllr Nicholls is available. The Clerk will confirm.

SM  
JN

#### GBC's consultation on its draft Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005

Cllr Lightfoot kindly agreed to read this and suggest comments, if any, for consideration at the next meeting,

AL

## Reports and correspondence relating to other GSVA matters:

### Overgrown greenery from GBC Chalk pit, Yew Tree Walk

The Clerk was attempting to force action.

GBC's consultation on the Special Protection Area

The letter to residents had been produced and would shortly be delivered.

**112.09 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

National Highways and Transport Survey

To the great gratitude and relief of all, Cllr Crouch had filled this in on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk will submit.

**SM**

**Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters**

Speed limit signage, Orestan Lane

A resident had pointed out that there were no 30mph signs to be seen by motorists going from Calvert Road to Orestan Lane, until almost the end of Orestan Lane. In view of the recent issues about speeding the Clerk had reported this to SCC.

**113.09 REPORTS**

Allotments

These are generally in excellent condition. The rentals are due for renewal at the end of September and there is likely to be some movement on the waiting list – currently standing at 7 people.

Schools

Keith Cornwell has come to the end of his term as a governor of the Howard of Effingham School, and was recognized by SCC for his long service. There is a vacancy.

KGV

The four newly-appointed Trustees have met. There will be a meeting on 21 September to confirm the three Trustees they will co-opt.

Home Farm Estate

No further news.

Friends of Effingham Common

The AGM will be at 7pm on Tuesday 17 November at the KGV Hall. Councillors kindly volunteered to help with distribution of letters to residents about the SPA. There was reported to be a lot of ragwort on the Common. A visitor survey has been underway.

Smith's Charity

Suggestions of people who might benefit would be welcomed by the Trustees.

Local Government / Admin matters

Tony Page had produced a wonderful folder of material relating to Barnes Wallis. Mary Stopes Roe had offered to donate the 'Barnstaple Project' book to the Parish. It was agreed the Chairman would write and thank them both.

**AP**

Cllr Barker had arranged a visit of the new Chief Executive of Surrey CC to the Parish. The Clerk had met him.

East Horsley PC has some outdoor exhibition stands available for loan if needed.

Katherine Wyld

The Clerk had circulated a letter from her father giving her news of her recent swimming achievements. It was agreed the Chairman would write with congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council.

**AP**

**114.09 CORRESPONDENCE**

Safer Neighbourhoods team      Various newsletters

Guildford Borough Council      Agenda and papers, Planning Committee, 11 August

Surrey County Council	Rights of Way and Countryside Access, Annual Report 2008-9. Cllr Wetenhall agreed to read this.	<b>JW</b>
S'y Co. Playing Fields Asscn Society of Local Council Clerks	Newsletter: The Playing Field TRAINING COURSES Managing Charities – Trustworthy 10-16.00, Monday 14 September, Woking  Playground Safety 9.30-13.00, Thursday 3 September, Sandhurst	
NALC	Direct Information Service 714 & 715	

## 115.09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Current matters

#### Projects for Concurrent Grant Aid by GBC for 2010-11

Cllr Clark had circulated the list of projects funded by GBC in the current year. The Clerk had asked for a costing of laying a water supply to the Burial Ground. It was agreed to contact the Cricket Club and ask if they had any appropriate projects.

**SM**

#### Revision of the Parish Council's insurance (item brought forward)

The revised figure had been sent amounting to an additional £167.28. This was agreed.

**SM**

#### Risk reporting

One form is outstanding. The Clerk had circulated a report about the current risks. Most of these are already known but it was agreed they must be tackled very soon; the tree and the Burial Ground wall before the next meeting.

**SM**

#### SCAPTC's subscription proposals for 2009-10

These were reviewed as requested by SCAPTC. No issues were raised.

### Cheques for approval and signature

#### A G Edwards

A bill for £230 to AG Edwards has been submitted by the KGV Committee of Management relating to the cost of breaking out the slab of the former bus shelter opposite Sibleys. The Committee of Management had already commissioned the work and paid the bill, and seeks reimbursement. This will make it more expensive to the Parish Council than paying direct. It was agreed that all costings for any future work must be presented and agreed in advance. It was agreed to pay.

#### KGV

The Committee of Management had requested an advance of £2,860 on the next instalment of £5,000 which would fall due in October, made payable to SITA. This was because a cheque from an outside party would release grant funding towards the cost of the roof project. This was agreed.

#### The following cheques were authorised and signed:

	£	Authority to pay
KGV Committee	230.00	Parish Councils Act 1957 s1
KGV Committee	2,860.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s133
Surrey Hills Society	15.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s143
Zurich Municipal Insurance	167.28	Local Govt Act 1972 s214
BT	23.29	Local Govt Act s211

## 116.09 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 29 September.