



OXTED PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Oxted Parish Council held in the Meeting Room,
the Community Hall, Church Lane, Oxted on Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 6.30pm**

Cllr Peter Giles - Chairman
Cllr Reg Hull
Cllr Jean Inker
Cllr Neil Rivers - left at 18:50
Cllr Peter Quinn
Cllr Dhani Blackwell
Cllr Denize Wallace
Cllr Peter Damesick

Mrs Maureen Gibbins
Clerk to Oxted Parish Council

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for absence:** to receive and accept apologies for absence.
Cllrs Harriet Gillam, Gerard Quinn, Kelly Kent, John Hope
2. **Ellice Road Car Park**
Resolution: That OPC and LPC form a joint working party to progress the transfer of Ellice Road Car Park to both Parish Councils.

Cllr Giles opened the meeting and explained, as detailed below, the background to the proposal which is being presented to both Oxted and Limpsfield Parish Councils.

Background

The planned reorganisation of local government in Surrey, is likely to mean that Tandridge District Council (TDC) will be replaced by a new larger unitary authority covering 4 or 5 Surrey district and borough councils, within the next 12-24 months.

This reorganisation means that assets owned by Tandridge will be distributed to the new unitary authority or to parish councils. In Oxted / Limpsfield this will include the Ellice Road car park (and the adjacent toilets). There is an opportunity for Oxted and Limpsfield Parish Councils to submit a joint proposal to acquire the Ellice Road car park and toilets as part of the asset distribution by TDC.

To ensure the future viability and prosperity of business's in Oxted town centre, it is important to ensure that the Ellice Road car park continues to operate as at present, with no or low charges for short stay parking. There is a concern that should the ownership of Ellice Road pass to the unitary authority, that parking charges would end up considerably higher

than at present to the detriment of the businesses in Oxted.

Both parish councils have already submitted non-binding expressions of interest to TDC for joint ownership of Ellice Road.

The next step is to form a joint working group jointly funded by both parish councils to evaluate the opportunity and then if feasible to prepare a joint proposal to TDC to acquire and operate Ellice Road car park and the adjacent toilets.

The working group would be jointly funded by Oxted and Limpsfield parish councils and consist of 3 Oxted Parish councillors and 3 Limpsfield Parish councillors, with an Oxted parish councillor as chair (with the casting vote) and the Limpsfield Clerk providing support.

Prior to voting on the proposal several questions and concerns were raised. It was confirmed that the Working Group will consider all issues, legal, financial, maintenance, staffing and operational during the research process.

Proposal

That Oxted and Limpsfield Parish Councils agree to set up a joint working group to evaluate and then prepare a submission to Tandridge District Council to take ownership and operate the Ellice Road car park and adjacent toilets.

Voted – 7 in favour of those present at the time of the vote. The proposal was carried.

Meeting closed at 19:00

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm

Venue; The Red Cross Hall, Hoskins Road, Oxted

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