

**The Parish Council Meeting of the Elstead Parish Council
was held in the United Reformed Church Hall, Elstead
Tuesday 8 December 2009, commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Messrs D Holmes (Chairman) A Jones, M Jeffery,
R Holroyd, R C Terry, B Morgan, Mrs A Thomas,
also attending Cllr D Harmer SCC, 6 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: - Mrs S Place and P Murphy.

1.0 MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 1450 Emergency Committee Meeting – Plan approved by WBC and SCC. It will be issued to all members shortly.
- 1707 Flooding problems at Hazelwood - Mr Fowler, SCC, agreed that the ditches needed to be dug deeper. The matter would also be raised with WBC/Thames Water through Mr Fowler. Additional areas of concern were noted and would be included on the village maintenance schedule and passed to Mr Fowler.
- 1713 The remedial works required to bridleway 69 and 63 - Mr Holmes reported that the works would now been undertaken. The bridge works would also be undertaken by SCC as it was their responsibility. The woodland areas would be cleared and it was noted that the river walkways needed attention. Whilst a way forward had been agreed on the various works, Mr Murphy reported that SCC, English Nature and the MOD had agreed to meet to review the remedial works. Mr Murphy agreed to attend any meeting and would continue to press Mr Taylor, SCC, to seek a resolution to the matter, but funding was a material consideration.
- 1731 Gateways to village – The Clerk reported that SCC had placed an order for the agreed markings to be undertaken.
- 1235 Burford Lodge – Tennis Club floodlight extensions - The Parish Council agreed that the floodlights should be taken down to the agreed planning approval. It was also noted that the Tennis Club were going to seek a retrospective planning application. It was agreed to inform the Tennis Club to comply with the planning approval as granted and it was further agreed that a time period should be instigated.
- 1237 WBC waste minimisation and recycling - The Parish Council agreed to put the matter on hold until the full implications had been reviewed. It was suggested that Mrs Place should talk to Mrs Bates, the co-ordinator for Thursley Parish Council, on the pros and cons of the scheme.

1836 Surrey Minerals plan consultation – Mr Jones prepared a report and replied to the consultation.

1838 Mr Holmes read out a letter from a local parishioner regarding the lack of road markings adjacent to St James School. This letter has been sent on to Mr Hilder, SCC, for general review.

3.0 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPDATE BY SCC

1841 Mr Holmes advised that a site meeting had been arranged with Mr Hilder for Thursday 10 December at 3.30pm and all members were asked to attend if possible. The meeting was to consider the siting of the proposed pedestrian crossing and issues related to design and possible traffic calming.

4.0 FINANCE MEETING

1842 The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2009 were agreed and the Precept for 2010/2011 was also agreed in the sum of £25,522.00

5.0 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SPEED WATCH, BUS ROUTE REVIEW

1843 The School Transport Office at County Hall has been contacted with a view to re-routing the school buses through Springfield and also adding a bus stop. A reply has been received which is not fully supportive of moving the bus Stop, but does not rule it out completely. It was pointed out that this was suggested as a temporary measure and not as a replacement for the pedestrian crossing. Whilst the children's safety is important, the elderly are also an important factor.

1844 Speedwatch has been set up in the village and was being well supported. A meeting has been set up for 15 December 2009, a number of volunteers have come forward.

6.0 PARISH COUNCIL E-MAIL & WEB SITE

1845 The Clerk gave a report on the current suggestion that various issues could be linked to Facebook. The Clerk was totally against this as Facebook is a social site and not a formal site. It was therefore agreed to review the current position on setting up a web site. This would be included on the next meeting agenda.

7.0 TOWN & PARISH MEETING

1846 Mr Holmes gave a report on the meeting held on 7 December 2009 held at WBC. The main topics covered included :

1. Surrey Hills Management Plan.
2. WBC funding difficulties due to income shortfall and a review of what residents of Waverley want their rates spent on and what could be cut.
3. Devolution of assets and passed to Town/ Parish Council. This was under review but any costs would need to be covered by WBC

8.0 REPORT OF SURREY AONB PARTNERSHIP MEETING

1847 Mr Holmes attended the recent meeting and gave a brief synopsis of the items covered: off roading and the damage caused by 4x4s to the tracks; mountain biking was also becoming an issue and would be monitored. It was suggested that there should be greater marketing for the Surrey Hills and to include farmers more. Additional funding would be used to de-clutter the current signage and introduce clearer and better sign boarding.

9.0 BURFORD LODGE RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL CLUB LICENCE

1848 The Clerk reported that he was chasing the Football Club to sign the licence that was issued last year, with little response. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact them again and seek their agreement with a time frame being set. If a response or agreement was not obtained then the licence would be revoked and the Parish Council would revert back to a fee being charged.

10.0 REPORTS, CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

1849 The reports received were noted.

1850 SCC Schools & Learning Admission Arrangements (Amendment No 2 England) – Handed to Mrs Thomas for review and action by the due date.

1851 WBC has set up a planning forum with the first meeting being held on 27 January 2010. Mr Holmes, Mr Terry and the Clerk would attend, with Mr Jeffery available should a member not be able to.

11.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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The following accounts for December are presented for payment		£
*	C P Newman - Salary December, meeting, copies, mileage,	541.16
*	Mr D Holmes – Chairman’s allowance	105.00
*	South East Water - Water charges Burford Lodge	128.57
*	Southern Electric - Electric charges Burford Lodge	10.75
*	Active Grounds Maintenance – Grounds maintenance	1,157.70
*	Elstead United Reformed Church – Hire charges	46.00
*	Smith Charity – Donations 26 @ £60.00	1,560.00
*	Royal British Legion – Poppy appeal	80.00

