### **OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of Ockley Parish Council was held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Ockley Village Hall.

# 1. Attendance and Apologies

## **Councillors present**

Mr D Thomas Chairman

Mr J Lee-Steere Mr B Thorne Mrs Z Biasuzzi

Mrs S Bell Clerk

HC from MVDC and 10 parishioners also present.

Apologies sent from Mr G Elgar and Ms A Barclay.

### 2. Declarations of interest:

J-LS for Jayes Estate.

### 3. Public Session

All parishioners present were here to discuss the recent decision of the Coles Lane planning application being approved by the Inspector. They wanted to understand what the Parish had done to object to this planning application and how disappointed they were this has been allowed to pass through and how OPC were going to continue fighting this.

DT advised OPC had worked tremendously hard to object to the application going ahead but

there is nothing more the parish can do now that the application has been approved by the MV Inspector. HC then advised MVDC did turn the decision down for the application but was appealed again and again by the developers. The Chairman and herself had attended the appeal hearing and spoke against the development. This was all advertised to the public. HC is also very disappointed and has written to the MP and the Inspector to try to understand why this application has been approved and whether a meeting could be arranged with the planning department in MVDC to discuss this further. All of OPC appeal letters and documents can be found on the website. The Inspector based in Bristol came to MV and held a public hearing which was published. Parishioners advised there were 93 signatures taken

from the village and people did not know of the planning application as it was advertised poorly. Parishioners thought OPC should be advertising this more effectively as a lot of people didn't know.

HC responded that this application has been live for a long time, even before Covid. MVDC local plan is well out of date and the Inspector commented on the green belt which is also is out of date. HC has discussed with MVDC to protect countryside beyond the green belt but it is incredibly difficult to overturn an Inspector's decision.

DT said OPC has done what we can to object to this planning application and other applications which have taken place at the same time. The Inspector allowed a lot of questions at the appeal hearing but we believe he didn't take much notice. HC believes this has rocked the planning department in MVDC. HC advised was a very disappointing outturn by Ockley and Capel at the last appeal hearing. One parishioner advised he has already put a complaint in and was told not to attend the hearing because of the complaint.

DT has devoted a lot of time to this. He has attended the appeals and hearings. Parishioners advised if public would have known, OPC would have had more support and more objections.

# 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th January 2023

JLS proposed and BT seconded. Chairman signed the minutes.

### 5. Correspondence

<u>Dates for the diary</u> - Proposed extension of Surrey Hills AONB for the OPC to comment – ends of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Planning matters

Discussions over planning matters:

- Coles Lane Discussed in public session
- Stane Street (prideaux gardens) Nothing to comment
- Elderslie Not been pronounced upon by MVDC. JL-S mentioned about the drainage issues and to talk with the locals to discuss and respond back to the developers.
- J-LS also noted that the planning application for Brookwood that was discussed back in January meeting has been refused.
- HC reported money was available to spend on Highways. A bid has been to address the village shop particularly crossing the road with the highlight to slow traffic down. There were bids in Charlwood and possibly Ockley for advice from road Safety People. Big schemes to create space for cyclists and reduce space for motorists. Police support needed for average speed cameras.

Councillors had been informed of the planning matters as shown below:

# Planning applications - list dates

### MO/2022/2140/PCL

Fern Cottages, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TH

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development in respect of a single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear projection. Loft conversion with rear dormer window and roof windows.

21-Dec-2022

### MO/2022/2149/PLA

Land to the side The Forge, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TD Conversion and extension of existing building to provide 2 No. one bed flats. 23-Dec-2022

### MO/2022/2150/LBC

Land to the side, The Forge, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TD Conversion and extension of existing building to provide 2 No. one bed flats. (Application for Listed Building Consent)
23-Dec-2022

### MO/2022/1840/PLA

Brookwood, Weare Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5NH Erection of 6 No. dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow. REFUSED 13-Jan-2023

### MO/2022/1811/LBC

The Barn, Ruckmans Lane, Okewood Hill, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5NE

Repair and renovation of an existing barn and 2 No. adjacent buildings, including a conservatory link joining the buildings together, to provide a single family dwelling. Erection of a new double car port at the rear of the property. (Application for Listed Building Consent.)

