



LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes of the Limpsfield Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday, 9 June

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Oxted Library

Present:

Tony Taylor (Chair), Mark Wilson, Jenny Williams, Bob Harvey, Michael Tinker, Tom Briggs, Bernie de Haldevang;
Claire Blackwell and Ian Booth (Tandridge DC); Cameron McIntosh (Surrey CC)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ann Osborn, John Thompson

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE INTEREST

Jenny Williams declared an interest in a potential application at Thornhill.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes were approved and signed as circulated.

4. PUBLIC SESSION

None.

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (Surrey CC & Tandridge DC)

Claire Blackwell (Tandridge DC):

- **Surrey Hills National Landscapes Boundary Review:** Awaiting Natural England's second consultation, expected by 17 June. Hoping no Limpsfield areas are removed. Submission to the Secretary of State is expected early next year. MW suggested the boundary be defined as "Dorking to Limpsfield" instead of "Oxted"; CB recommends waiting for the next stage.
- **Chic Grooming:** Still awaiting results of enforcement notice appeal.
- **Grasshopper Inn:** Awaiting appeal results.
- **Planning:** No further updates.
- **Local Plan:** Still progressing, with efforts to stay on timetable.

Cameron McIntosh (Surrey CC):

- **Roadside Rangers:** Work ongoing on Kent Hatch Road (sign cleaning, vegetation cutback, footpath). Suggestions welcome.
- **Bluehouse Lane Safety:** Met with new residents about pedestrian safety. Actions: refresh hatched lining, vegetation cutback, and new school sign. Speedwatch remains active. CMcl suggested residents join the group.
- **Godstone Sinkhole:** Expected reopening in December. MW asked about future prevention; CMcl noted it's difficult to predict or fully survey cost-effectively.
- **Mobile Masts:** CMcl has chased Cornerstone/MBNL regarding recent queries and will continue to provide updates.
- **Banking Hub:** CMcl Spoke on BBC Radio Surrey. A temporary banking pod has been installed at Morrisons but has had several technical issues. CMcl is collaborating with the Oxted BID to advocate for a permanent hub, ideally in the vacant NatWest building. Councillors raised safety concerns about the current HSBC pod location (Ellice Road Car Park), though Surrey Police had no objections.

6. CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

6.1. Councillor Vacancy

This is Bernie de Haldevang's final meeting and the Chairman thanks him for his many years of service. It is agreed to have a formal farewell at the trough re-instatement over the summer. Vacancy has been advertised on the website and social media. Flyers will also be distributed at upcoming fairs.

This was Bernie de Haldevang's final meeting after 10 years of service. A formal farewell will be held during the horse trough installation ceremony (date TBC).

6.2. Chart Coffee Morning

AT attended and was impressed with attendance and organisation. Group is a worthy recipient of their grant.

6.3. Ellice Road Car Park – Expression of Interest (EOI)

- Proposal to submit a joint EOI with Oxted Parish Council.
- Motion to submit a simultaneous, no-obligation EOI for Ellice Road Car Park and associated assets.
- Proposed: JW; Seconded: AT; All in favour.

7. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

7.1. Balances to End of May: £99,395.57

7.2. June Payments for Approval:

Includes 2025/26 insurance premium (Zurich Municipal) of £1,617.

- Proposal: Approve insurance premium subject to review of assets during the year.
- Proposed: TB; Seconded: MW; All in favour.

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7.3. Additional Grant or Budget Requests: None.

7.4. 2025/26 Budget Planning: No specific comments ahead of the Finance Meeting on 8 July.

AT emphasised the need to reserve funds for asset management and potential LGR-related costs. No further CIL expected this year.

8. PLANNING

8.1. Planning Applications for Discussion:

Quiet period; few applications.

8.2. Recent Determinations:

None of note.

8.3. Outstanding Applications:

No further updates. Appeals pending (Orchard Cottage Farm, Grasshopper Inn).

8.4. Matters Arising from 27 May Planning Meeting: (Minutes circulated)

8.4.1. Whinchat Cottage: Owner responded regarding listed landscaping queries. JW advised contact with Chris Reynolds, who made a site visit. The site has been fully cleared. CR has requested any pre-clearance photos.

8.4.2. Thornhill Paddocks Proposal: MW provided update. Local resident Roger Sparkes proposes 9 single-storey dwellings in landscaped gardens. Developer is in pre-application consultation with TDC. (Meeting minutes available on website.)

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

9.1. Project Updates – Broadband/Mobile Provision:

MBT reported on meeting with AirFast (local not-for-profit). They are deploying both wireless and fibre solutions, especially to rural/farm areas.

There may be less need for additional infrastructure on the Chart due to Chart FTTP progress (some Trevereux Hill homes are connected).

Clerk has drafted a survey (leaflet + QR code) for residents south of A25. To be promoted at fairs, online, and via social media.

9.2. LNP Review Status:

Draft review overview has been circulated to the working group. Only minor changes required.

Next meeting will finalise the document for submission to Emma Amies (TDC), aiming to confirm no material changes needed.

10. HIGHWAYS (Cllr Bob Harvey)

10.1. General Updates:

Nothing significant to report. Councillors are encouraged to use Fix My Street for reporting, as it remains the most efficient system.

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11. CHART PLAYGROUND (Cllr Bob Harvey)

Condition report: All equipment in good working order.

Clerk is gathering maintenance quotes from Safeplay in preparation for the LGR.

12. OTHER ASSETS

12.1. **Works or Maintenance:** No current updates.

12.2. **Asset Transfer – Ellice Road Car Park:** Covered under Item 6.3.

12.3. **Horse Trough Update:** Insurance and fundraising funds received. Installation expected in the coming months. Clerk to explore adding a tag.

BH noted potential additional funding from the Drinking Fountain Association if the old drinking fountain were reinstated. Pipes would need full replacement. BH to monitor.

13. AOB:

COUNCILLOR EMAILS - All councillors to ensure new email configurations are completed. Instructions have been circulated.

Meeting Closed: 9:05 PM

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