



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Jonathan Murphy, Chris Dean, Eric Palmer and John Stone (Clerk). Councillor Jenny Wicks and 2 residents were in attendance.

In the absence of Terence Patrick, Jonathan Murphy (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Terence Patrick and Stephen Meredith. Councillors Keith Taylor and David Reeve were unable to be in attendance.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Jonathan Murphy declared that he was an associate governor at Clandon School and a trustee of the Friends of West Clandon Church. Eric Palmer declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the May meeting.

These were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from those minutes.

10. Lime Grove Parking

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the residents of Corner Cottage.

16. Clandon Dragon

Councillors noted the work being undertaken by volunteers to refurbish the Clandon Dragon and the costs involved. They agreed to match fund the contributions raised by the volunteers to a maximum of £400. (JS)

5. Membership.

The Council noted the resignation of Rob MacDonald following his relocation to the West Country. The Clerk confirmed that the Casual Vacancy Procedure had been implemented. If no applications had been received by the 21st June the Council could consider co-option.

The Council resolved to apply to Guildford Borough Council for a Community Governance Review which would propose increasing the number of parish councillors to 8. This would better enable the Council to cover the range of responsibilities taken on by councillors and make it easier to achieve a quorum. This was sometimes an issue given the extensive community, business and professional interests of Clandon residents. It would also enable the Council to be more inclusive drawing representation from more sections of the Clandon community. No changes in the electoral arrangements were envisaged. (JS)

6. Local and Neighbourhood Plans.

It was reported that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission at Wisley Airfield had been rejected by the Secretary of State. The rejection of the plans which would have seen 2000 houses built on the site poses a challenge to the Guildford Local Plan which includes this site in its proposals. There were references in the Inspector's report to the Burnt Common Slip Roads which GBC now considers 'essential for the development of Guildford'. Any new planning application would have to address all the points made by the Inspector. The rejection could enhance the prospects of development being approved on other sites including the proposed Clandon Park Estate scheme but another consultation would be necessary before this was adopted.

Chris Dean had attended Day 1 of the Examination of the Local Plan and was reassured by the robust approach taken by the inspector. Developers were well represented and pushing for an increase in the housing number. This appeared to be coming out around 700pa before any constraints were considered. Chris Dean and Eric Palmer were planning to attend the session on the 27th June as was John Stone on 4th and 5th July.

7. Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park.

Eric Palmer reported that the play equipment is in good order and minor repairs undertaken were holding up well. There will a full inspection in September.

An adult football team had request to use the pitch on Sundays mornings. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Send Utd had plans to use the pitch at this time next season (JS). Notwithstanding the above it was agreed that it was the policy of the Council that priority should be given to local resident families and youth sport. The football pitch was not full size and was more suitable for youth football. Regular use by adult teams would likely increase damage to the pitch.

8. Footpaths.

The Clerk reported that Surrey County Council had confirmed that they intended to cut the core footpaths in the village in June with some additional work in July. There would be a second cut on some sections in August.

The Clerk reported quotes for footpath clearance from Gavin Jones (£380/2man team/day) and GrassTex Horsham (£350.00/2man team/day). A third contractor invited to quote had failed to respond. Councillors agreed to invite GrassTex to undertake clearance work on footpaths 74 and 82 between the Clandon Regis Golf Course Access Rd and the Street, sections of which had become overgrown.

9. A247 Matters

The Clerk reported he had contacted Bahram Assadi of Surrey Highways who had apologised for the delay in erecting the Variable Message Speed Sign on the southern stretch of the Street. The order had been placed with contractor and was being chased up. In preparation for the installation of the sign the police had undertaken a speed survey between the 16 and the 29th May. The camera was placed outside Clandon Park taking readings both north and southbound. It was found that of the 120698 traffic movements recorded 88.3% exceeded the speed limit. 97% of the traffic was cars. 54% were recorded at speeds between 31 and 40mph, 32% between 41 and 50mph whereas 2091 vehicles (2%) exceeded 50mph. The top speed recorded was between 80 and 90 mph. The Police had subsequently undertaken enforcement action.

The Clerk conveyed a report from the Chairman pointing out the two sinking public utility covers opposite Clandon Regis had still not been attended to.

10. Planning.

Jonathan Murphy reported that the planning application for stables off Deswell Manor Drive had been refused citing inappropriate use and the overbearing impact on the neighbours.

There had been one new application at Old Boodles for a single-story garage behind a neighbour's garden. There were some concerns over this application and Jonathan Murphy agreed to draft letter of comment. (JM)

11. Council Correspondence sent and received.

Councillors noted the schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting.

They also noted a request from the Mayor for an invitation to village events. It was suggested that Tuesday Café be nominated (JM/JS)

The Clerk reported that a resident of Meadowlands had contacted him asking for information on works behind Meadowlands. Eric Palmer had investigated and reported that the Forte Estate were undertaking clearance work on the site which included major excavation of the ditches running through the area to improve drainage. There was concern that the main ditch had been blocked and this would be taken up with the contractor. (EP)

It was noted that Car Parking Charges would commence at Newlands Corner from 9th July.

In addition to the publications listed in the correspondence paper copies of the Guildford Environmental Forum and Surrey Voice CPRE Newsletters had been received.

The agenda and papers for the Guildford Borough Council Executive to be held on 19th June which included reference to the establishment of a joint local committee with Surrey County Council.

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

The following on-line transactions had been made since the May meeting:

Date	Beneficiary	£	VAT reclaimed
15/5/18	Turbobird	40	N/A
5/6/18	Gavin Jones	269.59	44.93
5/6/18	1 st Surface	474	79

The following transactions were approved at the meeting:

Date	Beneficiary	£	VAT reclaimed
14/6/18	MJStone	338.53	N/A
14/6/18	HMRC	210.60	N/A

13. Grant Aid 2019/20.

Councillors agreed that the Village Car Park extension should be proposed as a priority for Grant Aid funding should an opportunity arise.

14. Any Other Business.

A resident thanked Councillor Jenny Wicks and the Parish Council for supporting her long-standing attempts to have problems with the sewage system in her home addressed by Guildford Borough Council. A new venting pipe had been installed which appeared to have solved the problem.

A complaint about the quality of Grass Cutting at Meadowlands was made. Jenny Wicks agreed to investigate (JW)

15. Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 11th July at 8.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm