



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 8.10pm on Wed 15th April 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Dean, Lorraine Merry, Jonathan Murphy, Terence Patrick (Chairman), Alice Pashley.

Councillors Jen Powell and Jenny Wicks and 5 residents were in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence:	
Apologies were received from Stephen Meredith. Councillor Keith Taylor was unable to be in attendance.	
2. Declaration of Interests.	
Terence Patrick declared that he was a member of the Guildford Borough Council Executive and had an interest in the planning application at 6 Lime Close. Christopher Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society.	
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the March meeting.	
These were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman	
4. Matters arising from those minutes.	
5. Clandon Cross Roads The Chairman had been in contact with Gavin Smith at Surrey County Highways about the state of the road surface at Clandon Cross Roads. It was reported that resurfacing was planned in the current financial year.	
7. Local Plan It was reported that the infrastructure survey will be available in June/July and more information on development sites was expected in September.	
10. Planning Application at 6 Lime Close. It was reported that the proposed Juliet Balcony had been revised.	
12. Availability of Hard Copy Planning Applications. It was reported that Tim Dawes of GBC had agreed with the Council's suggestion that hard copy plans be provided on request where applications were particularly complex or of significant local interest.	
5. Neighbourhood Plan	
Members discussed the pros and cons of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan could not be a device to prevent development and even a policy to contribute to sustainable development might not be acceptable to residents. Although no-one would wish to see changes to Green Belt there might be support for changes in the settlement boundary. A Neighbourhood Plan would have to be approved by inspectors and approved by a simple majority of West Clandon voters. It is unlikely that we could use the plan to oppose any development at Gosden Hill but we might seek to impose conditions on it in way which might minimise the impact. Such impact might be seen in an	

<p>increase in traffic through the village and whether the proposed station would be delivered. There might be an option for a design guide for developments in Clandon.</p> <p>Councillor Jenny Wicks pointed out that this was a decision of the local community and that recent planning decisions had been favourable towards Neighbourhood Plans although a change of government might change this. Sites for affordable housing could be identified if these were acceptable to residents. Members noted that the plan could be a costly exercise but if one was adopted we would be entitled to additional funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy. We might consider traffic calming issues on side roads and restrictions on back garden development. It would not be possible to go ahead without a significant survey of village opinion.</p> <p>It was noted that many other neighbourhoods had a plan which strengthened the case for taking this on and the idea of a relatively simple plans may be of interest. It was pointed out that it would be possible to set up a separate group under the auspices of the Parish Council which would take on the work.</p> <p>Members resolved to collect a series of successful local plans and review whether there merit in taking this forward.</p>	<p>CD, JM</p>
<p>6. Section 106 bid</p>	
<p>Members approved the Bid for £10,000 Section 106 support for new playground equipment.</p> <p>They also agreed to seek a more robust quote for a proposal to create additional 17 additional car parking spaces on the Recreation Ground.</p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>7. Recreation Ground and Play Ground</p>	
<p>The Clerk reported that he had asked for an extension for the urgent funding support which had been awarded by the Borough to part fund maintenance work at the village playground. He had yet to receive a response. Alice Pashley undertook to check that the work was now in hand. It was agreed that repairs to the gate to the children's play area should be included.</p>	<p>AP</p>
<p>8. Planning Matters.</p>	
<p>Jonathan Murphy introduced planning applications received since the last meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that no comments would be made on the application at Great Oak. As regards the application at Roma, concerns were expressed on parking arrangements on the site.</p> <p>Concerns were also expressed over the latest application at Barn End. In both cases it was agreed that Jonathan Murphy would draft letters setting out the Council's concerns.</p> <p>There was discussion over reports of plans by the Clandon Estate to sell beechwoods south of the A247. The Chairman agreed to seek clarification from Lord Onslow.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>TP</p>
<p>9. Footpaths</p>	
<p>Lorraine Merry reported that she had discussed forthcoming footpath maintenance with Surrey County Council who are not in the position to cut vegetation in West Clandon until the beginning of June. It was agreed that we would ask our contractors to do a first cut in April/May</p> <p>The Clerk drew attention to correspondence from a resident concerned about a</p>	<p>LM</p>

<p>cyclist with a dog reportedly using parish footpaths. Councillors were concerned to hear of the problems but felt they did not have the resources to police the footpaths in the area and that the signage, which had been recently upgraded was appropriate. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident concerned laying out the Council's views.</p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>10. Note Council Correspondence sent and received.</p>	
<p>Councillors reviewed the schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting. The Chairman agreed to investigate reports of problems at the Recreation Ground resulting from use by personal trainers. Chris Dean undertook to try and attend the forthcoming meeting on proposed developments at Newlands Corner.</p>	<p>TP</p>
<p>11. Financial Matters and signing of cheques.</p>	
<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>12. Any Other Business.</p>	
<p>It was reported that that our contractors were unable to complete grass cutting at the recreation ground due to excessive dog mess. The Chairman agreed to make enquiries. A resident asked about priority being given to local people in the allocation of housing in the Meadowlands extension. Jenny Wicks confirmed that people with local connections should get in touch with the housing department in the normal way. Local connections should be taken into account. The Chairman noted that this was the last meeting Council to be attended by Lorraine Merry and Alice Pashley. He thanked them both for everything they had done for the Council and the Parish.</p>	<p>TP</p>
<p>13. Date of Next Meeting:</p>	
<p>Wednesday 20th May 2015</p>	