



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 8.00pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick, Chris Dean, Rob MacDonald, Carol Roberts, Stephen Meredith and John Stone (Clerk)

Guildford Borough Councillors Jenny Wicks, David Reeve and Matthew Sarti, 8 residents and Keith Meldrum from the Merrow Residents' Association were in attendance. Surrey County Councillor Keith Taylor joined later in the meeting.

### 1. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The Clerk took the Chair and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. Terence Patrick was nominated by Rob MacDonald and seconded by Chris Dean. There being no other nominations, Terence Patrick was elected Chairman.

The Chairman took the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Rob MacDonald nominated Jonathan Murphy who was seconded by Chris Dean. There being no other nominations Jonathan Murphy was elected.

The Chairman welcomed Keith Meldrum and trustees from the Village Hall Management Committee to the meeting.

### 2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Jonathan Murphy

### 3. **Declaration of Interests.**

The Chairman declared that he was a Governor of Clandon School, an Alderman of the Borough of Guildford and a landowner in the village. Christopher Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society.

### 4. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the April meeting.**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

### 5. **Matters arising from those minutes.**

There were none

### 6. **Village Hall.**

The Chairman reported that Tony Budd the Chair and Treasurer had left the village and new trustee appointments were necessary. It was agreed with members of the Village

Hall Management Committee attending the meeting that an AGM would be held following the next meeting of the Parish Council. **(JS)**

## **7. Onslow Park.**

The Chairman reported that a brochure for 'Onslow Park', a proposed development on the Clandon Park Estate had been received. The site was not currently included in the draft Local Plan but it was possible that there could be opportunities to include it following the public consultation or during the planning enquiry, although this could require a further round of consultation.

Keith Meldrum of Merrow Residents' Association reported strong opposition to the proposal from those attending a recent meeting in Merrow and also from the three ward councillors.

## **8. Recreation Ground and Car Park.**

Contacts with Kevin McKee at Guildford Borough and Ray Corstin of E Clandon Parish Council had yet to be made.

Carol Roberts reported that the 2000 memorial bench has been taken away for remedial work. A Basketball site had been identified.

A new sign has been made for the car park and members agreed to reimburse the Chairman for the costs involved.

## **9. Local Plan.**

Chris Dean reported that the Clandon Society had had a meeting on Friday which was well attended. Those attending were strongly opposed to the proposed development at Gosden Hill and the new proposal at Burnt Common to develop land known as Garlicks Arch between Burnt Common Land and the A3. Provision was to be made for slip roads to create an all movements junction to the A3 which might protect Ripley from traffic generated by the development at Wisley Airfield but could have an adverse impact on traffic in West Clandon. The Clerk agreed to draft a letter to the Highways Agency laying out the Council's concerns. **(JS)**

The Clerk reported a letter received from Surrey Community Action about proposals to extend the Waterfields development. It was agreed to invite a representative to attend the next meeting of the Council **(JS)**

Councillors discussed the implication of proposed changes to the village boundary outlined in the draft local plan. It was reported that in making planning recommendations officers now look at decisions taken at appeal cases elsewhere and will have noted that decisions are now being taken on the basis of the actual development footprint on the ground rather than the formal boundary line. It was noted that there had been no consultation on this issue. It was open for the Parish Council to make a case in response to the consultation.

There was some discussion over the proposed development at Newlands Corner. Councillor Keith Taylor stated that the car parking charge was a function of financial stringency. As far as the development of the facility was concerned there would now be a phase one scaled down version of the play trails which may not need planning

permission. The second phase for the café is unlikely to be progressed during the next Financial Year. It was stated that Surrey County Council can only determine planning for its own services using its own money. If outside operators were involved responsibility for planning permission would revert to Guildford.

Residents expressed opposition to the developments at Newlands Corner and questioned the financial basis of the proposals and the impact on traffic levels.

The inclusion in the draft Guildford Transport Strategy to a number of projects affecting the A3 and its junctions, including Burnt Common and their potential impact on traffic on the Street, was discussed. The Clerk agreed to draft a letter to the Highways Agency laying out the Council's concerns.

A resident drew attention to a letter he had received from the Leader of Surrey County Council appearing to confirm that the resurfacing at Clandon Cross Roads had been delayed. Councillor Keith Taylor agreed to provide clarification. **(KT)**

Members agreed to write to Guildford Planners in advance of the consultation on the Local Plan to underline their opposition to the proposals at Gosden Hill. Chris Dean agreed prepare a draft for circulation. **(CD)**

#### **10. Grant Aided Projects.**

The Clerk reported that a one year extension to the grant funding for the installation of VAS had been granted. There would be no further extension. The proposal to seek funding for window replacement at the Village Hall would be put to the Trustees at the forthcoming meeting.

#### **11. Insurance.**

The Clerk reported quotes for the renewal of the Council's insurance policy. Councillors agreed that we should renew with Zurich for one year. **(JS)**

#### **12. Note Council Correspondence sent and received.**

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

Members concluded that there was nothing to add to previous correspondence on the speed limit in West Clandon

No response was required to enquiries from Surrey Highways on items fixed to lamp-posts or the Superfast Surrey team.

#### **13. Planning Matters**

In the absence of Jonathan Murphy the Clerk reported comments on planning applications at Three Acres Yard and Hartsbourne in Highcotts Lane. Councillors agreed with the recommendation that no comments be made.

**14. Footpaths**

Rob MacDonald reported that the East Clandon section of Green Lane remains in a poor state. It was hoped to open discussions with East Clandon to explore options.

**15. Financial Matters and signing of cheques.**

The following cheques signed at the meeting:

Date	Payee	Ch No	Ref	£
16/05/2016	Gavin Jones	1827	16.6	243.42
16/5/2016	Charlotte Edwards	1828	16.7	126.6
16/5/2016	Terence Patrick	1829	16.8	137.51

Members considered and approved the Council's Annual Financial Return for 2015/16 noting the accounts had been approved by the Council's Internal Auditor. The Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement were signed by the Chairman.

**16. Any Other Business.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016