

Monday, 13th October 2025

West Horsley Village Hall – Rubin Room 9.15am

Minutes

1. Welcome from Catherine
2. Apologies for Absence – Jane H, Penny W, Claire Brown, Juliet R, Sylvia I
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Actions update:
 - MB to email a list of schools to Catherine.
 - CBr to email a list of businesses to Catherine.
4. Dark Skies in the Horsley's – letter sign off and who to:
 - Thanks to CY for writing the dark skies letter.
 - Information about dark skies has been published in the East Horsley newsletter and CM will include the same information in the next West Horsley Newsletter.
 - RP suggested including what has been done to protect our Dark Skies e.g., intro of LED Street lighting.
 - It was pointed out that private householders also have responsibility for their outdoor lighting and that they might not be aware of their impact on the neighbourhood.

Action: Include this in future village newsletters – PC, Churches, WI Horsley Directory etc.
5. Sustainable Travel:
 - PD informed us that Surrey Connect is operating in this area but fails to connect with busses into Guildford as the service does not extend into town.
 - Catherine explained that some provision is made for bus travel though S106 payments, which are made by developers to mitigate the impact of their developments. This includes bus shelters having real-time displays, which is currently not the case. She will be chasing the SCC about this, as well as the extension of the service into Guildford.

Action: CY to feedback at next meeting.

 - MB commented that smaller buses would be more appropriate through the villages, and it was agreed that more buses are needed on routes that people need to travel on, e.g. to Royal Surrey Hospital.

Action: This to be raised as above with SCC and our SCC Councillor Dennis Booth. CY
6. Grant for Repair Café Aprons
 - CY requested agreement to apply to our Parish Councils for a grant to fund aprons with logos on for Repair Café volunteers. Although it was agreed that volunteers shouldn't have to pay for their own aprons, questions were raised about the cost and source of

these aprons – would they be made from recycled fabric? CY will find out more information before a decision can be made.

Action: CY to discuss with Repair Café Committee. Defer item to next meeting.

7. Network Groups Updates

- CM is now leading the WHPC bio-diversity task group. The TG has surveyed all the green spaces in WH to identify ways to maintain and improve them.
- CW reflected on the success of sustainable fashion week held at Zero. The clothes swap was well attended, and the mending circle is now going to be a regular activity on a Monday evening. The events in Rosamund Gardens were very interesting. These community gardens are worth a visit.

Action: CW will write a short report for the Parish newsletters to promote ZERO resources and services such as the Library of Things and Eco events.

- CJ updated us on St. Martin's solar panels and wall repair – both in process. The church has run a successful Fair-Trade stall, and RH has organised the recycling of foil coffee sachets.
- MB would like more people to help with gardening at the station. We can all help with deadheading whilst waiting for a train! Winter planting will be happening soon.

Action: CJ/CY to follow up with arranging blue hearts for the Friends of Horsley & Effingham Station via EHPC.

- MB continues to take the blister packs from the library to the recycling box in Boots in Woking. We were all appreciative of the lengths Mel and Rhys are going to to facilitate the recycling of blister packs. RH is going to flag up the box in the library at St. Martin's as many people don't seem to know about it.

Action: All network groups to ensure they raise awareness please of what can be recycled at the library – you could take a picture and put in your next Newsletters.

- CBev has sown seeds for next summer's wildflowers in the grounds of All Saint's Church. CY suggested extending the blue hearts scheme to Ockham. The church is fundraising for under-pew heating as a more efficient way of heating the building.

Action: CBev to raise at Ockham Parish Council meeting to gauge interest.

- PD with WHEvening WI has planted naturalised bulbs in the green space opposite Bell and Colvill. This is a designated Blue Heart spot. Many thanks to all who helped with this, especially James.
- RP shared that their minister will be retiring so big initiatives such as solar panels are on hold now. Hot drinks are now being served in compostable paper cups with lids, to prevent the risk of spillage.

8. Elect new Chair for January 2026. CY will be standing down at the end of this year due to pressure of Council work at GBC. She would like to remain as a member of the group. A new Chair is therefore required. Please speak to CY if you are interested in this role.

9. AOB/Actions

- CJ to ask the East Horsley village warden (Nick) to remove the blue hearts around the village for storage over winter.
- RH would like to borrow the Eco information board that was created by St. Mary's. She will liaise with PW and the church office about this.
- RH also asked for help with decorating a Christmas tree for St. Martin's Christmas tree festival. The Repair Café and other groups are also doing trees but some of us thought it would be good to take part too. We thought that a tree created from natural materials would be a good idea and MB suggested hanging blue hearts on it in support of our aims. A sub-committee was formed with Rachel, Mel, Clare, Carol W, Claire (in your absence – hope you are happy to join us!).

Date of next meeting: Monday 10th November 2025 7pm Zoom

Group Volunteers

Name	Role in Meeting	Name	Role in Meeting
Catherine Young	Chair/GBC Climate Change Board	Sylvia Igglesden	Vice Chair/EHPC/social media
Carole Mattock	WHPC	Juliet Robinson	EHPC/Active Travel
TBC	WH Youth Council	Jane Howard	Volunteer/Repair Cafe
Mel Beynon	Friends of Horsley Library & Station	Claire Brown	Volunteer/Plant Passion
Pip Davis	Volunteer/WHWI	Kendall Collinson	Volunteer
Alex Veys	Repair Cafe	Antony Etwell	Volunteer
Carol Wilson	Volunteer/Zero Guildford	Clare Bevan	All Saint's Church
Yendle Barwise	West Horsley Place	Gerry Robins	Grace & Flavour
Penny Whitlock/ Lynn Payne	St Mary's Church	St Martin's Church	Chris Jany/Rachel Holloway
Bob Spackman	Methodist Church	Evangelical Church	Roy Proctor