**DOCKENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 19TH March 2024.**

**At The Church of The Good Shepherd**

**at 8.00pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present**: Amanda Adolph Chairman

Chris Sutton

Paul Wood

Ian McLean

Jill Trout

Clerk: Jessica Hobday

**In attendance:** David Harmer SCC, David Munro WBC, Lucy Catchpole, Natalie Griffiths, Adrian McCarthy

**1. Apologies for absence:**

* There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Members Disclosure of interests for items on the agenda**

* Chris Sutton declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda WA/2024/00405.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

* Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 having been circulated via email prior to this meeting were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Paul Wood and seconded by Jill Trout and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Clerks Report**

* The Clerk had nothing to report that wasn't an agenda item.

**5. Members of the Public wishing to speak.**

* Natalie Griffiths – Oak TPO application – The tree in concern is thought to be the oldest tree on Bealeswood Common. It is in good condition. **Action Dan Bosence/Natalie Griffiths to speak to the landowners this tree may concern. Once spoken the application can be submitted.**
* Adrian Mccarthy - Spoke about his concerns of planning applications in Green Lane.

**6. Open Spaces Group**

* Jill Trout circulated a letter prior to the meeting from Colin Hall updating on the Boundary review for AONB. **Action Jill Trout to ask Colin Hall for further updates.**
* Hatch field hardcore for gate ways – This will be on the next agenda with a map to show exactly where the works will take place.
* Fritiz’s Field – **Action Jill Trout to obtain quote for Hardwood Fencing this will be on the next agenda.**
* BW59 – Jill trout has arranged a meeting with the Binsted contact to discuss this BW.

**7. Skittle Alley**

* The Jolly farmer pub where the Skittles evening is held has closed.
* **Action – Amanda to contact Katy Poulsom. The British Legion in Frensham has a Skittle Alley that could potentially be used.**

8**. Surrey County Councillors Report.**

* David Harmer updated us on SCC
* 70% of the budget goes on Social Care.
* Cllr Ian Mclean – Questioned when Boundary Road is due to be fixed as the road is impassable and very dangerous. **Action Flag with Frensham clerk and CC’d David Harmer.**

**9. Waverley Borough Councillors report.**

* WBC have raised the council tax by 3%
* Car park charges have been raised by 11%
* Council Houses have had a rent increase.
* Guildford's financial troubles will not affect Waverley.
* No Local Elections in Waverley. Police Crime Commissioner Election is the 7th of May.
* The Chairman asked why the cameras in Central car park Farnham are not switched on.
* The White van is still on Pitt Lane. **Action to be reported to WBC**

**10. Planning**

* [Planning Application WA/2024/00430 - Valid From 28/02/2024](https://planning360.waverley.gov.uk:4443/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=542412&KeyText=Subject)

THE BLUE BELL BATTS CORNER BOUNDARY ROAD FARNHAM GU10 4EX

Request to discharge a legal agreement (wa88/0067) to allow the dwelling to be to be sold or leased separately from the pub and be used as a dwellinghouse not ancillary to the pub. **Comments due 22/03/2024**

* The Blue Bell Pub has a covenant that the House and outbuildings remain part of the Pub.
* The house is lived in by the leaseholder of the pub.
* The outbuildings house fridges, freezers laundry facilities. These are all a necessity to run the business. The pub alone is not big enough.
* The accommodation above the pub is not big enough to house a family.
* The applicants did not inform the lease holders. It's noted the lease is a running lease.
* It is incorrect to say the accommodation is not being utilised. And there is no evidence to say it is underutilised.
* The documents are factually inaccurate stating the house is a 2-bedroom house. It is in fact a 4-bedroom house.
* The business significantly employs locals from the village and surrounding villages.
* Dockenfield has no housing allocations.

**Dockenfield Parish Council Object to this application**

* [Planning Application WA/2024/00405 - Valid From 23/02/2024](https://planning360.waverley.gov.uk:4443/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=542385&KeyText=Subject)

NEASHAM HILL GREEN LANE DOCKENFIELD FARNHAM GU10 4JD

Installation of a swimming pool with associated works and erection of a pool plant shed (as amplified by letter dated 27/02/2024). **Comments due 21/03/2024**

**Dockenfield Parish Council have No Objections to this application**

**11. Dockenfield Newsletter**

* Mary Sommerville will produce the May edition
* A meeting will be arranged soon regarding editors.

**12. Cil Monies**

* The Clerk compiled a list of proposed expenditures.

**DPC Proposed Expenditure**

Date Agreed, Expenditure, Amount,

* 21/11/2023, Village sign Printing, 100, Postage to add
* 21/11/2023, Village sign artwork, 600,
* 21/11/2023, Teak Circular bench for hatch Field, 1399, to add ground attachment
* 09/01/2024, fritz's field fencing, Action JT to provide quotes Jan meeting
* 09/01/2024, Elm Tree Hatch Field, Action J T to obtain 3 quotes from meeting Jan
* 20/02/2024, Gateway hardcore Hatch Field, 1595.00 + Vat, Action JT Quote to be obtained meeting in Feb for March
* 20/02/2024, Drainage, quotes to come meeting in March
* **This will be an item on the next agenda.**

**13. VAS Machines in the village**

* Both Vas machines are still not working.
* There has been no contact with Peter Harris SCC
* **Action Paul Wood to try and contact Peter Harris again and cc’d David Harmer in the email.**

**16. Payment Approvals**

* Clerks' wages - £850

**This payment was approved by the Parish Council.**

**17. Next Meeting Date**

* **Tuesday 16th April 2024 8pm**
* **Tuesday 14th May 2024 Annual Parish Meeting**