



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the Meeting Held 8.00pm Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Chris Dean, Alice Pashley, Stephen Meredith, Jonathan Murphy, John Stone (Clerk)

Councillors Jenny Wicks, Andrew French and Keith Taylor (from 8.30pm) were in attendance and 1 resident.

<b>1. Apologies for Absence:</b>	
Apologies were received from Lorraine Merry. Councillor Jen Powell was unable to be in attendance.	
<b>2. Declaration of Interests.</b>	
The Chairman declared that he was a sub on the Planning Committee at Guildford Borough Council and also a member of the Scrutiny Committee. Chris Dean declared that he is Chairman of the Clandon Society. Alice Pashley is a member of the Parochial Church Council.	
<b>3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the September meeting.</b>	
These were agreed as a correct record.	
<b>4. Matters arising from those minutes.</b>	
<b>4.Village Hall Car Park</b> It was noted that the leafleting in the Village Hall Car Park continued to be effective although the problem had now seemed to have moved to Meadowlands. <b>6.Sewage pipe burst</b> A response from Thames Water had been received indicating the syphon under the railway was now included in the planned maintenance programme.	
<b>5. Local Plan Developments.</b>	
Chris Dean reported that the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept deadline for comments had been extended due to confusion over the timings at the Borough. The deadline had been extended to 26 <sup>th</sup> September which had now passed. It was hoped that the quality of submissions was having an impact. A number of studies are not yet available so we are unlikely to see the next version of the Local Plan until May/June next year. An officer from Surrey County Council who attended the site visit organised by the Parish Council on August	

<p>8th has written a response to the Cuckoo Farm Secondary School proposal which was critical of the plan although some SSC Councillors still appeared to be promoting the scheme. Her objections, however, would be an important factor in any public enquiry. Surrey had also raised the issue of ancient hedgerows on the site. It was agreed to draw the attention of Guildford Councillors to the officer's view.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that a party of Guildford Borough Councillors had also visited the Cuckoo Farm site on September 23rd and were equally appalled to the SCC Secondary School proposals.</p> <p>The postponed date allowed us to make submissions on both Gosden Hill and the other two sites in the village identified in Issues and Options. The East Guildford Residents Association, Green Belt Guardians and CPRE submissions were of particularly high quality.</p> <p>There were reports of pre-application discussions about possible developments on Green Belt land in Send. CClr Jenny Wicks stated that interested parties were entitled to such discussions and one should not read too much into these reports. The absence of a five year land supply in the Borough increased the risk of developers winning on appeal although none had been successful so far.</p>	JM
<p><b>6. Playground Inspection</b></p>	
<p>Alice Pashley reported on the playground inspection earlier in the year. All items are low to medium risk so there are no legal obligations but some of the equipment is looking slightly the worse for wear and she recommended that the majority of the work was undertaken. Quotes were circulated for the major work necessary. An expenditure of £5,500 was approved. Members noted that there was no provision in budget for this sum but asked the Clerk to explore options for diverting agreed grant funding to this purpose.</p>	AP JS
<p><b>7. Use of Recreation Ground</b></p>	
<p>The Chairman reported on a meeting with Simon Strong, a representative of Send United Football Club, also attended by the Vice Chair and the Clerk. It was agreed that permission should be given for the replacement of the goal posts and the goals reduced in size by up to 4 foot. The pitch could also be lengthened by 10m to allow it to comply with regulations.</p> <p>Send United should be asked to fund the replacement although it was possible that the Council would make a contribution provided that the utility for the village was promoted. Send United should confirm that appropriate insurance cover was in place and our own cover checked to ensure if covered organised games.</p>	JS
<p><b>8. Grant Aid</b></p>	
<p>It was noted that funding secured for erecting variable message signs during 2014/15 had not yet been accessed. The Clerk reported that an application for £2000 to support upgrading work in the Parish Hall had been submitted.</p>	
<p><b>9. Parish Clerks Meeting Report</b></p>	
<p>The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of Parish Clerks at Guildford Borough Council. The main items of interest included the forthcoming Council Elections in May 2015 during which the whole Parish Council would be up for re-election, the forthcoming consultation on Bus subsidies which could see funding support for local bus services reduced and information on the Community Infrastructure Levy which was set to replace section 106 agreements in late 2015.</p>	

<b>10. Planning Matters.</b>																
The Planning applications and results in the papers for the meeting were noted.																
<b>11. Footpaths</b>																
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Mrs K McKay on the state of some parish footpaths. Lorraine Merry had indicated she was investigating the issues raised with Surrey County Council and no response would be made until her report was received.	LM															
<b>12. Note Council Correspondence sent and received.</b>																
<p>The correspondence listed in the papers for the meeting was noted. Attention was given to complaints from a resident over the state of the road surface in Lime Grove. This was raised with CClr Keith Taylor who responded that Lime Close had been prioritised over Lime Grove following a technical appraisal.</p> <p>Councillors also discussed proposals for development at Drift Golf Club which would result in large lorries passing through the village. CClr Taylor confirmed that the planning application was being treated as waste disposal and therefore dealt with by the County. Council Policy stated that only the minimum materials required should be brought in and a wider benefit is necessary.</p> <p>It was agreed that objections be made on two counts; the quantity of materials brought in and the suggested routing through the village.</p>	CD/JM															
<b>13. Financial and Audit Matters and signing of cheques.</b>																
<p>The following cheques had been signed since the last meeting:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="277 961 954 1115"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Chq No</th> <th>Ref</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10/09/2014</td> <td>Play Inspection Co.</td> <td>1745</td> <td>137</td> <td>96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/09/2014</td> <td>BDO</td> <td>1746</td> <td>139</td> <td>156</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cheques for Clerks Remuneration, HMRC and Norris and Gardiner were approved and signed at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the External Audit of the 2013/14 accounts had been completed by BDO and the accounts approved. He also reported a minor issue highlighted by auditors who had clarified that grant aid should be included with the Parish Precept in future and not classified as other income.</p>	Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	£	10/09/2014	Play Inspection Co.	1745	137	96	28/09/2014	BDO	1746	139	156	
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<b>14. Draft Budget 2015/16</b>																
The Clerk circulated a first draft of the 2015/16 Parish Council Budget. Councillors requested that an allowance of £2000 be made for Recreation Ground Maintenance and a provision of £2000 be made for the possible costs of running an election in May 2015.																
<b>15. Any Other Business.</b>																
<p>The problems experienced by residents over Dog mess on the recreation ground was reported to the Council. It was reported that people are driving up and letting large dogs run unsupervised. Dogs are also taken into the playground. Notices are already displayed. The Chairman undertook to talk to the dog warden to seek advice.</p> <p>It was noted that Jonathan Murphy will lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Council.</p>	TP															

16. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	
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There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.45pm