



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 8.00pm on Wed 12th July 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: Christopher Dean, Rob MacDonald, Stephen Meredith, and Eric Palmer and John Stone (Clerk)

Surrey County Councillor Keith Taylor and 20 residents were in attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk called for nominations to chair the meeting. Christopher Dean was proposed by Stephen Meredith, seconded by Eric Palmer and elected unanimously. Mr Dean took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence.
Apologies were received from Terence Patrick and Jonathan Murphy. Guildford Borough Councillors Jenny Wicks was unable to be in attendance.
2. Declaration of Interests.
Chris Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the June meeting.
The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from those minutes.
There were none.
5. Guildford Local Plan

Chris Dean summarised the main changes introduced in the latest version of the Guildford Local Plan. There had been a large number of comments on the previous draft most of which were critical. Guildford say only those elements which have changed from the previous version (outlined in red) are subject to consultation at this stage but comments from the previous draft will also go to the inspectors.

The most significant change is the removal of major development sites in Normandy. Regrettably for West Clandon the Plan is worse in many respects.

It was stressed that the cumulative aspect of the various changes proposed for the area had not been adequately considered and that the developments planned for Gosden Hill, Slyfield, Wisley, Burnt Common and Horsley would have a devastating impact on the A247.

The Plan concedes that traffic volumes would increase but we do not accept that the necessary infrastructure would be in place before development commenced as developers could argue in court that the costs of these would render schemes unviable. The Council has no authority over Highways England whose attitude to improvements to the A3 is crucial.

The slip roads on the A247 at Burnt Common are now said to be required because of the impact of the Wisley development on Ripley. It is more likely however that the new industrial development proposed at Burnt Common needs direct access to the A3 for heavy vehicles. The full four-way junction at Burnt Common would be a traffic magnet and therefore a catastrophe for the A247 and the village.

The Chairman proposed that a document be prepared to provide advice to residents in framing their responses and that this should be placed on the village website on Friday 14th July and announced through the village email group. The Parish Council is working closely with the Clandon Society with the intention that a joint document will be produced.

The Chairman then invited comments from residents. The points made included:

- the need to motivate people to write in. It is disappointing to have a relatively poor turn out at the meeting this evening and important to encourage others to write in;
- does this plan include traffic forecasts? It was confirmed that it did and they show that traffic volumes will increase but it not yet clear what Highways England are planning to do in response;
- a lot of the underlying material was prepared for the 2014 Plan and hasn't been updated. There are factual inaccuracies as a result such as the regularity of bus services;
- the impact of the SCC plan to increase traffic at Newlands had not been taken account of and should be referred to in the Parish Council response;
- the exceptional circumstances for green belt development had not been spelt out on a site by site basis;
- although GBC claims only changes from the previous draft plan can be commented on the introduction does not make this distinction and says this is a further opportunity to make comments on the plan;
- it was suggested that we focus on the worst aspects of the Plan as they affect Clandon and accepts that some development is going to happen e.g. a focus on Garlicks Arch;
- Guildford Residents Association has instructed a consultant to scrutinise the housing needs calculation. This will be made available to the Inspectorate. Chris Dean will explore whether the report can be published **(CD)**;
- previous developments at Woking had been viable because the necessary infrastructure was provided and in our response we should focus on the A247 which is inadequate;
- could we ask the authorities to downgrade the A247 to B road? It was thought unlikely that this would be successful at present;
- would a petition be accepted? It was thought that the number of signatures required made this impractical at this stage.

The Chairman summarised the discussion and reaffirmed that the Parish Council advice would be on the website by Friday allowing residents to make their response in time for the 24th July deadline.

6. A247 Matters

It was confirmed that none of the 11 road safety schemes prioritised by the Guildford Local Committee, including the West Clandon proposals, were being funded during the current year due to the financial situation at SCC. A small amount of capital is being spent on finishing off two schemes left over from last year.

Some funding had been allocated to support 'vegetation gangs' and bids were requested by the 31st July. The following were suggested:

Clearing pavements on the narrow section of the Street and removing vegetation obstructing pedestrian and speed signs **(JS)**

Councillors noted that manhole covers had been repaired on the Street and the long awaited work to resurface Clandon Cross-Roads had been completed to a high standard. Councillor Keith Taylor was thanked for his support in these areas.

7. Recreation Ground and Playground

Eric Palmer reported that the chain link fencing next to the tennis court had been repaired and proposed that a gate be installed at that location to provide a route for tennis players. It was agreed that the cost estimated at £350 should be shared with the tennis club. **(EP)**

The tennis club had raised the issue of the lack of a skateboarding/cycling surface and it was agreed to investigate options and costs and report back to the September meeting. **(EP)**

8. Footpaths

Rob MacDonald reported that sections of footpaths 66 and 69 were in particular need of clearance. A quote of £917 had been received and the work scheduled over the next two Saturdays. It was agreed that it would be helpful if Surrey County Council could provide a schedule of their intentions to avoid duplication of effort.

It was noted that footpath 69 was still obstructed by the landowner.

Attempts were to be made to secure volunteers to tackle the overhanging branches on a stretch of footpath 69. **(RMD)**

9. Planning Matters

It was reported that Councillors' comments on the proposed development at Low Cottage had been sent to the Planning Department. Councillors agreed with the recommendation that no comment be made on an application from Glebe Cottages.

10. Note Council Correspondence sent and received

The schedule of correspondence included in the papers of the meeting was noted.

In addition the following had been received:

a copy of a response from Councillor Mike Goodman to a resident on proposals to develop a play trail at Newlands Corner;

an updated brochure from the developers at Wisley Airfield;

copies of Clerks and Councils Direct and Clerk Magazine (July 2017).

11. Financial Matters and the signing of cheques.

The following cheque had been signed since the June meeting:

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	VAT recovered	£
28/06/17	Gavin Jones	1916	17.32	49.29	295.76

CFGGA Grant application

Councillors agreed to support an application for grant support to upgrade the Village Hall Exterior and replace the boiler and store-room windows at a total estimated cost of £7300 subject to the necessary quotes being obtained. (JS)

12. Any Other Business

It was noted that a consultation on proposed changes to Community recycling centres was on-going which would have the effect of reducing the number of centres and increase charging in some circumstances. Councillor Taylor explained that this was linked to the current financial difficulties experienced by Surrey County Council.

13. Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 8.00pm, 13th September 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm