

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of Ockley Parish Council was held on Monday 3 July 2023 at 7.30 pm at Ockley Village Hall.

Councillors present

Ms A Barclay	Chairman
Mrs Z Biasuzzi	
Mr J Lee-Steere	
Mr B Thorne	
Mr J Wright	
Mrs S Bell	Clerk

1. Attendance and Apologies

District Councillors L Mursaleen-Plank and A Magesh
Two members of public present
No apologies

2. Declaration of interests and notification of changes to members interests

JL-S Jayes Park Estate
Treasurer and Trustee Ockley Housing Association
Churchwarden of St Margaret's and Trustee Ockley School Buildings

It was noted that nothing further had been heard from the parishioner who had been approached regarding co-option on to the parish council.

There were therefore still two vacancies to be filled by co-option.

3. Public session

It was noted that Coles Lane had become a stumbling block for developer. An attending parishioner asked if OPC could keep checking on matters/conditions. AB said she would talk to SCC H Clack about how this could be done. OPC also to engage with District Councillors regarding this development.

ZB suggested OPC asking the developers to keep OPC updated.

An attending parishioner supported the AONB area extension but noted that a small area of Ockley at the south end of village was excluded. They felt that communities should not unnecessarily be divided. Six households in that area had sent in responses - there were no objections but they wanted the extension to extend to cover their houses. The consultation

had closed on 13 June. Sir Paul Beresford MP had supported the idea of the extension and mentioned to OPC what actions communities had taken. AB to send Sir PB copy of OPC response.

Speed Watch Conference had been attended by a member of the Ockley Speed Watch team who reported that the Police have recognised their efforts. They are grateful for the support that the Speed Watch team give regarding reducing speeding in the village. The Speed Watch team are now able to run more sessions. Clerk to put a recruitment for Speed Watch on Facebook page.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15 May 2023

JL-S proposed and ZB seconded. Chair signed the minutes.

5. Correspondence

JW to book on Code of Conduct training run by MVDC on 15 August 2023.

6. Planning applications

An e-mail had been received from Abinger Parish Council regarding the application MO/2023/0686/PLA (Land opposite Four Oaks).

This was to be circulated to councillors and APC to be asked as to what response had been made by them regarding this application.

Councillors had been informed of the following planning matters:

MO/2023/0686/PLA

Land opposite Four Oaks, Cathill Lane, Ockley RH5 5QP

Erection of 1 No. dwelling following demolition of existing non-agricultural buildings

Abinger within 20 m of Ockley

12 May 2023

MO/2023/0500/CAT

Hillview, 1 Stane Street, Ockley RH5 5SY

Crown reduce one Yew tree (located in rear garden) by approximately 1.2 – 1.5 m

No objection

19 May 2023

MO/2023/0717/DEA

Jayes Park, Forest Green Road, Ockley RH5 5RR

Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building of 24 m x 22 m for the storage of grain

22 May 2023

MO/2022/1760/PLA

1 and 2 Park Cottages, Beare Green Road, Ockley RH5 4PX

Conversion of Barn to 1 No. dwelling

Approved with conditions

24 May 2023

MO/2023/0755/PLAH

The Barn, Trout Grange, Henhurst Cross Lane, Coldharbour RH5 4LR
Erection of single storey extension and alterations to driveway
24 May 2023

MO/2023/0741/PLA
The Chalet, Vann Farm Road, Ockley
Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and erection of one 4 bed dwellinghouse and one annexe
24 May 2023

MO/2022/0773/PLA
Land adj Woodways, Weare Street, Ockley RH5 5JA
Erection of a detached dwelling
Dismissed
15 June 2023

MO/2023/0744/DEA
Barn and land to the west of Brickyard Copse, Ockley RH5 5PE
Prior notification for proposed alterations to an existing agricultural track
Prior approval not required
16 June 2023

MO/2023/0717/DEA
Jays Park, Forest Green Road, Ockley RH5 5RR
Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building of 45 m x 22 m for the storage of grain
Prior approval refused
19 June 2023

7. Finance

a) Bank Reconciliation

JLS looked at - to be further discussed.

b) Accounts to be paid

It was agreed by all councillors that the following accounts be paid:

Dates from 16/05/2023 to 03/07/2023

already paid – to be authorised

Clerk's salary/admin/allowances costs	£746.87
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To be paid but not yet authorised

Clerk's salary/admin/allowances costs	£743.07
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HMRC, Tax, NI on Clerk's salary	TBA
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WEL Medical	£151.02
Defibrillator pads	

GPDR/Data Protection Act 2018 Renewal Fee	£40.00
Mulberry&Co Internal Audit	£143.64
S Dean-Webster Litter picking	£60.00

c) General Reserves - Play Area

Need to obtain quotes for railing/fencing around area and hard standing for floor.
Earmarked reserves - £10,000 to be split between two ongoing projects - Community Hub and Play Area. All Councillors agreed.

8. Future MV Local Plan

Nothing to discuss on the Plan.

9. Footpaths in the parish

AB had spoken to the past OPC Chairman recently regarding the report on the stiles and footpaths.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of appointing a footpath warden if a volunteer could be found. AB to look into this further.

10. Ockley NDP

No further movement on the plan.

11. Social Matters

Ockley Assist Scheme

Surrey Community Action and AB had a meeting to discuss setting up an assist scheme for arranging lifts for people who are unable to easily reach appointments etc. The system has to be run on a voluntary basis and would require a team of people to form a committee to set the project up including DBS checks and putting in place insurances etc. There may not be enough demand in Ockley for this service and indeed there may be a lack of enthusiastic volunteers to run the system. It was suggested that it might be better to partner up with Abinger more Capel. AB and Clerk to email to see if interest to join forces.

12. Next meeting 4 September 2023

Other items discussed were the strimming around the green. AB to collect strimmer from ABr. ZB got quotes for strimming around green, £200-400.

Clerk to find out about receiving the crime statistics from the Police.