

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

**Present:**

Terence Patrick (Chairman), Jonathan Murphy, Rob MacDonald, Chris Dean, Eric Palmer, Steve Meredith, John Stone (Clerk).

Paul Cook (National Trust) and Councillors Jenny Wicks and Keith Taylor and 2 residents were in attendance.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Councillor David Reeve was unable to be in attendance.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

The Chairman declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford and he and his family were landowners in Bennett Way. Chris Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society. Jonathan Murphy declared that he was an associate governor at Clandon School and a trustee of the Friends of West Clandon Church.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sept meeting**

These were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from those minutes**

**6. Recreation Ground and Car Park**

An estimate of £225 for the installation of a gate near the tennis court was accepted (TP)

12 dog fouling posters had been erected at the Recreation Ground by the dog warden, dog owners had been spoken to and a formal written warning issued.

A meeting with Grassform to seek estimates for the car park extension was being arranged (JS)

**10. Clandon Good Neighbour Scheme**

The £500 grant towards the start up costs of the Clandon Good Neighbour Scheme has been paid and the scheme launched successfully.

The Defibrillator has been ordered. This would remain the property of the Council.

**11. Transparency Code**

A bid to the Transparency Fund for a grant to purchase a computer, scanner and software Had been submitted. (JS)

**12. Council Correspondence**

The response of Thames Water to complaints about the sewage system in Meadowlands had been passes to the resident concerned. As this was now a matter for Guildford Borough Council as landlord Councillor Jenny Wicks agreed to contact the Estate Manager. (JW)

#### 14. AoB

The Council noted that a request to erect a Silent Soldier poster request at Bennett Way had been received. The Council however was not the landowner or the highway authority and was therefore unable to give formal permission.

#### 5. **Planning**

Mr Murphy reported on planning applications from Birch farm, Oakley House, and Silver Birch. Councillors agreed with the recommendation that no comments be made.

Councillors noted that the planning application for the conversion of stables to residential accommodation on land north of Lime Grove had been refused as the proposal constituted inappropriate development on the green belt.

#### 6. **Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

Councillors supported the request by Clandon School to make regular use of the Recreation Ground.

The Annual Inspection of the playground had identified only one item of significance. Remedial work would be undertaken (EP).

The Clerk reported concerns expressed at a recent meeting at Guildford Borough Council over the increasing likelihood of incursions by travellers. There was no obvious affordable way in which the Recreation Ground could be secured but he hoped to take up an offer of training on the procedures to be adopted in such case. (JS)

#### 7 **Footpaths**

It was reported that the gate barring footpath 69 had now been unlocked. Councillor Keith Taylor was thanked for his intervention. The electric fence across footpath 67 has also been removed.

#### 8. **A247 Matters**

Rob MacDonald reported on the meeting that he and the Chairman had had with an officer from Surrey Highways. Possible locations for a new variable speed sign had been identified. A report with costings was awaited.

The Clerk reported that a resident had drawn attention to problems at Felix Drive and Lime Grove.

Following comments made during the site inspection the Clerk had written to the owners at Fludyers regarding an overhanging hedge. There had been a positive response. Following a follow-up site visit a response from the Council would be considered. (RMD, TP)

Two loose manholes outside Sarisberie Cottage on The Street and outside the Village Hall were reported. These would be taken up with Surrey County Council. (JS, KT)

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

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

The Clerk reported a meeting with an individual interested in helping with the restoration of the Clandon Dragon if there was sufficient local support.

Councillors agreed that response should be made to the current SCC consultation on the introduction of parking charges on the SCC estate (JS)

#### **10. Budget 2018/19**

The Clerk circulated a draft budget for 2018/19 which will be finalised at a future meeting. Councillors noted guidance on Section 137 payments. Councillor Wicks suggested that provision be made for representation at the Guildford Local Plan public enquiry. It was also noted that there could be advantages for the Parish in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman asked for this to be included on the agenda of the November meeting (JS).

#### **11. Financial Matters and the signing of cheques.**

The following cheques had been signed since the last meeting:

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	VAT reclaimed £	£
21-Sep-17	Play Insp Co	1928	17.49	16	96
14-Sep-17	Clandon Good Neighbours	1927	17.50		500
28/09/17	Gavin Jones	1929	17.51	44.93	269.59
29/08/17	BDO	1931	17.52	40	240
01/10/17	WEL Medical	1932	17.53	273.25	1639.5

Councillors approved the Freedom of Information Charges proposed in the papers for the meeting

#### **12. External Audit Report**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17 had been approved by the external auditors and published on the Council's website. Two minor administrative issues had been raised for future reference.

#### **13. Any Other Business**

Paul Cook of the National Trust updated councillors on the outcomes of the consultation on options for the rebuilding of Clandon Park. He was delighted with feedback on the proposals and the engagement of the local community. There was a unanimous decision on the way forward by the jury and an announcement was expected in November. There would be a more detailed feasibility study with final designs available for further consultation next year.

The Clerk reported an approach from a company asking to use the Village hall car park as a compound during forthcoming gas main works. These were likely to last four months. Councillors determined that such use would be inappropriate.

**14. Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 8.00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

There being no other business the meeting closed 10.00pm