



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 8.30pm Wed 9th November 2016 at the Village Hall

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

In attendance: Councillors Keith Taylor and David Reeve, Paul Cook of the National Trust and 8 residents.

1. Apologies for Absence:
Apologies were received from Jonathan Murphy
Councillors Matthew Sarti and Jenny Wicks were unable to be in attendance.
2. Declaration of Interests.
The Chairman declared that he was an Alderman of Guildford Borough Council and a Governor at Clandon School. Chris Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society and his wife was promoting the Clandon Good Neighbour Scheme. Both were also trustees of the Village Hall. Steve Meredith declared that his wife was a Church Warden at West Clandon Church.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the September meeting.
These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from those minutes.

A247

Councillor Keith Taylor reported that despite significant reductions in budgets, Clandon Cross Roads had been included in the 'Horizon' road improvement programme with a 2017/18 start date expected. Lime Grove was also in the programme but at a much lower priority. Some patching has been done as an interim measure. Improvements in signage at the cross-roads was also being taken forward as part of a road safety scheme.

The Guildford Local Committee Task Group looking at proposals for road safety schemes in the area met on 8th November and considered over 60 schemes on its wish list one of which had concerned the provision of money to do something about the A247. In the event this was one of 11 schemes approved with £50k being allocated to the project. The details are not yet available but it could include extending 30mpg to Green Lane and physical measures designed to change driver perception to slow traffic on the existing 30mph stretch. Proposals would now go back to the 13th Dec meeting of the Guildford Local Committee and if approved form part of the 2017/18 Budget set for

final approval in March 2017.

A resident commented that speed had not been a factor in the recent accident in which he had been involved but that the other driver had not been paying attention. In his view the removal of the white line would not have been helpful. Councillor Taylor responded that a great amount of research on traffic calming by driver changing perception had been done and removal of the white line is one of ways in which this can be done. The approach had been successful as part of an award winning scheme in Shere where residents were initially sceptical. Similar results have been achieved in Albury, a similar A road having problems with through traffic.

It was also reported that a consultation on a proposal to turn off many street lights from midnight to 5.00am as a cost saving measure would be implemented in Guildford in December. The A247 was not included in these proposals but lights in Meadowlands will be turned off.

Safe routes to school

It was reported that the proposed route from the Recreation Ground was not going ahead with further discussions on alternatives planned with Lord Onslow.

Village Hall Bank Account

Councillors noted discussions at the Village Hall Trustees meeting held earlier on progress being made to change signatories on the Village Hall Accounts.

Defibrillator

The Clerk reported discussions with a resident on the proposal to install a defibrillator at a central point in the village.

It was agreed in principle to allocate £1000 to this scheme if a suitable project manager could be identified and a suitable plan be brought back to the Council. **(JS)**

5. Village Hall Car Park

Louise Andrews of the West Clandon British Legion Club reported on the operation of the Car Park extension. Some respects were working but some members were concerned they will be blocked in. It was noted however that there were many instances in which the arrangements were working well as users of the Legion and the Hall worked out how best to collaborate. It was suggested that the dance class on Saturday and the football club should be encouraged to adopt this approach.

6. 2017/18 Budget

Members considered the draft 2017/18 budget as circulated. It was agreed that the figures should be amended if necessary to allow for increased section 137 payments approved by Council. The payment to the Village Hall was reduced to £500. The Budget as amended would be re-presented to the December meeting of the Council for final approval **(JS)**

7. Section 137 and Village Hall Grants

Members agreed in principle to authorise section 137 grants to the following village associations subject to the receipt of suitable project proposals:

West Clandon Church £1000

Clandon School £1000

It was noted that the following grants had already been approved:

West Clandon Royal British Legion Club £250 for the old people's Christmas lunch

Clandon Good Neighbour Scheme £500

Defbrillator £1000 (subject to plan)

The Village Hall had also been awarded £500 as the Council's contribution to a Grant Supported Scheme in the current year.

8. Planning Matters.

Councillors considered the planning applications received and included in the schedule of papers for the meeting and comments sent by Jonathan Murphy in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that no comments on these should be made to the planning authorities.

Residents attending the meeting drew attention to their objections to a re-application from Hillside Kennels. It was agreed that Jonathan Murphy should discuss these objections and decide whether to make representation to the Planning Authority. **(JM)**

9. Footpaths.

Rob MacDonald reported that he had met with representatives of East Clandon and a contractor to discuss the grant awarded for upgrading Green Lane.

He would be contacting the property owner responsible to discuss the overgrown beech hedge partially obstructing footpath 69A. **(RMD)**. The Clerk reported that quotes had not yet been received for work on footpaths 74 and 81 and that he would follow this up **(JS)**

10. Recreation Ground and Car Park

Carol Roberts reported that a recent stock valuation had valued playground equipment at £73K. Work to implement recommendations from the recent inspection was ongoing.

11. Grant Aided Projects

The Chairman undertook to contact Surrey Highways over the invoice for the Vehicle Activated Sign. **(TP)**

12. Note Council Correspondence sent and received

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

13. Financial Matters and signing of cheques.

The following cheques had been signed since the October meeting:

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	VAT Reclaimed	£
	CCP				
15/10/16	Supplies	1866	16.48	0	114.65
15/10/16	R Carter	1867	16.49	0	192

Both of the above were on behalf of the Village Hall. As the Village Hall is not VAT registered no VAT can be reclaimed.

The following cheques were signed at the meeting:

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	VAT Reclaimed	£
	A&Spest				
09-Nov-16	Control	1868	16.50	89.80	538.8
	Gavin				
09-Nov-16	Jones	1869	16.51	40.57	243.42
	Poppy				
09-Nov-16	Appeal	1870	16.52	0	17

Councillors agreed to renew the contract with A&S Pest Control for the forthcoming year.

The also noted a paper circulated to Village Hall Trustees including the bills settled on behalf of the Village Hall to date.

14. Any Other Business.

A Model Publication Scheme required by the Information Commissioner was tabled. It was agreed to include this on the agenda of the December meeting

It was reported that focus groups on the future on Clandon House would be held in the Village Hall on 30th November from 10.00-1.00pm and 2.00-5.00pm

15. Date of December meeting
Wednesday 14th December 2016

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm