

# EAST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF EAST HORSLEY, SURREY, HELD AT EAST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL, EAST HORSLEY on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 AT 7.30 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Robert Taylor (Parish Council Chair); Parish Councillors, Aileen Aitcheson, Andrew Franklin, Holly Haling, Christopher Hampson, Steve Harvey, Sylvia Igglesden, Anna Mitchell, Juliet Robinson, Nicholas Clemens (Clerk to the Parish Council) Kevin Jenkins, (Assistant Parish Clerk), and 45 members of the public.

Additional Contributor: GBC Cllr. Joss Bigmore

### **1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed residents to the meeting and outlined the agenda.

### **2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM**

Parish Cllr. Colin Carmichael, SCC Cllr. Dennis Booth, GBC Cllrs, Dawn Bennett, and Catherine Young

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING**

The Chairman of the meeting informed residents that a copy of the minutes had been available in the library and on the website during the past year and attention was drawn to that in the official notices posted around the village.

### **4. THE CHAIRMAN and COUNCILLORS REPORTED ON PREVIOUS YEAR ACTIVITY AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

### **5. GBC Cllr. JOSS BIGMORE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTOR**

Joss advised the meeting on the plans for the creation of either two or three Unitary Authorities for Surrey and how this would impact on increases in Council Tax for all residents in the Guildford Borough especially as some of the other Councils merging being Spelthorne Borough Council with GBP1.1bn debt and Woking Borough Council which has more than GBP1.6bn debt

### **6. QUESTIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman now invited the audience to ask questions of the Council, and the following issues were raised and answered by the Parish Clerk and Chairman:

Question: What efforts are being made to stop people with Off Roding on Crocknorth Road leading into the Surrey Hills.

Answer: The Parish Council will write to Surrey Highways informing them of this activity which goes on in the late evening with a request that this is no longer allowed and the perpetrators stopped

Question: What is the Parish Council doing regarding Surrey County Council's decision to cancel free School Bus Passes which will lead to some of the children having to walk to School through woods

Answer: The Parish Council is in contact with the SCC School Transport Team raising concerns on the affected families but so far the responses we have received have been unsatisfactory but will continue to get the Bus Passes reinstated

Question: What is being done to Upgrade the Bridleway leading to West Horsley Place

Answer: Advised the questioner that their concern should be raised with West Horsley Parish Council who will be able to address this issue being under their jurisdiction

**7. THE FORMAL MEETING WAS CLOSED AND REFRESHMENTS WERE PROVIDED FOR THE ATTENDEES**

8. A conversation was held between Guildford MP Zoe Franklin and Cllr. Steve Harvey regarding her first year in Westminster as a MP, this was then followed by a Question & Answer session for residents to ask questions directly to their MP, the meeting subsequently closed at 9.30pm with a presentation of a beautiful bouquet of locally grown flowers to Zoe Franklin

Robert Taylor  
Chair of the Meeting  
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