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| Attending          | Penny Shoubridge (PS – Chairman), Trevor Stacey (TS – vice-Chairman), Sue Bloom (SB), Carolyn Evans (CE), Walter Hill (WH), Richard Parker (RP), Howard Pearson (HP), Lisa Scott (LS)   |  |  |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Clerk              | Trevor Haylett  |  |  |
| Assistant<br>Clerk | Helen Hill  |  |  |
| Also<br>Attending  | Jan Gillespie (JG)  |  |  |
| Item 1             | (1/03/23) Apologies – James O'Neill.  |  |  |
| 2                  | (2/03/23) Declarations of Interest – None.  |  |  |
| 3                  | (3/03/23) <b>Minutes</b> – The draft Minutes of the 20 <sup>th</sup> February meeting had been circulated. PS proposed they be accepted – with an amendment to make it Get Carter Drains in Item 6.4 – and Carolyn Evans seconded. The Minutes were APPROVED.   |  |  |
| 4                  | (4/03/23) Public Questions – None.  |  |  |
| 5                  | (5/03/23) Planning, Highways and Environment  5.1 Report of Planning Committee and recommendations on applications to four weeks ending 10 <sup>th</sup> March – the comments had been distributed (see Appendix B) and Lisa Scott proposed they be accepted. PS said she wanted to add to the comment on the Fulbrooks application to include the fact that "at no time in the future should the residential storage be used for residential accommodation". Howard Pearson seconded the motion and the report was APPROVED with the addition.  5.2 Neighbourhood Plan – two meetings had been held so far, on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February. The Minutes had not yet been reviewed for the second meeting. It was agreed in principle to spend up to £200 for printing documentation in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan  5.3 Mole Valley Local Plan – it was said that unless MVDC agreed to pause its Local Plan for a significant length of time it would be reviewed under current guidelines and not subject to the rethink that the Government is currently undertaking regarding housing targets. Pressure needed to be exerted on local MPs to allow local authorities to be able to choose which guidelines were applicable to their Local Plan and a flyer would be produced for residents after the elections.  5.4 CIL Survey – SALC is inviting Councils to submit views on the topic of the Community Infrastructure Levy to ascertain how many have accessed the money. PS asked if the planning committee could consider it and make comments for approval at the next PC meeting. |  |  |
| 6                  | (6/03/23) Services and Amenities - The committee had met the previous week in the Pavilion.  6.1 Withey – With Trevor Stacey finding it difficult to make contact with residents over their wishes for the playground refurbishment, it was suggested that LS handle the residents side of things and then feed back to TS. LS agreed to this.  |  |  |

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**6.2 Pavilion** – The audit of the CCTC installation had taken place and it had thrown up one or two issues which would be addressed but these were not significant. The question of the acoustics in the room was raised and it was said that there were different pictures and photos that could be put up to help the situation. Richard Parker mentioned that at the time the Pavilion was built, a survey had been paid for which looked into the subject and asked if this could be reviewed.

**6.3** Recreation Ground – the electrician had agreed to return to the site and install an additional light that would illuminate the gate. The new pathway lights were on permanently and would be adjusted. Some saplings had been planted in the hedge between the Rec and Tain Cottage but they needed the protection of some fencing. A quote for £990 (including vat) had been received to install 23m of chestnut paling and this was APPROVED.

A slight hitch had arisen over the new <u>junior pitch</u> because the goal at the end nearest the Pavilion would coincide with the cricket boundary. One or two options were discussed including using a mobile goal there but it was felt the best solution was to install a permanent goal and put protectors around the posts. The cricketers would be asked to put the protectors on and off when they were playing matches.

Regarding the other areas where the hedging had deteriorated, TS said he had sourced some quotes and will get some more.

- **6.4 Millennium Field** It had been agreed at the previous meeting to accept a quote to tidy up those areas which were affected by all the brambles and ground rubbish. TS advised that the work would not take place for another month because of birds nesting.
- **6.5** New leases: Millennium Field and The Withey RP said a JBTMT meeting the following day should advance the situation over the new leases.
- **6.6 Other Items** PS explained that CFC were proposing to close the club because the groundshare with Three Bridges had not worked out. She said this was a shame because the club had a long history but they were in discussion with CVFC and it was hoped that the CFC name could be incorporated in the CVFC name.

#### 7. PARISH MATTERS

**7.1 Traffic Calming & Car Parks** – The consultant had submitted the proposals to both SCC and MVDC but TS said it had taken him a long time and he was unhappy that he had submitted another invoice. The Clerk was asked to look closely at the contract that had been agreed with him at the outset but in the meantime his latest invoice would not be paid. Regarding the <u>car park in the Millennium Field</u>, a quote for the revised plans, putting the car park at the front of the field and re-siting the playground behind it, had come in at £76,800, excluding the price of bollards, barriers and lighting. Included in that was the cost of moving the playground which meant the cost of the car park itself had come down to £49,589 which was considered very reasonable. The revised drawings had been out on display at an open meeting the previous week and the only negative comment was to suggest gates in place of automatic bollards but it was said that gates were nowhere as secure as bollards. Councillors were in favour of moving forward with the proposal so the contractor could submit the plans to SCC and MVDC and additional quotes could be sought for the work.

7.1.1 VAS Signs/Speedwatch – TS asked if there was any update on the VAS sign that SCC were suggesting could go up in Hookwood and the Clerk replied that he was still waiting for his

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|   | contact there to finalise a date when he could come out and take a look.   |  |  |  |
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|   | 7.2 Parish Communications – a meeting date has been set to discuss the future of a   |  |  |  |
|   | Parish News alongside St Nicholas PCC.   |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3 Community Events and Affairs   |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3.1 Great British Spring Clean – This will take place on Saturday (25 <sup>th</sup> ) - meet   |  |  |  |
|   | in Charlwood at the Parish Hall at 9am, and in Hookwood at the Memorial Hall at 10am.  |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3.2 Flag Pole – the order needed to be placed and the final position   |  |  |  |
|   | ascertained in time for the Coronation. The Union flag needed to be purchased as well.   |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3.3 South & South-East in Bloom – the Parish had been entered into the   |  |  |  |
|   | competition and Charlwood Friends have volunteered to plant the area outside the Parish Hall.  |  |  |  |
|   | Residents would need to be informed nearer the judging date and PS will produce some posters nearer  |  |  |  |
|   | the time.  |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3.4 Kings Coronation Walk funding – the Coronation Group had applied to  |  |  |  |
|   | JBTMT for kissing gate funding. Events have been planned for the Saturday and Sunday of the  |  |  |  |
|   | Coronation weekend and a walk planned for the Monday. The events are open to everyone from the   |  |  |  |
|   | parish.  |  |  |  |
|   | 7.3.5 Tree and hedge planting – WH and TS would plant some new hedging   |  |  |  |
|   | the following day. Additional trees were required.  7.4 Parish Council Elections – posters had been put up in Charlwood advertising the local elections on 4 <sup>th</sup> May and LS would do the same in Hookwood.  7.5 School Colour Run – the School had asked to hold a fund raising event on the Recreation Ground where parents throw coloured flour at the children as they ran round the field. The flour is water soluble so could be washed away afterward. Councillors approved the request.  7.6 Russ Hill Asylum Seekers – there were currently 217 resident in the hotel. |  |  |  |
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|   | 7.7 JBTMT Trustees – nobody had come forward to fill the second vacancy for a  |  |  |  |
|   | PC-nominated Trustee so the position would need to be readvertised.  |  |  |  |
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| 8 | (8/03/23) Gatwick Matters  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>8.1 Gatwick local community stakeholder group meeting</b> – this should have taken place on 24 <sup>th</sup> March but had now been moved to 14 <sup>th</sup> April. PS and LS would attend.  |  |  |  |
|   | 8.2 Donation to GACC – PS explained that GACC had undertaken some research work  |  |  |  |
|   | ·  |  |  |  |
|   | in preparation to Gatwick's submission of the DCO and this would also benefit the PC and other parish councils. PS suggested that the PC make a donation of £1000 towards the research and this was  |  |  |  |
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|   | APPROVED. TS said residents needed to be reminded of the impact it would have on the community   |  |  |  |
|   | should the DCO be approved and it was agreed that GACC could make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.  |  |  |  |
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|   | <b>8.3 Next GATCOM meeting</b> – this will be held on 27 <sup>th</sup> April via Teams.  |  |  |  |
| 9 | (9/03/23) Financial Matters  |  |  |  |
|   | 9.1 Payments received and cleared payments   |  |  |  |
|   | Barclays Community Account – to 20 <sup>th</sup> March £18,919.82  |  |  |  |
|   | Barclays Legacy Account - ditto £6,160.87*   |  |  |  |

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|    | Barclays Charlwood Account - ditto £34,162.12   |  |  |  |
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|    | Nationwide Business Savings Account – ditto £85,220.02  |  |  |  |
|    | Lloyds Treasurers Account - ditto £78,912.10  |  |  |  |
|    |   |  |  |  |
|    | Total Bank Assets £223,374.93   |  |  |  |
|    | *For Archive Room   |  |  |  |
|    | Note: Reserves (Earmarked) = £142,305; (General) = £68,569.93   |  |  |  |
|    | <b>9.2</b> Accounts for payments and authorised transfers – These had been circulated – see Appendix A – and were APPROVED with the exception of the Mark Baker payment. PS asked that the Nigel Jeffries payments be specified as relating to the Withey.  |  |  |  |
|    | <b>9.3 Precept calculations</b> – there had been some comment on social media after the Council Tax bills had included a reference to a 'Parish Council uplift of 5.5%' when the precept had only increased by a little under 1.7%. The Clerk said the differential was explained by the fact that the local tax base (number of properties in the parish contributing to the total pot) had declined. This was because of an increase in claimants for local council tax support and an increase in the number of properties lost due to bad debt. Changes to the local tax base are also triggered by changes in the number of properties in each band, new or demolished properties and discounts relating to exemptions and second homes. |  |  |  |
| 10 | (10/03/23) <b>Reports from Representatives</b> - PS had attended a Chairs Forum on 27 <sup>th</sup> February. The topics covered included the forthcoming elections, new Councillor guides, and the Coronation.   |  |  |  |
| 11 | (11/03/23) Procedures and Standing Orders  11.1 Social Media Policy – This had been revised. LS asked for a few additional amendments to be made and these were APPROVED.  11.2 New Register of Interests forms – there were still some Councillors who had not submitted these and they were urged to get them into the Clerk.  11.3 To agree updated Risk Register and Rec Ground/Pavilion risk assessments – it was pointed out that the Withey and the Glebe Field should be included in the Recreation Ground risk assessment and this addition would be made.  11.4 To agree updated Asset Register – it was pointed out that the Withey should be added to the section listing land owned or leased.                                   |  |  |  |
| 12 | (12/03/23) Employment Matters - A staffing meeting had still to be arranged.  |  |  |  |
| 13 | (13/03/23) <b>Public Comments</b> – Jan Gillespie drew attention to the danger posed by the asylum seekers in Russ Hill riding electric scooters and posing a danger to residents. PS said she would email the Mole Valley housing officer to point out the problem. Another resident pointed to the building work at the former Limes bistro and said the developer had left a mess which intruded across a third of the pavement. It was suggested that the developer be contacted and reminded that the footpath should be restored to its full width.   |  |  |  |
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| 14 | (14/03/23) Forthcoming Meetings –  |
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|    | 11th April - Planning, Highways and Environment venue tbc 7:30pm   |
|    | 12th April - S&A Committee time and venue to be confirmed  |
|    | 17 <sup>th</sup> April - Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall, Hookwood, 8pm  |
|    | Meeting Dates in 2023 – 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 18 <sup>th</sup> September |
|    | 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 20 <sup>th</sup> November  |
|    | The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm  |
|    |  |

#### The meeting ended at 9:34pm

#### Appendix A - Accounts for payments and authorised transfers

| Incomings between 20 <sup>th</sup> February and | 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|
| <u>Lloyds Bank</u>                              |                             |       |
| S. Charman                                      | Yoga classes - Inv 330      | 72.00 |
| C. Barclay                                      | Choir - Inv 331             | 70.00 |
| Charlwood Friends                               |                             | 35.00 |

| <u>Direct Debits</u>     |  |        |
|--------------------------|--|--------|
| 20/03 Ecotricity         | Electricity Inv 6 <sup>th</sup> March (for period 01/02 – 01/03) | 147.09 |
| 20/03 Ecotricity         | Gas Inv 6 <sup>th</sup> March (for period 01/02 – 01/03)         | 106.81 |
| 15/03 SES Water          | Inv 24 <sup>th</sup> February (for period 31/01 – 28/02)         | 28.84  |
| 13/03 Keyholding Company | Inv 28/02 (for period 1/04/23 - 30/04/23)                        | 29.40  |
| 21/02 Nest Pensions      | On February earnings   | 168.16 |

