



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 8.00pm Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Village Hall

Present: Chris Dean, Jonathan Murphy, Terence Patrick, Stephen Meredith, Rob MacDonald, Councillor Keith Taylor and seven residents.

1	<p><b>Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman</b>          The Clerk took the Chair.          Terence Patrick was nominated for the position of chair by Jonathan Murphy seconded by Stephen Meredith and elected unanimously.          Jonathan Murphy was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair by Terence Patrick seconded by Chris Dean and elected unanimously.          Terence Patrick took the Chair.</p>	
2	<p><b>Co-option of new member</b>          The Council noted that following the uncontested elections held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 there remained two vacancies to be filled. It was resolved that Rob Macdonald, a resident of Oak Grange Rd West Clandon should be co-opted to serve as a member of the Council.          It was further resolved that Rob Macdonald should be a signatory to the Council's Bank Account.</p>	JS
3	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>          Councillors Jenny Wicks, Matthew Sarti and David Reeve were unable to be in attendance.</p>	
4	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b>          Chris Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society.</p>	
5	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the April meeting</b>          These were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
6	<p><b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>  <b>5. Clandon Cross Roads</b>          The Chairman reported that the cross-roads were scheduled to be resurfaced on 5<sup>th</sup> August.  <b>8. Ownership of Beech Woods south of the A25</b>          It was reported that these were not in the ownership of the Clandon Estate  <b>10. Use of Car Park by personal trainers</b>          The Council discussed the issues but felt unable to intervene in the matter.</p>	
7	<p><b>Clandon House Fire</b>          The Parish Council expressed sympathy with the Onslow Family and others who had lost their homes in the fire. The Council had been approached over the cleaning of the School but had been informed that the costs would initially be met by the Diocese.          The Parish Council expressed a wish to be consulted on future plans for the site. It was reported that a meeting to review options was taking place later in the week.          Keith Taylor reported that feedback on the response by the Fire Brigade had been very complimentary. Nothing dramatic had emerged from a post-event review although residents reported there had been problems with water pressure.</p>	

	<p>The County Council was also responsible for registering premises for weddings. Alternative arrangements had been made in all cases Residents asked what the village might do to help. It was confirmed that a facility for on-line donations had been set up.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Local and Neighbourhood Plans</b>  The Local Plan was very much back on the agenda following the hiatus over the election period. The Conservatives were back in control of Guildford with an increased majority and the Leader of the Council re-elected. It was reported that Surrey County Council were not happy with the highways improvements planned in connection with proposed developments at Wisley but that revised proposals might be forthcoming.</p> <p>A letter from Send Parish Council outlining reasons for developing a Neighbourhood Plan was circulated.  Chris Dean reported that he had studied the national guidance on the issue and reviewed examples. It was clear that the planning inspectorate would consider the detail of what was proposed. An example of a community restricting development to rural exceptions sites was described. The process could be quite time consuming and onerous and would take a couple of years. A great deal of consultation would be necessary. The benefits included gaining a higher percentage of the Community Infrastructure Levy. A plan approved by residents and inspectors might be able to change the settlement area boundary.  It was agreed to circulate a number of residents who might be interested in attending and initial meeting and possibly taking on the development work.</p>	CD
9.	<p><b>Planning Matters</b>  Mr Murphy reported that there were no significant applications over the past month.  It was also reported that there had also been no further developments concerning the application at the Drift Golf Club and that the developers are pressing for a decision by 5<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Grant Aided Projects</b>  The Clerk reported that the Grant Assistance available for the urgent maintenance at the Play Ground had been rolled over into the 15/16 financial year.  An email from GBC has suggested that the application for Section 106 support for new equipment for the Play Ground had been favourably received. Confirmation was awaited.  The Clerk reported that following a site visit by the contractor a quote for £20k for the extension of the Car Park had been received. It was probable that planning permission would be required as the site was in the conservation area. The Council resolved that a bid for section 106 support should be submitted noting that other quotes might be necessary should the project be approved.</p>	JS
11.	<p><b>Insurance.</b>  The Clerk drew attention to two quotes and levels of cover for Parish Council Insurance cover for the forthcoming year. Councillors noted that following negotiation the Council's existing insurer, Zurich Municipal had substantially reduced the premium payable and it was resolved that we should renew with them on this basis.</p>	JS
12.	<p><b>Note Council Correspondence sent and received</b>  The Council reviewed the schedule of correspondence included in the notes of the meeting.  In particular it was decided that we should respond to the 'Parish Ward Programme' by requesting clearing of pavements on the West side of</p>	

	<p>Clandon Rd. between Green Lane and the A3. Other suggestions were the cleaning of road signs which are obscured by ivy/branches at Tith Barn Lane and repairs to the Gate of the Village Pound.</p> <p>Councillors were relieved to hear that following the Council's response to the recent SCC consultation and representations made by Councillor Keith Taylor bus services through Clandon were not affected by the subsequent proposals. Councillor Taylor emphasised however that the service was not well used and could be vulnerable to future cuts.</p> <p>The Council discussed the further correspondence from a resident regarding a cyclist reportedly using parish footpaths and again concluded that additional signage would be unlikely to have any effect and that barriers were not appropriate in this case.</p> <p>The Council were concerned however to receive reports from a resident of speeding by motorcyclists along the A247. The Chairman undertook to contact the Police Casualty Reduction Officer and request that speed checks be implemented in the area.</p> <p>Correspondence from the Woodstock Road Fund over parking at the junction with Lime Grove was noted. Councillor Keith Taylor undertook to follow this up.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>TP</p> <p>KT</p>								
13	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b> The Council discussed an enquiry from West Clandon RBL over a proposed music event on the Recreation Ground. Members expressed concerns about noise and possible disruption and would want to see more details. The Clerk was asked to write outlining the Council's reservations. Members also noted an approach from AfC Ripley to use the Football Pitch for Practice on Thursday evenings in June, July and August. The Clerk undertook to put the Club in touch with Send Utd to avoid the possibility of fixture clashes.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>								
14.	<p><b>Footpaths</b> The Clerk reported that following complaints from residents a satisfactory quote had been received for clearing footpath 81 and the work had been commissioned. He reported that a stile on footpath 67 was in need of repair. Rob MacDonald undertook to approach Surrey County Council</p>	<p>RMD</p>								
15.	<p>Financial Matters and signing of cheques. The following cheque was signed at the meeting</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Chq No</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ref</th> <th style="text-align: center;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Norris &amp; Gardiner</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1770</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15.5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">243.42</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Chq No	Ref	£	Norris & Gardiner	1770	15.5	243.42	
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17.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> It was reported that Councillor Keith Taylor would be chairing the Surrey County Council Guildford Local Committee. Residents present asked how many people from West Clandon have been allocated homes in the Meadowlands extension. The Chairman suggested that they contact Councillor Jenny Wicks.</p>									
18.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 8.00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the Village Hall</p>									

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm