



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the meeting held 8.00pm Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Christopher Dean, Rob MacDonald, Jonathan Murphy, Carol Roberts and John Stone (Clerk). Councillor Keith Taylor, PC Matt Redfern and four residents were in attendance.

<p><b>1. Presentation by PC Matt Redfern, Casualty Reduction Officer on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)</b></p>	
<p>PC Redfern explained that the current VAS Scheme was developed 4 years ago in response to enquiries. This requires parishes to buy the VAS and take responsibility for them. Under the scheme the police would assess the suitability of sites within the village which would then be fitted with brackets to allow the equipment to be resited every 5-6 weeks.</p> <p>Volunteers would be required to maintain the equipment and to undertake training which would include roadside safety, manual handling and use of ladders. This would cost £1100 per course with up to 10 people being accommodated on each occasion. It might be possible to get people in from other parishes to join.</p> <p>Sometimes volunteers drift away making it difficult to maintain the equipment. On the positive side the signs remind people of speed limits and support other police enforcement actions. The recommended equipment is manufactured by Westcotec and retails at £2625. The equipment will log the number of motorists breaching the limit but will not provide evidence to support prosecution but the signs would flash '30 mph limit, Slow Down' when the limit is exceeded.</p> <p>Councillors agreed in principle to proceed with the purchase of the VAS equipment subject to a meeting with the Casualty Reduction Officer being able to identify suitable locations and sufficient volunteers being found to maintain the equipment. Councillor Keith Taylor reminded the Council of the outcomes of the recent Eastern Parishes Cluster meeting at which it was decided that funding could be used to support speed measurement devices. Councillor Taylor had written to parishes to see if there was any interest in his. In the event one set of equipment was to be purchased for £5k for shared use of the eastern villages.</p>	<p>TP/JS</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence.</b></p>	
<p>Apologies were received from Stephen Meredith.        Councillors Matthew Sarti, David Reeve and Jenny Wicks were unable to be in attendance</p>	
<p><b>3. Declaration of Interests.</b></p>	
<p>The Chairman declared that he was a Governor of Clandon School and an Alderman of the Borough of Guildford. Christopher Dean declared that he was</p>	

<p>Chairman of the Clandon Society. Terence Patrick (Chairman), Rob MacDonald, Jonathan Murphy and Carol Roberts declared that they are members of the Royal British Legion.</p>	
<p><b>4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the November meeting.</b></p>	
<p>These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman</p>	
<p><b>5. Matters arising from those minutes.</b></p>	
<p><b>5 Village Updates</b> The Clerk reported that he had reported the problem with pavements outside Cranley Cottages and had received a response. Unfortunately the Highway Authority did not see the issue as sufficiently serious to warrant attention. He had however raised the issue again in the context of proposals to the Eastern Cluster Fund.</p> <p><b>11. Council Correspondence</b> It was noted that the large vehicles reported accessing Clandon Park were undertaking repair work on the railway.</p> <p><b>9. Footpaths</b> It was reported that Surrey County Council (SCC) were planning to undertake work on footpath 568 using equipment which was available following other work in the area. Permission to undertake work on Green Lane had so far not been forthcoming so a bid to the Tesco Community Fund had not proved possible. It was suggested that SCC be approached to consider extending the work on 568 to include this location.</p> <p><b>13. AoB</b> The Chairman reported that the Guildford Council Notice Board at the entrance to Meadowlands had been deemed surplus to requirements and would be removed. Carol Roberts reported that an overhanging branch on a tree at the recreation ground was unsafe and had been removed by the Council's contractor. She also reported that minor works on playground were required as a defective spring on the play equipment needed to be replaced. The equipment was not under guarantee and a quote had been received from the contractor. Councillors resolved that this work should be undertaken.</p> <p>There had been further problems with trees at Laurel Cottage which may need to be lopped/or cut down Carol Roberts undertook to meet with the residents and our contractor to progress and proceed as appropriate.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Tennis Club had requested a quote for weed clearance on the tennis court. The work would now be undertaken at the Club's expense. It was noted that during the recent stormy weather a tree came down on the road. Surrey County Council staff however arrived promptly and dealt with the problem. Although the remaining trees are in good order it was agreed that the Council's contractor be approached to assess the condition of other trees in the area and the report be passed to Surrey County Council as appropriate.</p> <p>It was noted that a site meeting on the proposals to develop trails at Newlands corner had been scheduled but unfortunately no-one was available to attend. There was some discussion on the proposals to develop the restaurant and car parking changes on the site. It was noted that the restaurant would require planning permission and if common land were included this would involve the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CR</p>
<p><b>6. Local and Neighbourhood Plans.</b></p>	
<p>No formal updates were reported although it was noted that the proposals at Wisley now included a secondary school. Proposed changes in national planning policy</p>	

were likely to favour smaller developments of starter homes on green belt land.																																																								
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There were no requests for planning approval reported to the meeting. Councillors noted reports in the press suggesting that Clandon House should not be rebuilt. Councillors reiterated their preference to see restoration of the building and noted the success of reconstruction at Uppark.																																																								
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The Clerk reported that he had lodged the Council's objection to the Guildford Town Centre strategy in respect of the lack of a viable solution for through traffic and the potential for traffic to be diverted through the surrounding villages. A letter from a resident concerning an incident on footpath 568 was discussed. It was agreed that no response was necessary as all matters raised had been dealt with in previous correspondence.																																																								
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The Clerk circulated revised budgets for 2016/17 which were discussed. The additional funding set aside for footpaths was agreed. It was further agreed that the requested increase in precept should be limited to 2% and that the resulting small reduction in income could be accommodated in contingencies.	JS																																																							
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<b>12. Any Other Business.</b>																																																								
It was noted that nettles on drains at Clandon Crossroads will need cutting back in Spring. Councillor Keith Taylor agreed to pick this up with the new officer responsible. The Chairman reported on a recent Village Hall Management Committee Meeting. A new playgroup was taking up the slot left by Peter Rabbit Playgroup. Finances were in a healthy state with reserves c £15k. It was noted that the Hall Committee could do with some additional support in future.	KT																																																							
<b>13. Date of Next Meeting- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>																																																								

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm