



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 9.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Stephen Meredith, Eric Palmer and John Stone (Clerk).

Councillors David Reeve and Keith Taylor, and 1 resident were in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence.
Apologies were received from Chris Dean and Jonathan Murphy. Councillors Matthew Sarti and Jenny Wicks were unable to be in attendance.
2. Declaration of Interests.
Terence Patrick declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford and he had an interest in an ongoing planning application concerning land off Bennett Way. Eric Palmer 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.

11. The Clerk confirmed that the Mayor of Guildford would be visiting Tuesday Café on 21st August and the launch of the Clandon Dragon. He confirmed that he had written to the volunteers working on the Dragon to communicate the Council's offer of matched funding which was gratefully accepted. Arrangements are in hand to try and raise the balance required while additional volunteers would be welcome.

3.10 Lime Grove Parking. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the residents involved but problems persisted. The Chairman undertook to contact Surrey County Council for advice (TP)

11. Eric Palmer updated members on work to improve the ditches in fields behind Meadowlands owned by the Forte Estate. There were concerns that the outflow was blocked but this had been denied by the supervisor. There were also reports of sheep escaping into neighbouring properties. The situation to be kept under review (EP)

5. Membership.

The Clerk reported that the Occasional Vacancy Procedure had now concluded and as he had not received notification of any applicants for the vacant councillor position he believed that the Council was free to co-opt. The application for a Community Governance Review to increase the number of counsellors from 6 to 8 would be considered at the July meeting of Guildford Borough Council.

6. Local and Neighbourhood Plans.

The Clerk reported on developments at the Local Plan Examination which had been attended by representatives of the Council. The concluding remarks by the Inspector suggested that the Plan was on course for approval albeit with some amendments. The slip roads proposed at Burnt Common were still included and were proposed as mitigation for the increased traffic through Ripley should the Wisley Airfield development go ahead. Councillors agreed that the potential for collaboration with other neighbouring parishes should be explored (JS)

The Chairman thanked Chris Dean, Eric Palmer and the Clerk for attending on the Council's behalf.

The Council considered the positive response from Dan Knowles of Guildford Planning Department concerning the acceptability of developing a simplified Neighbourhood Plan. They also reviewed some of the policies developed by West Horsley. The Clerk was asked to determine whether parishes of comparable size to West Clandon had developed such a plan. (JS)

7. Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park.

There were no urgent issues at present and there would be a more thorough review following the Playground Inspection due in September.

The request to Sport England to provide a Grant for the Car Park extension had been refused but Councillors confirmed that an application to Guildford Borough Council for 50% Grant support should be made using the Grant Aid to Parish Councils (Concurrent Functions) Scheme. (JS)

8. Footpaths.

The Clerk reported that core footpaths had been cut by Surrey County Council with further work expected in July and late August. The current spell of dry weather had made additional work unnecessary at present. Work to clear footpaths between the Street and Clandon Regis Golf Club Drive not covered by Surrey had been completed at a cost of £240 inc VAT.

9. A247 Matters.

Keith Taylor reported that a Speed Count was taking place on Clandon Rd in advance of the proposed extension of the speed limit.

The contractor which had undertaken the recent gas main work was due to return to repair substandard work to reinstate the road surface.

It was noted that sunken manholes on the Street and outside the Village Hall were still a problem. Councillor Keith Taylor agreed to follow this up. (KT)

10. Planning.

In the absence of Jonathan Murphy councillors reviewed the planning applications included in the papers for the meeting. They were also informed of an additional application (18/P/01208), at Willow Pond House, The Street, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7SY which proposed a first floor rear extension and changes to fenestration. They agreed that no comment be made.

11. Council Correspondence sent and received.

Councillors noted the schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting and also noted the following:

That the Clerk had written to GBC Planning with comments on a previous planning application at Old Boodles;

A letter from a resident at Meadowlands thanking Councillor Jenny Wicks and the Parish Council for helping to resolve problems with sewage odours and grass cutting;

A resident had reported that there had been an accident on the Street involving a cyclist on 7th July but no further details were available;
A copy of the GBC response to a consultation on unauthorised encampments had been received;
The Agenda and Papers for the meeting of the GBC Executive on 17 July included budget assumptions.

12. Financial Matters, Transactions and the signing of cheques.

Councillors approved the following payments at the meeting:

MJStone £348.39,
HMRC £202

13. Any Other Business.

The Chairman asked for more advance information on utility works in the village. The Clerk and Councillor Keith Taylor undertook to look into this. (JS/KT)

14. Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 12th September at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm