



ELSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting

Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.30pm
Held at Elstead Youth Centre

Attendees: Cllr P. Murphy (Chair) Cllr J. Jacobs Cllr A. Hampshire
Cllr J. Collis Cllr A. Goundry Cllr R. Muir
Cllr J. Holroy Cllr M. Lass

Mrs J. Williams (Clerk)
Cllr G Long, Cllr D Harmer

1.0 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

8200 There were no questions from members of the public. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

8201 Apologies for absence were given by Cllr Davidsen which members accepted. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8203 No councillors declared any (a) Personal, (b) Prejudicial interests which they are required to disclose by section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Parish Council (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2018. Councillors were reminded to send completed declaration of pecuniary interest forms to the clerk as soon as possible. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 19th JUNE 2023

8204 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

8205 FP64: Cllr P Murphy attended and spoke at the Waverley Local Committee meeting held on 13th March 2020. The local committee unanimously found in favour of the two diversions. The Clerk has written to SCC Countryside who replied explaining that the existing temporary closure will have to be extended until such time as social distancing is relaxed. Once everything is back to normal the diversion order will be made and there will be a formal consultation period. If objections are received during this period and cannot be resolved SCC will have to refer the order to the Secretary of State for determination. Determination can take the form of written representations, formal hearing, or a Public Inquiry. If there are no sustained objections, SCC can confirm the order and the footpath will

have been legally diverted (although works may have to be carried out to make the new route suitable for the public). Cllr Mathisen suggested that the EA had neglected to clear tree debris and Cllr Murphy added that another tree had caused scouring to the bank. After many months of chasing Surrey CC have served notice of the order for the footpath diversion on 16th June 2022 and this will not come into operation until thirty days after it is confirmed. The order has been made however the landowner has objected to it. There has been no progress in this matter by Surrey CC and the Clerk to ask the officer's line manager to meet with Cllr Murphy to explain why progress has been so slow. Cllr Mathisen noted that vegetation needed to be cleared beyond the footbridge. There was no response from SCC before the meeting. The clerk forwarded her letter to Cllr Harmer who will follow it up with officers. Cllr Murphy and the clerk met with SCC ROW on 23rd March to discuss the on-going closure of FP64. Cllr Murphy reported that there was no problem with the route and that it was on-going discussions with the landowner that were the problem and were causing the delay. Cllr Murphy and the clerk had asked for SCC ROW to set a target date of 22nd May 2023 to resolve the issue after which it was suggested that SCC should send a formal application to the Secretary of State. (June 2023) SCC have met with the landowner and will send over further paperwork once it has been finalised. It is hoped that on receipt of the information the landowner will have all the information that is needed. (July 2023) SCC advised that the landowner has queried the surveyors report. SCC are obtaining permission to send the whole of the surveyors report to the landowner. SCC will then respond to the query and see whether the objection is withdrawn. If it is not then SCC will respond to the Secretary of State. **(07/23)**.

- 8206 Village Green and Church Green Lease: The clerk has received finally the sealed transfer documentation from WBC. The clerk has asked Wellers Hedley to confirm which papers are needed to register the transfer. Due to the Parish Council's usual lawyer being on maternity leave there has been a delay (and confusion) over this by Wellers Hedley. The clerk has followed this up and has received the correct forms to submit with no legal charge however the legal representative has raised a query over the wording of the lease and has suggested that the clerk seek comments on this from WBC Legal. The clerk has contacted WBC legal again. **(07/23)**.
- 8207 Staceys Farm Road registration: Cllr Mathisen advised that the land in the strip closest to the service road was not registered and the PC agreed that this should be registered as the village green lease covers the front third of the strip of land. Councillors formally agreed to the cost of c£900 to start the land registration process and the clerk has returned the signed instruction contract to Wellers. In response to Wellers request for information the clerk has forwarded background information to the legal team which the clerk has done. Due to the Parish Council's usual lawyer being on maternity leave there has been a delay from Wellers in progressing this. The clerk has followed up with Wellers Hedley and a new legal adviser has been appointed and is working through the paperwork and the clerk reported in July that the final case documents were being drawn up. **(07/23)**.
- 8208 Springfield flooding: Cllrs Murphy, Mathisen and Rees met with Ian Fowler (IF, SCC), Cllr Harmer, the clerk and a resident in June 2020 to discuss the flooding issue associated with Springfield which impacts Orchard Close and some properties along the Milford Road. Investigative work was carried out from 17th-21st January 2022 and several blockages were identified. Some remedial work has been completed from Orchard Close to Springfield and at Beggars Folly. WBC have submitted a proposal to SCC to replace the pipework with larger pipework as there are a number of breaks. At the October 2022 meeting, the clerk reported that WBC are have advised that the legal paperwork is in place and that WBC are seeking comparative quotes for the work. The project will go out to tender with a closing date set of 7th July. The anticipated start date is 21st July 2023 ending 30th September 2023. At WBC's request the clerk has written to all affected residents asking for permission for the potential bidders to see the proposed scope of the works and WBC have attended with their contractors to pull together tender documents. **(07/23)**.
- 8209 Elstead-Milford Cycle Route: Work has been completed on this project. HG (SCC) advised that she was still in favour of finding a name for the route. The clerk undertook a survey with the most popular name being Blackberry Way. Witley PC have confirmed that they have not consulted residents but are happy with the name choice. The clerk has advised Cllr Harmer and at the Western Village the

- clerk was advised that the council must make a protocol to say that they agree to the renaming. The clerk noted that this has already been evidenced in the minutes. **(07/23)**
- 8143 Costs for the repairs to the spire net and spika podium were approved and the spika podium was confirmed as being free of charge. The spire net was repaired (May) and was not tensioned in June 2022 as the contractor was not able to access the relevant points. The clerk has received an invoice which is contrary to what was agreed and has followed this up with Kompan. Kompan have not commented on the clerk's response and the clerk has followed this matter up again with Kompan. The PC have received a letter from Kompan's legal advisers which the clerk has followed up. **(06/23)**
- 8145 The Clerk to follow up with the contractor who serviced the zip wire to provide a quotation to make good some of the wet pour in the playgrounds. Other costs received include: to repair the roundabout £1k plus labour. A new accessible roundabout will cost £13k and a replacement see saw £6.5k. (Costs for new were provided by Wicksted). It was agreed that the PC would wait until it received CIL funding and use this to replace the old play equipment. The clerk has chased for wetpour quotes and is seeking alternative contractors. **(06/23)**.
- 7789 A resident reported on the unreliability of Stagecoach services to and from the village. The clerk to write to Stagecoach seeking an explanation. **(09/22)**.
- 8210 A letter was received from a resident noting the increased usage of bikes along a footpath leading from West Hill to the Common. The clerk has spoken to SCC Countryside who will investigate what can be done and whether the gate (that was removed) can be reinstated which might help to deter people from cycling along the route. The clerk is working with SCC Countryside on this who have agreed to add some signage. The clerk followed this up with JB (SCC) at the July Western village meeting. **(07/23)**.
- 7886 Bike park: A resident noted that feedback from the recent survey had been positive. 90% supported low cost outside leisure. 90% would support a bike area and 70% would use it. Most would use it ranging from daily to weekly. There had been four letters against the bike park who were concerned about noise and suggested that it was the wrong location. The objections were discussed at length and it was felt that the concerns expressed, while understandable, could be addressed through the instigation of effective controls. The resident asked whether the PC would support the project and suggested that replies could be sent to those who objected to it and also that it could be trialled for a month. It was advised that some monies have been promised for the project in the way of a donation. The project would be run via the British Cycling website which would offer membership and insurance. Bars would be erected to prevent motorbikes and the gate would be padlocked with members receiving a combination code to access the site. Rules would be visible and the site would not be accessible after a certain hour. Finally the resident advised that there was a constitution in place and that operating hours would be limited to weekends, and outside school hours but not in the dark. The majority of councillors present supported the proposal providing that it was securely fenced off and that should the project not continue the land would be returned to grassland at the end. It was agreed that a memorandum of understanding would be required which would set out the conditions of making over the land. Explanatory letters to be drafted to those who objected – letters to be sent to the clerk. **(11/22)**.
- 8151 A resident asked if there was an update on the Springfield development as there had been no information for residents for over a year. The clerk has contacted WBC who have responded that further pre application advice has been sought. WBC are now updating the financial modelling for the site and WBC hope to be able to present it at the July Council meeting. Once approved WBC will meet with the PC ahead of the resident consultation event that will take place. **(06/23)**
- 8037 Representatives from Hey Broadband and F&W networks attended the February PC meeting to provide an update on progress to date. It was explained that there had been 300 expressions of interest of which 293 were committed. It was advised that there had been some delay connecting to the cabinets but by April 2023 it hoped to have hit 900 and by July 2023 1250 connections. It was noted that the main challenge lay with crossing private land where permissions were needed. The

