



## LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – MONTHLY MEETING

**9 March 2026 7pm**

**Oxted Library**

**Attending: Parish Cllrs Antony (Tony) Taylor (AT), John Thompson (JT), Thomas Briggs (TB), Mark Wilson (MW), Bob Harvey (BH), Jenny Williams (JW), Michael Tinker (MT); County Councillor McIntosh (CMcl) and Clerk, Sophie Martin (SM)**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ann Osborn (AO), Sarah Butler Merritt (SBM), Claire Blackwell (CB) and Ian Booth (IB)

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE INTEREST**

Michael Tinker declares interest regarding Chart Fair and Chart Coffee Mornings grant requests.

### **3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Signed as circulated

### **4. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

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

#### Cameron McIntosh

- Pebble Hill A25 resurfacing – 4 May is provisional date - 10 days (overnight). Works from Grub Street to Wolfs Row/High Street traffic lights. This was a priority for CMcl and he is very pleased this has been scheduled.
- Horizon focus this year will be on the A-roads.
- Titsey Road works date TBC. This is taking a long time due to process / land ownership.
- Godstone re-opening – will keep us updated
- TCB – asks about A22 consultation. CMcl believes this is the consultation to reduce speed, but no capital works planned, except at A22/A25 roundabout.
- Pavements Station Road East – will be resurfaced in the coming year hopefully. SGN have been given a cut-off date for any planned works.
- Banking Hub – to update on the temporary hub as soon as possible. CMcl believes there may be potential for temporary location at the council offices (this has not been confirmed). It is hoped a temporary hub will be installed by mid-April until long term premises are agreed. There are a couple of available locations in Oxted that are being considered.

### **6. CHAIRMAN'S NOTE**

AT says that the recent SALC seminar on LGR was attended by 4 councillors. The overall advice is to work closely with neighbours and start planning ahead (assets, resources, finance, services). There will be Neighbourhood Area Committees (NACs) set up. In Tandridge we are lucky to be fully "parished". Many Surrey districts do not have

*Sophie Martin, Clerk, 09 March 2026*

Parishes and will find it a lot harder to maintain local focus. Limpsfield also has a Neighbourhood Plan in place and therefore well set up as far as planning is concerned. He asks whether the PC should look at setting up a working group in terms of planning for LGR. Councillors agree this is a good idea in principle.

## 7. **FINANCE & GOVERNANCE** (Cllr Tom Briggs)

7.1. Report of payments and balances to end of February 2026 - £89,304 Total.

7.2. March payments for approval

All expenditure items approved and signed as listed.

7.3. Expenditure requests

- Ann Osborn circulated a budget proposal for the Wildflower meadow preparation and planting (CAAMP) for Limpsfield High Street (Traffic Lights / Pebble Hill / Wolfs Row). £320 maximum.

MW proposes, AT seconds. All in favour. (CAAMP)

7.4. Grant Requests

- Limpsfield Fete 2026 support (request £1000)

After some discussion it is agreed that support for both the village fete and chart fair should be equal. Therefore, MW proposes £800 for each entity, with conditions that each provides sheet of up-front costs for the current year and reconciliation of previous year's event expenditure/income, that the LPC stall is gratis, and each provides acknowledgement of LPC support on the day and in any printed material.

BH seconds – JT abstains, MT declares interest (Chart Fair/PCC). All others in favour.

- Chart Fair 2026 support (request £500) \* see above.
- Chart Coffee 2026/7 annual support (request £910) – MW proposes. AT seconds. MT declares interest. All others in favour.

## 8. **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS** (Cllr Michael Tinker)

### **Updates circulated to all.**

8.1. Ellice Road Car park – status update - Awaiting more favourable terms (imminent).

Clerk to investigate what the OSPPO public consultation communications will say. There may be some communication needed on the part of the parish councils to allay any public fears on the future of the car park.

TB has questions regarding finance, surplus and terms of reference.

Main concern is undistributable balances in the future and what we do with them.

To clarify this with the auditor and also independent consultant who has been recommended.

4 car park operators have been approached. 3 have returned proposals which will be reviewed by the working group at next meeting.

8.2. Stoneleigh Road Allotments – status update.

Transfer has been delayed due to the title deed documents which need to be updated (by TDC) giving the allotments their own title (currently part of wider list of assets).

Councillors agree it would be beneficial to see if tenants would be interested in joining a group or allotment association in the meantime. MW is happy to be contact.

MW suggests if the transfer looks like it could take a long time, the alternative could be to lease the land from TDC/East Surrey.

8.3. Tidys Green – status update – awaiting tree officer report on the diseased oak tree – it is expected to be felled but tree officer to confirm. Agreed we should not sign the document until a decision has been made (imminent).

## 9. OTHER ASSETS

9.1. Note of other assets requiring attention – Clerk to send TB list of assets to review.

- Clerk to refill maps at LW noticeboard in the village.
- BH to make an initial approach to Helen Cook regarding the damaged heritage lamppost in St Peters Church Hall car park.

## 10. PLANNING (Cllr Jenny Williams)

10.1. Planning applications for discussion (or vote if required). No applications for review/vote.

To note from recent Planning meeting:

- Red Lane Farm Stables – we have challenged the latest variation submission on the application for the former stables due to lack of clarity on housing mix. We have asked for clarification on mix and need for conditions to prevent the proposed houses from being further increased in size. We objected to the original application.
- Connerton Farm Red Lane – we have objected to this application on grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt and sustainability. District Councillors have requested it be called in to TDC Planning Committee if necessary.
- St Peter's Church Hall – we have objected based on inappropriate materials and referred the matter to the historic buildings officer.

10.2. Recent determinations of note – Land at Thornill – development refused by TDC on 9 February.

10.3. Current/Outstanding applications and enforcements of note – still awaiting update on Chic Grooming enforcement, as well as applications for Land at Edenbrook and on Grants Lane. Both objected to by LPC.

10.4. AOB

## 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (Cllr Ann Osborn – apologies)

11.1. Any updates

Neighbourhood Plan Review has been considered by Emma Amies at TDC, who has returned some comments and thoughts. All suggestions are minor and non-material. To be reviewed at next planning meeting.

## 12. HIGHWAYS (Cllr Bob Harvey) – any updates.

12.1. No further updates. BH is very glad Pebble Hill will be resurfaced soon.

## 13. CHART PLAYGROUND (Cllr Bob Harvey) –

13.1. Condition report. All appears to be in good condition / working order

13.2. Operator signs have been installed by the Clerk.

## 14. AOB

14.1. **Newsletter** – content and publication date to be determined

- Newsletter to go out end of March.
- SM to circulate list of requirements, and some pre-existing copy on green belt, LGR, response to local plan consultation and LNP review.

14.2. **APM** – 14 May 2026.

To discuss presentation and invitations to speak  
To invite newly elected East Surrey councillors – to invite all candidates ahead of election. Catherine Sayer and Deborah Sherry, local groups and organisations. Vicar (Helen Cook) and NT Ranger, India Davies. Notices have gone to local media already. Posters to go on noticeboards.

14.3. **Maps** - MW says that the large maps at Berry House must be removed and can be temporarily stored at his house. These should then go to Surrey History Centre – but digitised in advance.

Meeting ends 21.15

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Taylor', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Antony (Tony) Taylor (AT) , Chair  
*[initials changed to AT for consistency]*