

WOTTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Wotton Parish Council
held at 7pm on Tuesday 1 October 2024 in Wotton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Peter Evelyn (Chairman), Andy Cole (Vice Chairman), Laurence Matthews, David Mir, Steve Hackett, Gary Burgess, Daniel Bennett

In Attendance: Mr David Cowan of Surrey Community Action and 3 members of the public.

- 1 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hunt, SCC Cllr Watson, MVDC Cllrs Budleigh, Magesh, Mursaleen-Plank.
- 2 Declarations of interest:** Cllr Evelyn (planning decision)
- 3 Public questions:** None.
- 4 Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 2 July were discussed. Cllr Burgess proposed acceptance of the minutes as an accurate record, Cllr Mir seconded and all agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 5 Police report:** (Annex 1) Noted.
- 6 David Cowan, Surrey Community Action (SCA):** Mr Cowan gave an interesting presentation about rural affordable housing. Small developments can be built on rural exception sites which are not available for open market housing. The sites may be in the green belt and should be near a village. Mr Cowan illustrated some of the projects Surrey. Several criteria apply and SCA can guide councils through this process. The first step would be to carry out a housing needs survey and this could be organised by Mr Cowan and his team. The survey would be sent to every home in the parish. SCA are running a webinar about an affordable housing development in Hambledon on 21 October and a link to this would be forwarded.
- 7 Planning:** (Annex 2) Noted.
- 8 Highways:** (i) Cllr Evelyn said Highways have introduced a new tool to report and track potholes, FixMyStreet. This was discussed by councillors. (ii) In response to concerns about fading white lines and signs on roads raised previously by the Parish Council, SCC Cllr Watson had replied that the lining budget has been increased by £1.9 million a year. (iii) Councillors discussed the disruption caused by the continuing closure of West Street by Thames Water while it carries out repairs. The wide diversion has caused long delays and problems for residents and businesses. Cllr Matthews suggested a letter of complaint should be sent.
- 9 Reports:** None.
- 10 Finance:** (Annex 3) (i) Cllr Matthews proposed acceptance of the payments list, Cllr Mir seconded and all approved. The list was signed by Cllr Evelyn and Cllr Hackett. (ii) Bank statements were signed by Cllr Evelyn and Cllr Hackett.
- 11 Correspondence:** (Annex 4) Correspondence received since the previous meeting was discussed.
- 12 Dates of meetings:** The next meeting is on Tuesday 7 January 2025.
- 13 Any other business for note or inclusion on a future agenda:** None.

The meeting ended at 7.53pm.

Signed *Peter Evelyn*

POLICE REPORT

Wotton Parish Council Meeting Police Report 2nd July – 1st October 2024

Wotton / Ranmore Common

TRAFFIC	GUILDFORD ROAD	DRAIN COVER STICKING UP IN THE ROAD. TRANSFERRED TO SURREY HIGHWAYS.
TRAFFIC	GUILDFORD ROAD	TWO VEHICLE COLLISION IN HOTEL CAR PARK.
TRAFFIC	GUILDFORD ROAD	WORDS OF ADVICE TO CAR DRIVER CAUSING OBSTRUCTION WHO STOPPED TO COLLECT ITEMS FROM EARLIER COLLISION IN ROAD.
NEIGHBOURS	WILLIAM EVELYN COURT	ONGOING DISPUTE.
TRAFFIC	RANMORE COMMON ROAD	ANDONDED VEHICLE. NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED
WILDLIFE	RANMORE COMMON ROAD	DEER HIT BY CAR EVENTUALLY RAN OFF INTO WOODS.
TRAFFIC	RANMORE COMMON ROAD	TRANSPORTER CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE TO PICK-UP BROKEN-DOWN CAR IN LIVE LANE
RURAL	RANMORE COMMON ROAD	REPORT OF MUDDY 4X4 THAT LOOKED ABANDONED IN CAR PARK. NO FUTHER ACTION FROM POLICE AS NO REPORTS OF CRIMINAL OR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FOUND.
ADMIN	GUILDFORD ROAD	REQUEST TO COLLECT GARDEN MACHETE. THIS DID NOT COME UNDER NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING "ZOMBIE STYLE" KNIVES AND MACHETES. NO OFFENCE IF IT IS A GARDEN TOOL.

PLANNING MATTERS SINCE MEETING ON 2 JULY 2024

APPLICATIONS:

Application Ref: MO/2024/0858/PLA[Link](#)**Location:** Gate House Cottage, Hogden Lane, Ranmore Common, Dorking, RH5 6SY**Proposal:** Erection of a new stable outbuilding.**Case Officer:** Sue Read**Registration Date:** 11-Jul-2024**Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Anderson**Ward:** Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood**PSH/Area:** Wotton**Application Ref:** MO/2024/1225/PLAH[Link](#)**Location:** 4, Fox Cottages, Ranmore Common Rd, Ranmore Common, Dorking RH5 6SR**Proposal:** Erection of a rear garden studio/store.**Case Officer:** Sue Read**Registration Date:** 30-Jul-2024**Applicant Name:** Nicola Downs

DECISIONS:

Application No.: MO/2024/0771/TFC

[Link](#)

Location: **Limeway Terrace**, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1HZ

Proposal: Various tree works

Decision: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Decision Date: 17-Jul-2024

Ward: Dorking North, **Within 20m of Mickleham, Westcott & Okewood**

Parish: Dorking (Unparished), **Wotton**

Application No.: MO/2024/1026/DEA

[Link](#)

Location: **West Lane Barn**, West Lane, Abinger Hammer, Surrey

Proposal: Prior approval for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building 60 metres by 15 metres.

Decision: **PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED**

Decision Date: 19-Jul-2024

Ward: Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood

Parish: **Wotton**

Application No.: MO/2024/0304/PLA

[Link](#)

Location: **Birketts Farm**, Tanhurst Lane, Abinger, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6LZ

Proposal: Change of use and associated alterations to existing barns to facilitate wine tasting and associated sales, educational classes, private events and cafe in connection with winery together with associated parking and toilet facilities.

Decision: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Decision Date: 08-Aug-2024

Ward: Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood

Parish: Abinger, **Wotton**

Application No.: MO/2024/1031/AC

[Link](#)

Location: **Stephen Langton Inn (PH)**, Friday Street Road, Abinger, Dorking, RH5 6JR

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of approved planning permission MO/2023/0873 for the change of use from public house (Use Class Sui Generis) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3).

Decision: **CONDITIONS APPROVED**

Decision Date: 23-Aug-2024

Ward: Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood

Parish: **Wotton**

Application Ref: MO/2024/1174/CC

[Link](#)

Location: **Shootlands House**, Sheephouse Lane, Abinger, RH5 6JX

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 and 4 of approved planning permission MO/2017/1182 for the change of use of land to non-commercial equestrian use to include the erection of 6. no stables, horse walker and menage to allow changes to roof design of the stable building and to allow for the proposed partial use of the stable building as an ancillary residential accommodation for staff.

Decision: **REFUSED**

Registration Date: 13-Sep-2024

Ward: Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood

PSH/Area: **Wotton**

WOTTON PARISH COUNCIL
Bank Balances, Receipts and Payments

Unity Trust Bank Account

Bank Statement 31 August **4,139.41**

Add: Precept & Grant (6 Sep) 3,786.50

Less: Clerk/tax (30 Sep) 503.00

Bank Balance 30 September **7,422.91**

Payments 1 October 2024

Hall Hire (1 Oct)	30.00	
Helpdesq Inv 16586 (31 Jul)	15.30	2.55 VAT
SCA payroll Inv 7370 (Apr-Jun)	18.00	3.00 VAT
SCA payroll Inv 7490 (Jul-Sep)	18.00	3.00 VAT
Clerk's expenses (Oct 2023-2024)	103.05	
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	184.35	8.55 VAT
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Signed: *Peter Evelyn*

Signed: *Steve Hackett*

Date: 1 October 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SCC email (29 Sep) re FixMyStreet, new way to report and track potholes etc.
2. SALC (27 Sep) Planning webinar re government planning reforms, 12 November.
3. MVDC(24 Sep) Application for banking hub submitted.
4. Grit bin damaged by vehicle turning on hairpin bend, resident request relocation to safer position, Cllr Watson following up with officer at Highways (23 Sep).
5. MVDC update (23 Sep) Includes update on West Street closure. Thames Water will be on site until mid-November repairing damaged pipe.
6. SALC (20 Sep) Invitation to Councillors to attend the SALC AGM and Conference on 19 November, 10.30 to 15.30, at Silvermere Golf Club, Cobham. £30 per person, includes lunch etc.
7. Natural England email re second consultation about Surrey Hills AONB boundary variation. Deadline for responses 10 December.
8. Emails with MVDC/SCC liaison officer re highways questions raised at previous meetings.
9. Emails with SCC Cllr Watson (3 July) regarding white lining and enclosing Highways list of ad hoc lining works for 2024-2025.