provider will have to consult with some residents in Silver Birches Way and Springfield to see which would be preferable – a trench in the pathway or the addition of two telegraph poles. Peat Common also posed issues as the provider had applied to put fibre on the existing electrical poles and it had taken 5-6 months to approve just one pole. Hankley and Lower Ham Lane were also going to be hard to reach and again resident's permission would need to be sought to add more poles. MoD permission was required to install fibre to Guinea Common however MoD were charging an unrealistic fee. Cllr Murphy noted that the PC had taken the matter up with the MoD but so far without success. Westbrook Hill would also need MoD permission. The update concluded by explaining that Hey Broadband had started to canvas for people to sign up to the scheme. **(03/23)**.

8211 Cllr Mathisen advised that drains along the Seale Road had been cleared but that there as a leak at the top. The land owner is in dispute with SCC on this matter. The clerk asked if this has been resolved at the Western Village meeting. SCC to advise. **(07/23)**

8212 Cllr Murphy reported that MoD had been grateful for residents' co-operation during the recent restrictive use of the common following the recent training. Cllr Murphy had also raised the problem of flooding on the commons and the absence of any effective measures / action to clear the main drainage ditch. Cllr Murphy added that despite much correspondence he had been unable to get an answer from either Natural England (NE) or the EA on what their policies for the maintenance of the drainage system on the commons and their effects on the ROWs. Cllr Murphy explained to new councillors that as the land is owned by MoD they need consent from NE before works can be completed because of its SSI status. Without such consents it would be a criminal offence to undertake such works. The Friends of Thursley Common have asked for a meeting to discuss this with Cllr Murphy. Cllr Muir to attend. **(06/23)**.

8213 Cllrs Elses are seeking to get the footpath repaired along the Milford Road where the tarmac is disintegrating. Cllr J. Else advised that there had been no progress since October 2022. Cllr J Else advised that she had spoken to SCC and that it is on a "consideration list". Cllr Harmer explained that problems were fixed in order of severity. The clerk/EVRS to take over following this matter up. **(07/23)**.

8214 Cllr J. Else advised that there had been a lot of issues regarding the reliability of No 46 bus and that she was in discussion with SCC over this. The clerk to take over following this up. **(07/23)**.

8087 Staceys Farm Road: OE are anxious to improve its appearance. Cllr Snape has formulated an improvement plan. A budget to be agreed for planting – all other works fall under the PC's responsibility for on-going maintenance. A planned letter to residents had not happened as the clerk was waiting for OE to provide a date for the planting however tree works notices had been publicised in the village news for the previous six months. Trees were removed following a survey by a professional and the PC has to maintain its duty of care especially given that this is a prime walking route for parents and children accessing school. **(04/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

8215 Burford Lodge Pavilion: Cllr Holroyd advised that the reinstatement work had been excellent with electrics refitted, changing rooms painted, loos repaired and the roof cleared. Cllr Holroyd advised that Elstead FC were unsure what to do with the kitchen area and were not able to provide a disabled toilet as the aperture was not wide enough. It was highlighted that loos would only be open for training and matches and must be locked afterwards and professionally cleaned weekly. Councillors noted their thanks and appreciation for the work that had been undertaken. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

6.0 REPORT FOLLOWING THE WESTERN VILLAGE MEETING HELD JULY 12th 2023

8216 The clerk advised that the meeting had been collaborative and that representatives from each parish council had reviewed their priority projects. The list will go back to SCC for costing and then the western villages will reconvene in Autumn to agree projects for the next fiscal. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