**REFUSED** 

16-Jan-2023

# MO/2022/1817/PLA

The Barn, Ruckmans Lane, Okewood Hill, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5NE

Repair and renovation of an existing barn and 2 No. adjacent buildings, including a conservatory link joining the buildings together, to provide a single family dwelling. Erection of a new double car port at the rear of the property.

**REFUSED** 

16-Jan-2023

# MO/2023/0069/DEA

Land Opposite Four Oaks, Cathill Lane, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5QP Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage barn of 17 metres x 9 metres. 16-Jan-2023

### MO/2022/1841/

Carpoles Barn, The Green, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TR Conversion of redundant barn to single dwelling.

#### APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

20-Jan-2023

### MO/2022/1976/LBC

Ockley Station, Station Approach, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5HT Installation of PA speakers and PA cabinet.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

24-Jan-2023

### MO/2022/0773/PLA

Land adj Woodways, Weare Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5JA Erection of a detached dwelling. 26-Jan-2023

#### MO/2023/0128/PLAH

## 1, FERN COTTAGES, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TH

Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing, erection of a single storey side storm porch, loft conversion with infill roof addition.

30-Jan-2023

#### MO/2022/2064/PNHH

1, Fern Cottages, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TH

Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension of 3.92 metres deep and 3 metres high with an eaves height of 3 metres.

**WITHDRAWN** 

30-Jan-2023

### MO/2022/2140/PCL

# 1, Fern Cottages, Stane Street, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5TH

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development in respect of a single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear projection. Loft conversion with rear dormer window and roof windows.

**REFUSED** 

07-Feb-2023

### MO/2023/0069/DEA

Land Opposite Four Oaks, Cathill Lane, Ockley, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5QP Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage barn of 17 metres x 9 metres. PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

13-Feb-2023

HC left the meeting and all of the parishioners.

### 7. Finance

# a) accounts to be paid

It was proposed by JLS and seconded BT by that the following accounts be paid:

### To be paid

Clerk's salary/admin/allowances costs £765.27

HMRC, Tax, NI on Clerk's salary TBA

Mark Osbourne £2,100.00

Maintenance for

Play area

Mark Osbourne £250.00

Repair of entrance gate

At play area

Zurich Municipal £534.28

Renewal of insurance

James Garside £1730.50

NDP

Mrs L Fletcher £207.68

Back pay

Clerk's salary/admin/allowances costs £765.27

HMRC. Tax, NI on Clerk's salary TBC

## b) Appointment of Internal Auditor 01/04/23-31/03/2024

It was agreed by all for Mulberry & Co. for the internal audit appointment.

## c) Reserve Allocation

To be discussed next meeting.

# d) Interim Audit findings

Clerk had papers to sign for Councillors to agree being sent documents electronically rather than in paper form which was one of the recommendations from the interim report. All Councillors present signed the document.

### 8. Elections

Clerk sent nomination papers to all by email. Councillors need to fill out papers and hand deliver to Pippbrook themselves before 4<sup>th</sup> April. Annual Parish Council meeting to take place 15<sup>th</sup> May along with the parish meeting. Chairman indicated that he was not proposing to stand as Councillor at these upcoming elections.

### 9. Polices Review

Grievance and Disciplinary policies are due a review but someone needs to take responsibility to look this over. DT nominated ZB. There are also two other policies needed to be reviewed by J-LS which Clerk agreed to send over the documents by email.

## 10. Asset Register

To look at this in the next meeting.

## 11. Footpaths in Parish

DT provided that there was no update.

## 12. Crime

Clerk enquired with the Police following on from previous minutes asking for more detail on the crime reports. Police have amended the statistics but have advised they cannot give much more detail. Seven reports recorded.

# 13. Future MV

Was briefly discussed in the public session. Not much else to report.

## 14. NDP

DT really concerned of future of plan and if this is going to be completed. Did hope this would go into conjunction with MV's local plan. There were 13 or 14 people on the team but at least 4 or 5 people have resigned. Nobody apart from JH has volunteered to do anything further. Will continue to try to get the plan completed.

## 15. Play Area

Clerk has received invoices for the play area and also a quote to repair the fencing around the edge. Councillors would like to look at more quotes for this work. Clerk to action this.

# 16. Date of next meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm