

Cllr Flavell asked whether cameras or signage would act as a deterrent. It was noted that in partnership with the Trail Bike Riders Association, a sign had been erected on one section of a BOAT which is popular with off road riders and that it had made an impact. **It was agreed that Cllr Flavell would speak with PC Farmer to discuss the erection of signage.** Cllr Flavell offered to meet with PC Farmer on site to show her the extent of the damage.

Discussion took place regarding the increase in the number of thefts of catalytic converters. PC Farmer confirmed that this is a national problem affecting the local communities. She provided details of the work taking place. **It was suggested that an article in the parish magazine to highlight this may be appropriate.**

It was noted that fly-tipping incidents are usually cleared by WBC quickly once they are reported. Discussion took place regarding the increased number of incidents following tighter restrictions at CRC's.

Discussion took place regarding the activity of vehicles that gathered on Old Portsmouth Road on a regular basis each weekend to race through the tunnel. PC Farmer suggested that such incidents be reported as an emergency if there are concerns that road users are at risk so the appropriate warning notices can be issued.

Cllr Swift explained about the accidents which happen on the single lane tracks leading into Bowlhead Green, usually following an unplanned closure of the tunnel. PC Farmer advised that Police would not always attend as this would depend on the circumstances of the RTA but that their standard procedure would be to clear the road as quickly as possible. She asked that accidents get reported.

Discussion took place regarding anti-social behaviour in the village. It was noted that following the erection of the posts on the recreation ground there had been no further incidents of joyriders.

PC Farmer advised that there was a Waverley Beat Facebook page available.

Cllr Swift thanked PC Farmer and PCSO Perry for attending the meeting.

PC Farmer and PCSO Perry left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Flavell raised a question on behalf of parishioners about the untidy condition of the Clump following the decision for it to be managed as wildflower area. She advised that there had been a suggestion that a level of management was required. It was noted that this was the first year of the experiment and that consideration would be given to the comments.

It was noted that similar concerns had been raised regarding the need for verges to be trimmed on single tracks in the village as they are currently restricting the vision of road users. Cllr Luff advised that there is a similar problem on the cycleway by the A3.

Cllr Harmer provided details of the Blue Hearts project. He suggested that these matters be raised at the Western Villages meeting in September.

It was agreed that planning application reference WA/2021/01417 be considered at this point in the meeting to allow the applicant who was attending virtually to leave the meeting if she chooses to do so. This was agreed.

WA/2021/01417 – Emley Cottage, Rutton Hill Road, GU8 6NW
Erection of a single storey extension and alterations to elevations

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

Ms Briers left the meeting at 7.51 pm.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2021 were approved by the Council to be signed by the Chairman.

5.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(5.1) It was noted that Cllr Mendelssohn had met with Mr Adrian Selby (SCC) and posts had been installed.

(5.2) It was confirmed that Cllr Swift had provided details of the Blue Hearts project. It was noted that this was used as a mark to indicate the need for the area to be left for wildflowers.

(5.3) Cllr Swift confirmed that he and Cllr Mendelssohn had met with Mr Selby and Mr Lindsey-Clark to discuss the repositioning of the signage on Boundless Road. Discussion took place regarding the on-going problem of vehicles not passing safely in the area of the single track with passing places. It was suggested that this was due to drivers believing it to be a two-way road. **Cllr Swift agreed to speak to Mr Selby again on this matter. It was suggested that this be included for discussion at the Western Villages meeting in September.**

(5.4) It was noted that Cllr Mendelssohn had spoken to Mr Zac Ellwood and that the Clerk had spoken to the local Parish Clerks.

(5.5) Cllr Swift confirmed that he had registered the Parish Council's interest in the project looking at reducing the speed limit in rural areas.

(5.6) It was noted that Cllr Owen and Cllr Mendelssohn had removed the two benches opposite the cricket field.

(5.7) Cllr Swift confirmed that he had submitted an expression of interest in the EV charging points with WBC and together with Cllr Mendelssohn had met with a representative from EVC.com to discuss the installation of EV charge points in Thursley.

(5.8) Cllr Swift reported that in response to a communication to Witley Park following the recent power outages, he had received a comprehensive response from the contractor undertaking the works on site.

(5.9) It was agreed that the recent evening to see nightjars had been very worthwhile.

(5.10) **It was noted that the action which Cllr de Vries was undertaking with regards to road closures was outstanding.**

6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(6.1) Cllr Harmer advised that he had received a communication from a local farmer regarding closures of Rutton Hill Road for which he had not received notification and it had affected his ability to work. He advised that he was investigating the circumstances of the closures.

(6.2) Discussion took place regarding possible reorganisation of the Highway team and the loss of local and historical knowledge as a result.

(6.3) Cllr Harmer advised that following discussion there had been some progress with resolving the issue of damage to the surface and vegetation resulting in flooding and a risk of accidents to an area on Sandy Lane, Tilford due to vehicle misuse similar to that being experienced in the parish. It was noted that the services of a WBC Ranger had been provided in an attempt to resolve the matter. Cllr Harmer advised that the Your Fund Surrey application could be used as a test case to provide funding to resolve the matter but that this be put on hold for the moment awaiting the outcome of the work that the Ranger would be doing. He suggested that the correct departments were now working to fix the problem.

Cllr Harmer advised that if no progress is made to resolve the matter, then the recent changes to legislative guidance will allow for TRO's to be issued so that BOAT's can be used for what they were intended if it can be demonstrated that other fixes have been unsuccessful. It was noted that the new guidance was difficult to locate.

(6.4) Discussion took place regarding the report which had been received from Cllr Jenny Else in her absence with regards to the proposed reduction of Ward Councillors which would impact Elstead and Thursley parishes. It was agreed that this was a retrograde step which would result in a reduced level of support in the village.

It was agreed that this concern be raised with Cllr Jenny Else and that she request an explanation from WBC to justify their proposal so that a response to the Boundary Commission consultation can be prepared and submitted at the appropriate time.

(6.5) The Clerk made reference to the report from Cllr Jenny Else with regards to the Guildford and Waverley Borough Council partnership working arrangements.

(6.6) It was noted that Cllr Jenny Else had reported that there are some improvements in the planning and enforcement teams.

7.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(7.1) WA/2021/01335 – Olde Hall, The Lane, GU8 6QB
Listed building consent for alterations to fenestration

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

(7.2) WA/2021/01375 – Tilhurst, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD
Erection of a shed for the storage of pool equipment

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council OBJECTED to the application. Cllr Flavell agreed to prepare a statement for submission to WBC planning portal to reflect this discussions that had taken place with regards to over development but that if the Council is minded to approve the application, Thursley Parish Council would like them to give serious consideration to the treatment of the walls abutting the boundary with the neighbouring property.

(7.3) WA/2021/01607 – Badgers, The Lane, GU8 6QB
Application under Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to vary Condition 5 of WA/2021/0065 (restricting windows to have flush casements) to allow trickle vents in the windows to the rear and side elevations.

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

(7.4) WA/2021/0754 – Hammer Pond

Cllr Mendelsohn provided an update on the objection from the Environment Agency and neighbouring properties. **Following discussion it was agreed that he would write to the CEO of Natural England to express the concerns of the Parish Council with regards to the circumstances of the objection and the delay to the works. He was asked to copy Cllr Harmer and Mr Jeremy Hunt MP.**

(7.5) WA/2019/0989 – Haybarn, Dye House Road, GU8 6QN
Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 191 for erection of a garage with a room above and use for the parking of private motor vehicles and storage on the ground floor and gymnasium above

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council would submit comments to WBC before the deadline date of 16th July 2021 to highlight the S106 deed attached to the development and raise the matter of WBC not taking action when the breach was first reported to them. **Cllr Flavell agreed to draft the comments document.**

8.0 FINANCE

(8.1) The following list of payments for July was presented and duly authorised and approved for payment:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0021/21	John Swift	VAS expenses	£9.00
0022/21	Satswana	DPO service	£90.00
0023/21	Rospa Play Safety	Play area inspection	£103.20
0024/21	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£402.08
0025/21	HMRC	July payment	£95.60
	TOTAL		£699.88

(8.2) It was noted that payments for August would be approved electronically and reported at the next meeting.

(8.3) The Budget Review document for 2021-22 which had been available in advance of the meeting was discussed. It was noted that there was funding allocated to 'footpaths' so Councillors may wish to consider the how to make best use of this funding.

Discussion took place regarding previous discussions with Hannah Gutteridge (SCC) about reinstatement and improvement of footpaths within the parish. **Cllr Swift agreed to send Cllr Harmer a copy of communications on the matter.**

As discussion was taking place regarding footpaths, Councillors were asked for their comments regarding the proposed diversion of Bridleway 113. It was agreed that no comments were required to be made on the matter.

9.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(9.1) Cllr Swift reported that he had spoken to John Nicholson and the intention was to close French Lane during planned closures of the tunnel.

(9.2) Cllr Swift advised that he wished to relinquish his role overseeing the VAS activity but that although a group of volunteers existed, there was no one to take on the role. Discussion took place regarding the number of activations each week and what the Parish Council wished to achieve by having the VAS in operation.

Cllr Harmer suggested that there was evidence to suggest that use for a three week period in different locations provided a good evidence base to support any actions that may be required.

Cllr Swift reported that a bracket had been purchased to allow for the unit to be sited on The Street in addition to the position on Dye House Road. It was noted that the frequency of the need to replace the battery will reduce once Mr Peter Hunter has installed the solar panels to the Dye House Road site.

Following discussion Cllr Owen and Cllr Sellars agreed to take on the role of VAS coordinators. **Cllr Swift agreed to arrange a handover meet with them.**

(9.3) Cllr Luff raised a concern about potholes on Dye House Road. It was suggested that this be raised at the Western Villages meeting in September.

10.0 EPIC CYCLING EVENT

It was noted that this event was due to take place this weekend but that there was little information available about the route.

11.0 PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Clerk reported that after receiving three quotes for the required work identified during the annual inspection, the contract had been awarded to a specialist play area company and that Richard Knight would be looking at the general maintenance works that were required.

12.0 PRESERVE OUR RESERVE UPDATE

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that funding for the work was available. He advised that Mr Zac Ellwood (WBC Planning) had indicated that planning permission was not needed under certain conditions which the POR committee had supported. **He advised that he would be speaking to Mr Des Sussex (Natural England) in due course to progress this so that work could commence as planned.**

Parish Councillors agreed the transfer of £500 funds from the POR account to the Friends of Thursley.

13.0 SEATING ON RECREATION GROUND

Due to timing restrictions, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the September meeting.

14.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Cllr Swift advised that he continues to work on this matter and would provide further information in due course.

15.0 WBC FUNDING PRIORITY AND PRINCIPLES RESPONSE

It was noted that the Clerk had collated the ranking marks received from individual Councillors and prepared a priority submission to WBC to include the notes from Cllr Swift with regards to inclusion of Citizens Advice Bureau.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been shared with Councillors in advance of the meeting:

WBC:

- Business & Performance Manager appointment – Sally Busby
- Planning: Development Management Improvement Plan presentation
- Town & Parish forums x 6 months – starting Sept/Oct
- Local Plan Part 2 timetable
- Guildford & Waverley Borough Council's partnership working

- CIL Bidding Round – 1st July to 15th October 2021

SCC:

- Surrey Transport Plan 2022-2032 consultation draft
- Change in highways personnel – Stuart Copping & Frank

General:

- Overgrown footpaths
- Announcement regarding expansion of Surrey Hills AONB

Cllr Swift suggested that it was important that the Surrey Transport Plan 2022-2032 consultation be highlighted to the community.

15.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

It was noted that it may be necessary for planning applications which require comment prior to the next Parish Council meeting to be discussed electronically.

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 7th September 2021** at 7.00 pm.

Signed

7th September 2021