8217 The Frensham clerk has been part of a focus group led by SCC looking at how to improve communications and working methodologies between the county and parish councils as the mechanism for reporting highways issues has been overly complex. A debrief following this engagement is expected on 19th October 2023. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

7.0 WBC UPDATE

8162 Cllr Long explained that she had been dealing with the issue of some telegraph poles that had been erected recently as part of the fibre broadband installation. The problem was that some of the telegraph poles have been erected seemingly without consultation with residents. F&W are adamant that they have the requisite approvals in place. A telegraph pole in Hookley Close has been controversially erected. Residents believed that they had ownership of the land however it might be responsibility and not ownership and Cllr Long is investigating. Cllr Goundry advised that SSE have been hampering the roll out by taking up to eight months to approve each pole and it was noted that the voucher scheme only has validity for twelve months. **(06/23).**

8218 Cllr Long has seen the enforcement notice on the caravans that are sited at Red House farm and has asked that the Parish Council be informed. **(07/23).**

8219 Cllr Long was asked by Parish Councillors to find out whether the six monthly Town and Parish meetings were to be reinstated by Waverley BC. The last one was held in December 2019. **(07/23).**

8.0 SCC UPDATE

6004 Cllr Mathisen raised the issue of Fulbrook Lane – the side of the road near to Thundry Farm needs improvement. **(02/20)**

7878 Cllr Harmer noted that the Elstead-Milford cycle route needs a safe crossing over the A286 to allow children to cross. Cllr discussed various options but it was felt that crossing under the underpass would be the safest option. It was also suggested that the road should be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph. Should this be the preferred route the underpass would need upgrading as it currently does not have any lighting. **(10/22).**

9.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

8220 Regulation 16: NHP Regulation 16 is now complete and WBC have contacted a company to appoint an Inspector. Two resumes have been sent to the PC and one person was selected who had had more experience in inspecting NHP's than the other candidate. The Inspector has read through the NHP briefly and raised three issues which need to be resolved. WBC legal have provided the inspector with information that supports the fact that Peper Harow Parish Meeting could allow the Weyburn part of its parish to join into the Elstead neighbourhood plan. Nexus have provided more detailed information for the engagement report and basic conditions statement. WBC are minded that a new reg 16 will have to take place on these revisions which the steering groups disagrees. The reg 16 could be run concurrently with the start of the Inspection it is believed. A meeting was held with ZE and ME (WBC) on 22nd June to discuss the hold up. At the meeting ZE committed to put pressure on WBC legal for a response to the Inspectors queries. A follow up meeting was held in September with Cllrs Murphy and Jacobs, Mrs Davidsen, Mr Veasey and the clerk with Waverley BC Planning Policy and Legal. Learned Counsel's advice has been shared in full at the end of September with The Examiner and WBC reiterated that they were satisfied that all legal aspects of the plan have been met. There has been no response from the Examiner and The Clerk has followed this up with WBC who say they have again contacted the examiner. As a result of the lack of progress councillors have the clerk to contact ME (WBC) and ask him to telephone the Examiner which the clerk has done. ME has advised that despite calling the Examiner several times there has been no response. Cllr Murphy forwarded a strongly worded letter to ME (WBC). The Examiner has responded and still disagrees with Counsel's advice. It was agreed that Counsel would respond to the Examiner by the middle of March – the clerk has chased WBC and is waiting to for confirmation that the letter has been sent.

Cllr Murphy has written to Jeremy Hunt about the delays and the letter has been forwarded to Michael Gove. At the April 2023 meeting it was reported that Michael Gove had responded giving contradictory information to that which the PC had received from WBC. Michael Gove advised that it was possible to get a new Examiner. It was agreed that it was necessary to wait for Counsel's advice before suggesting this. Cllr Jacobs shared an email that the PC had received from WBC on 18th May which stated that there had been no further response from Mr Edge. Councillors were in agreement that an urgent meeting be convened with ME and the Head of Planning Policy at WBC. Councillors were also in agreement that the PC should state that WBC must write to Mr Edge robustly and that if they did not Elstead PC would be writing to Mr Gove highlighting WBC's failure to complete the NHP. Cllr Long was asked to attend where possible. Cllrs Jacobs, Murphy, Long and the clerk attended a meeting with ME and AL (WBC) on 25th May. Cllr Murphy explained that in light of the second piece of advice from Counsel, the Examiner stated (on 24th May) that he will accept Counsel's advice. However, the examiner explained that he is unable to restart the examination for the immediate future for personal reasons. ME has written back to the examiner on 26th May to confirm in writing what the examiner had said. As it has now been one month since this meeting with no further response from the examiner, it was agreed that the clerk would write to WBC on behalf of the council explaining that the examiner should be given a one week and deadline after which it would be assumed that he had resigned. (July 2023) Cllr Murphy advised that Mr Edge had been stood down and Mr Ashcroft, a very experienced Examiner, has been appointed in his place. It was agreed that Cllr Murphy will draft a letter of complaint regarding the conduct of Mr Edge and allow WBC to co-sign the letter. The clerk to advise DV, the E&W NHP consultant that Mr Ashcroft has been appointed. **(07/23)**.

8040 Village Design Statement (VDS): Cllr Jacobs chaired a meeting on 30.11.2020 at which it was agreed that the VDS just needed basic refreshing and updating and would benefit from photographs. Two meetings were held in January and one in February at which the whole revised copy was reviewed. Cllr Jacobs and the clerk did some final proof reading and here are a few more amends to be made. The flooding section still needs completing. The final draft to be shared for the July meeting. The clerk has contacted WBC regarding the VDS (at ZE's suggestion) as it is better if they formally consult on this. WBC have responded saying that they do not have capacity to manage this process at the moment but councillors have agreed that this should be progressed anyway. At the clerk's briefing it was noted that due to changes in planning policy there is no place for a VDS. The clerk to obtain a definitive statement on this from Surrey ALC. **(03/23)**.

10.0 NO MOW MAY EFFECTIVENESS

8221 Cllr Jacobs stated that she felt that the policy on grass cutting was not well considered and proposed that Elstead should be responsible for cutting the grass throughout the whole of the village. It was noted that there are currently four contractors who cut different sections of grass on different days of the week in Elstead which was clearly not ecologically sound. Cllr Lass asked who would pay for the grass cutting and it was questioned whether some funding could come from the borough/district council. Cllr Long advised that there was to be a meeting between SCC and WBC to discuss this matter and was asked by Councillors to request that funding and responsibility for this be passed down to the parishes. A quotation to be sought from Grasstex. **(07/23)**.

11.0 ELSTEAD VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY

8222 Cllr Goundry summarised the meeting which had been held on 10th July 2023. The meeting had outlined their course of action and the next meeting to be held in August. The EVRS committee had identified the following issues: 1) highways defects, 2) sightlines grass and physical impediments 3) speeding to be dealt with via speedwatch - there are currently twelve volunteers 4) surveys latest speed data is from 2015 so up to date data would be beneficial 5) pedestrian crossing improvement 6) footpaths: lack of footpath via the road from Water Meadow Place to the centre of the village. Cllr Murphy advised that the original planning consent did require a footpath to be constructed following the road however SCC had no legal authority across the triangle and the crossing would have been unrestricted i.e no belisha beacons etc on a known traffic accident hot spot. It was also a more circuitous route. SCC agreed to upgrade FP61 instead and received £27k for the works (NB The

Spar footpath upgrade cost £30k and the overall cost of FP61 upgrade was estimated at £250k), 7) parking around the school – school to buy into parking at the village green, village hall and pavilion and walking from there. Cllr Murphy explained that use of the BT land had been explored in depth and was not feasible owing to the charges they wished to levy to the school as well as the restrictions. **(07/23). Minute to be removed.**

8166 Speeding: The clerk advised that she had received a number of complaints regarding speeding through the village and the inefficacy of the VAS. Cllr Davidsen agreed that there was an on-going problem of motorists ignoring the VAS. The Clerk discussed this with Sam Adcock, the new Borough Inspector. Sam Adcock noted that it would be better if residents could form a community speed watch volunteer group. Cllr Reynolds had contacted Surrey Police Speedwatch team who had advised that they will provide a framework and whilst the community forms a team of six over the age of eighteen. Following a near miss on the zebra crossing six volunteers have stepped forward. A road survey questionnaire has been circulated to all residents and there are a large number that have been filled in by hand. Cllrs Collis, Holroyd, Jacobs and the clerk will input the data. Once the data has been input, the clerk will pull off a report which details all the responses. The data report will be studied by the EVRS sub committee and circulated to all councillors. **(06/23).**

7279 Road safety outside St James Primary School: The clerk had circulated some draft notes from Cllr Snape (which were also supported by Cllr Else who is a governor at the school as well as a Ward Councillor) prior to the meeting. Councillors supported the draft and Cllr Harmer to write to Adrian Selby (SCC Highways) asking for his advice. Following the preliminary EVRS meeting the clerk spoke to Mrs Elliott who said she would be pleased for the school to be involved in any schemes. The clerk to contact WBC/SCC to get clarity on how the school can be involved with speed watch etc. **(11/21).**

7948 Zebra crossing: to change the crossing to a raised table with LD lighting will cost in excess of £30k. Councillors asked as a first stage whether LD beacons could be installed and then for the table to be installed at a later date. The clerk wrote to DK (SCC highways) copying Cllr Harmer. DK has responded to Cllr Snape stating that the proposal will be added to SCC's list of potential road safety schemes for design next financial year. SCC have not yet prioritised which schemes throughout the county they will be proceeding with as this will depend on the level of collisions and likely level of investment required. However SCC are aware that there have been a number of collisions through Elstead and SCC need to consider how to tackle this. Should the scheme be selected it is anticipated that design and consultation would take place next financial year and then implementation the following year. The clerk has asked DK if the beacons could be changed to LED in the interim. The clerk has reported the belisha beacon online and has been advised that it has been fixed however it does still not illuminate the crossing sufficiently. **(01/23).**

7885 20 is plenty: it was noted that Witley appeared to have implemented this in some areas. Cllr Harmer noted that SCC had applied to The Secretary of State asking for the power to enforce movement on the roads which would mean that SCC can put up their own monitoring devices on the roads and therefore enforce things such as speeding. SCC are introducing 20 mph across some rural lanes in Surrey. Cllr Harmer suggested that the road from Moors Lane to Copse Edge could be a candidate for 20mph and suggested that EVRS sub committee to liaise with AS (SCC) on this point. **(11/22).**

12.0 USER AGREEMENTS

8223 User agreements to be adopted at the September meeting. The clerk had tried several times unsuccessfully to meet with the cricket club who had been unavailable. In the meantime councillors were asked to advise the clerk if they have any comments on the agreements. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

13.0 FLOODLIGHT AGREEMENT

8224 Revised floodlight was approved. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

14.0 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

8225 A request for funding was received from CAW along with a copy of their annual report which documented the number of residents who had been supported by their services. Councillors agreed to donate £1,000. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

15.0 DIGITAL VOICE

8226 It was noted that it was proposed that conventional phone lines would be discontinued by 2025. Whilst councillors cannot affect this Elstead PC can ask SCC and WBC what steps they will take to ensure that vulnerable residents have a telephone connection. Cllr Hampshire advised that currently 999 will route from any mobile signal. Cllr Harmer noted that technology existed to ensure that power was retained to routers even in power outages. Cllr Hampshire agreed that fibre call could still work in a power cut via a battery back up for the router. It was agreed that this should be publicised to help residents and Cllr Hampshire to write an article for the EVN and website which the clerk would circulate. Cllr Jacobs questioned what would happen with personal alarms and asked how long the battery back up would last. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

16.0 COUNCILLOR TRAINING DATES

8227 The clerk advised that general councillor training would take place on 4th September and planning training on 2nd October. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

17.0 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

8228 Cllr Murphy advised that he had contacted Natural England and the Environmental Agency regarding the ditch on Ockford and Elstead Commons. A site visit has been arranged for 28th July 2023 and all are welcome to attend. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8229 The clerk confirmed that general councillor training would take place on 4th September and planning training on 2nd October. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8230 Information from Surrey FA was received re pitch funding. The clerk to share with the sharks and Elstead FC. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8231 The RBL have advised that they will be applying for a road closure permit from WBC for Remembrance. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8232 A resident asked whether Back Lane is a footpath and/or maintained highway. In such matters the parish council is unable to give legal advice and the clerk to refer the resident to ask their solicitor. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8233 20 is plenty: councillors noted that travelling at 20mph can increase pollution. EVRS to consider the the PC's position on this. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8234 A letter thanking Preserve our reserve for the donation towards the boardwalk has been received from natural England. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8235 The clerk advised that there has been much communication between local agencies and residents regarding Bonfire Hill. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8236 The clerk confirmed that Cllr Holroyd's submission to stand on the S and GP Committee had been submitted. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8237 A complaint regarding the appearance of the Croft Play Area had been received and the clerk had instructed RK to undertake some work. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8238 SWT are holding a community event on 3rd August. Councillors to advise if they would like to attend. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8239 The clerk has received quite a few emails from horse riders requesting passes. The clerk has referred them to the MoD. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

8240 A resident notified the clerk of plans to build houses along Waverley Lane which appears to be in contradiction with Farnham's NHP. The clerk has shared with councillors. **(07/23) minute to be removed next month.**

18.0 FINANCE

8241 Bank balances to end of June were circulated in advance of the meeting and are £65,162.26 deposit account (includes £50k contingency and £15k held from easement payment) and £188,359.26 current account. 32 day notice account for POR monies is £29,406.51 as at end June. To note that the current account include the £98k CL payment and £20k PoR payment for Natural England for the boardwalk. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

8242 Accounts for payment for July 2023 were circulated in advance of the meeting. 11 cheques and 1 x DD have been raised totalling £3,117.45 of which 3 x payments are greater than £500 as listed below. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

Cheque no	Payee	Purpose	Amount
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4753	Hilary Hamlyn	Our Elstead Plants	£12.00
4754	Richard Knight	general maintenance RK0644	£135.00
4755	Richard Knight	general maintenance RK0647	£90.00
4756	Hilary Hamlyn	Our Elstead Plants	£10.50
4757	Elstead Village Hall	Hall Hire July 2023	£37.00
4758	juliet Williams	Salary 1 of 2	£999.00
4759	juliet Williams	Salary 2 of 2	£690.36
4760	juliet Williams	expenses July and room use	£34.83
4761	Maxwell and Co Ltd	payroll	£72.00
4762	SSE	electricity charges BL Rec	£35.05
4763	Friends of Thursley Common	fund for volunteers as agreed 19.6.2023	£480.00
DD	SCC Pensions	Monthly pension	£521.71

8243 Reconciliations were circulated to councillors to the end of June 2023. A monthly review of expenditure was shared with councillors. **(07/23) Minute to be removed next month.**

8244 To note that the exercise of the public rights (unaudited accounts) started on Monday 26th June and the notice was placed on the noticeboard and on the village website on Friday 23rd June. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

19.0 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

8245 Cllr Goundry advised that there would be full fibre in the youth centre / village hall within the month. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

8246 Cllr Goundry asked whether there would be a fete as there were a number of vintage cars that would like to form a display. The clerk advised that she would advertise a meeting in

- September 2023 to gauge interest and to seek volunteers. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**
- 8247 Cllr Lass noted that FP64 was overgrown in both directions. The clerk to report. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**
- 8248 Cllr Lass notified councillors of an EA petition regarding pollution. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**
- 8249 Cllr Holroyd advised that she was running some free defibrillator training sessions on 16th and 30th September. Cllr Holroyd will also run a training session for the sharks and cricket team coaches. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**
- 8250 Cllr Jacobs reminded councillors that the PC will receive 25% CIL on new dwellings once the NHP is ratified. All councillors to consider what CIL could be spent on as and when it is received e.g. Parish office, replacement pavilion at Burford Lodge, extension to the village hall lay-by etc. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**
- 8251 Cllr Murphy advised that the junior cricket club is expanding and it was suggested by one of the coaches that a small artificial pitch be installed at Burford Lodge. Some investigative work to be done on this. Cllr Lass noted that it would be positive to have the opportunity of cricket as well as football at Burford Lodge. **(07/23). Minute to be removed next month.**

Meeting closed at 10pm