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| Payments to be approved tonight |                                  |  |        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------|
|                                 |                                  |  |        |
| Hookwood Memorial Hall          | April Meeting                    |  | 60.00  |
| Nigel Jeffries Landscapes       | Debris clearing x 2 + weedkiller |  | 206.40 |
| Microshade                      | Quarterly Hosting Service        |  | 302.36 |
| Prime Commercial Cleaning       | February cleaning                |  | 240.00 |
| Helen Hill                      | Loo rolls, handwash etc          |  | 21.98  |
|                                 |                                  |  |        |
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**Appendix B – Planning Applications & Decisions** 

## **Applications**

10/3/23

X

3/3/23

Application Ref: MO/2023/0223/PLAH

<u>Link</u>

<u>Location</u>: Fulbrooks, Ifield Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0DR <u>Proposal</u>: Erection of a triple garage with a room in the roof for ancillary

residential storage and erection of a external staircase.

Case Officer: Adelle Krzyzanowski

Registration Date: 15-Feb-2023

**Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Terry Beasley

Charlwood Parish Council says it should be stipulated that at no time in the future should the residential storage be used for residential accommodation.

24/02/2023

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Application Ref: MO/2023/0097/PCL

<u>Link</u>

**Location:** 44, Perrylands, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0BL

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development in respect of

converting the loft into a habitable space with rear dormer window.

<u>Case Officer</u>: Thomas Seccombe

Registration Date: 23-Jan-2023

Applicant Name: Mrs Nadra Fahad

Charlwood Parish Council has no comment.

Application Ref: MO/2023/0207/ECL

Link

**Location:** Longfield Farm, Ifield Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0DR Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing development in respect of the

erection of 4 buildings that have been occupied for as independent residential dwellings for a continuous period of over four years.

Case Officer: Sue Read

Registration Date: 14-Feb-2023

Applicant Name: Ms Connors

Charlwood Parish Council does not support this application, recognising the attempted enforcement letter from 1996, plus we would like to see actual evidence of occupation in all 4 buildings for the stated 4

year period.

17/02

Application Ref: MO/2023/0167/PLA

<u>Link</u>

**Location**: Holiday Inn Gatwick Airport, Povey Cross Road, Hookwood, Horley,

Surrey, RH6 0BA

**Proposal:** Alterations and upgrade to front and rear entrances.

Case Officer: Caroline Hall

**Registration Date:** 06-Feb-2023

**Applicant Name:** Valor Hospitality Europe Limited

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Charlwood Parish Council supports this application which should tidy up the exterior of the hotel.

#### **Decisions**

10/3/23

Application No.: MO/2023/0070/CONS

Link

Land Parcel At 525627 145487 Reigate Road Sidlow Surrey

**Proposal:** The proposed development comprises the installation and operation of

a ground-mounted solar farm and energy storage system. The solar farm will broadly comprise a series of linear rows (also known as arrays) of photovoltaic (PV) solar modules, together with inverter platforms; control room; DNO station; storage containers; battery storage; security fencing & CCTV; temporary construction compound; and enhanced landscaping & ecological management (Reigate and

Banstead BC application - for consultation purposes only).

**Decision:** COMMENT MADE

**Decision Date**: 07-Mar-2023

Ward: Charlwood, Within 20m of Charlwood Ward

**Parish:** Charlwood, Within 20m of Charlwood Parish

3/3/23

X

24/02/2023

<u>X</u>

17/02

**Application No.:** MO/2022/2115/PLAH

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**Location**: Hillside Cottage, Smalls Hill Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6

0HR

**Proposal:** Erection of a two storey side extension, new orangery to the front and

erection of a loft conversion with 2 No. dormers, relocation of

detached garage.

**Decision**: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**Decision Date**: 13-Feb-2023

#### Appeals Started

24/02

Application No.: MO/2021/2387/PLA

Link

**Location:** Berry Farm, Blanks Lane, Newdigate, Surrey

**Proposal:** Installation of one 20 ft. container for storage of seeds, soil, bulk and

machines. Container to be clad in wood with 6 No. solar panels (1m x 2 m each). Erection of small water butts for rainwater collection. Erection of one cabin (2.50 x 3.00 m) for prepping area for fresh and drying herbs and spices, vegetables, and for making essential oils. Foundation contains uncontaminated hardcore. Retaining steps made

out of railway sleepers.

Appeal Start Date: 17-Feb-2023

Ward: Charlwood, Capel, Leigh & Newdigate

**Parish:** Charlwood, Newdigate

#### Appeals Decisions

Application No.: MO/2021/2214/PLA

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**Location**: Coal Yard, 23, The Street, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0BY

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing coal merchants yard and ancillary office building; and

erection of five dwellings, with associated parking and landscaping.

**Appeal Decision**: Dismissed

**Decision Date**: 03-Mar-2023

Application No.: MO/2021/2135/ECL

Link

**Location:** Land known as Happy Paddocks, south of Wellpools Farm, Stan Hill,

Charlwood, Surrey

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use in respect of change of

use from Agricultural Barn/Building to C3 Residential Dwelling.

**Appeal Decision**: Allowed

**Decision Date**: 09-Mar-2023

**Application No.:** MO/2019/1326/PLA

Link

**Location:** Ridgefield House, Norwood Hill, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0ET

**Proposal:** Change of use of land for Horse Rescue Centre. Erection of 24 No.

stables and 3 No. tack rooms, storage building and sandschool (20m x

10m).

**Appeal Decision**: Dismissed

**Decision Date:** 07-Mar-2023

## Enforcement Appeals Started

**Application No.:** 2021/0314/ENF

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Link

**Location:** Berry Farm, Blanks Lane, Newdigate, Surrey

Ward: Charlwood, Capel, Leigh & Newdigate, Within 20m of Capel, Leigh &

Newdigate, Within 20m of Charlwood Ward

**Enforcement Notice Details:** Erection of two sheds on land. (Purity).

Without planning permission the erection of a wooden platform and two wooden sheds on that part of the land shown edged in green (the Site).

**Appeal Start Date**: 03-Mar-2023

#### Enforcement Appeals Decided

Application No.: 2019/0196/ENF

Link

**Location:** Ridgefield House, Norwood Hill, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0ET

#### **Enforcement Notice Details:**

Without planning permission the material change of use of the Land from Agriculture to Horse Rescue Centre (Sui Generis Use) along with associated operational development namely erection of 24 No. stables, 3 No. tack rooms, storage building, sandschool and hardstanding.

Without planning permission the material change of use of the Land from Agriculture to Horse Rescue Centre (Sui Generis Use) along with associated operational development namely erection of 24 No. stables, 3 No. tack rooms, storage building, sandschool and hardstanding.

#### REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE

- (1) It appears to the Council that the above breach of planning control has occurred within the last ten years.
- (2) The Land is siutated within the Metropolitan Green Belt. The material change of use does not meet any of the exceptions set out in Paragraph 146 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 and therefore constitutes inappropriate development harmful to the Green Belt by definition. No very special circumstances have been provided to justify the

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development. The proposal would result in significant detriment to the character and openness of the Green Belt and countryside contrary to the requirements of the NPPF 2019.

(3) The development is considered to result in unacceptable loss of amenity for nearby residential properties by reason of noise and disturbance. The proposal is therefore

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considered to be contrary to the requirements of the NPPF, Policies CS1 and CS14 of the Mole Valley Core Startegy and Policy ENV22 of the Mole Valley Local Plan.

- (4) The Local Planning Authority does not consider planning conditions could overcome the inappropriate nature of the development.
- (1) To cease the use of the Land for the purposes of Horse Rescue Centre
- (2) Remove from the land all associated operational development, namely;
- a. The 24 stable buildings along with any assocaited bases, fittings, materials and debris,
- b. 3 No. tack rooms along with any assocaited bases, fittings, materials and debris,
- c. Storage building along with any assocaited bases, fittings, materials and debris,
- d. Sandschool along with any assocaited bases, fittings, materials and debris,
- e. Hardstanding
- (3) Restore the Land to its former state before the breach took place.

Part 1 – Two (2) Months after this Notice takes effect

Part 2 - Nine (9) months after this Notice takes effect.

**Appeal Decision**: Granted

Application No.: 2020/0117/ENF

Link

**Location**: Land on Blanks Lane/Berry Farm, Blanks Lane, Newdigate

Ward: Charlwood, Capel, Leigh & Newdigate, Within 20m of Capel, Leigh &

Newdigate, Within 20m of Charlwood Ward

#### **Enforcement Notice Details:**

Alleged barn different to approved on MO/2019/2009. New application MO/2020/1416 recd - KSW Application Amigo Services Group

Without planning permission the erection of a building on that part of the Land shown edged green ('the site').

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- 1. To remove completely from the Site the building along with any associated bases, fixtures and fittings.
- 2. To restore the Site to its former condition before the breach took place.

**Appeal Decision:** Dismissed