



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held Wed 13th September 2017 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Jonathan Murphy, Stephen Meredith, Eric Palmer, Rob MacDonald, John Stone (Clerk). Councillor David Reeve and 6 residents were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Chris Dean. Councillors Jenny Wicks and Keith Taylor were unable to be in attendance.

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

The Chairman declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford. Mr Murphy declared that he was an associate governor at Clandon School.

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

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

4. **Matters arising from those minutes.**

There were none.

5. **Planning Matters**

Jonathan Murphy reported that SCC following the decision of the Planning Inspectorate to hold an Inquiry had withdrawn Surrey County Council proposals for the development of a Play Trail at Newlands Corner.

The proposal by the developers at Wisley Airfield to promote the opening of north facing slip roads at Burnt Common was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the relevant planning authority to reiterate The Parish Council's objections to this (**JS**).

The Council noted possible changes to the evidence base underpinning the Guildford Local Plan, which included changes in the statistical treatment of students who remain in the area after graduating and the possible impact of decisions affecting neighbouring authorities.

Planning applications received and included in the papers for the meeting included proposals at Roma, Rathmore, Land south of the A25, Meadowlands and Clandon Park Garden Centre. In these cases councillors agreed with the recommendation that no comment should be made.

Mr Murphy introduced the planning application for the conversion of a stable block on land north of Lime Grove, which had attracted a considerable amount of interest locally. There was provision in planning guidelines for the reuse of redundant buildings in the green belt but he was not sure if this provision were applicable here. The proposed

development was outside the settlement area and in green belt. He invited councillors to discuss whether comment should be made.

The Chairman invited interested parties attending the meeting to speak. The applicant responded that there were many misconceptions about the application. Despite having been in the area since 1982 no residents had come to speak about it. Many of the comments submitted in response to the application were misinformed. There has never been an equestrian centre and it is not true to say the stables are still required. The existing buildings are not secure enough for the storage of equipment etc. and there have been thefts. There is no intention of turning it into a canine refuge facility. One named resident had claimed that four dogs had escaped. This was not true. Her dogs were not dangerous. She also stated that she had suffered bullying and harassment following the application. The proposed bungalow would protect the field from further development.

A resident spoke against the application, because of this love of the green belt. This was the reason he moved to Clandon and if the application were approved he would consider leaving.

The Chairman commented that the land in question had been referenced in the Local Planning process and concerns had been expressed at the time over development on the land between Lime Grove and Green Lane.

Councillors were then asked to give their views. They confirmed they were not in favour of building in the Green Belt. There were other such stables in the village and a development on this site would set an unfortunate precedent. Although the neighbouring property was also outside the settlement area this had been there some time with initial development before current regulations were in place.

The Clerk was asked to write to the planning authorities to convey the Council's views using a draft letter prepared by Mr Murphy. **(JS)**

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

Eric Palmer updated councillors on developments at the Recreation Ground.

The Play Area had been inspected and the Report was awaited. The conclusions should be available for the next meeting. A quote for the proposed gate by the Tennis Court, which would be 50% funded by the Tennis Club was awaited **(TP)**.

There was insufficient support locally for the suggested cycling/skateboarding track and councillors agreed that this should not be progressed.

A visual inspection of the Oak Tree at the recreation ground had been completed which appeared to show that the tree was healthy. A report from Cormack Tree Care had been commissioned and was awaited as was a quote for an annual safety inspection of the trees on the Recreation Ground, which would be considered in due course.

The Council agreed to consider a proposal to extend the 'grassform' area of the Village Car Park to facilitate access to the extension. The Clerk was asked to get quotes for the work and to explore options for grant support. **(JS)**

7. Footpaths

Rob MacDonald reported on work on Parish Footpaths. The Parish Council had funded additional work on footpaths 66 and 69 while Surrey County Council had completed work on the principal paths in the area. Guildford Borough Council had undertaken work to clear the ditch alongside footpath 67, an important link in the surface water drainage network running through the village. The electrical fence erected across this path had been reported to Surrey County Council but no action had been taken. Also the locked gate on footpath 69 was still causing problems. This to be followed up with SCC (**RMD, KT**).

8. A247 Matters

Following the withdrawal of funding for the A247 Safety Scheme councillors agreed in principle to explore lower cost options from within Parish Resources. The Chairman agreed to meet with the SCC Highways Officer to discuss a possible second VAS sign aimed at northbound traffic through the village (**TP**).

9. Village Hall and Parish Council Relationships

Following recent advice from the SLCC the Council discussed its formal relationship with the Village Hall. They concluded that the existing relationship is in line with best practice. The Village Hall is a separate charity with its own trustees. The Parish Council remains however a custodian trustee.

10. Clandon Good Neighbours Scheme

Following confirmation that proper arrangements for banking were in place the Clerk was authorised to release the £500 grant for the Clandon Good Neighbours Scheme as previously agreed. (**JS**)

11. Transparency Code

The Council received an update on the requirements of the Transparency Code for smaller authorities. It was agreed that grant funding for a dedicated Parish Council computer and scanner should be applied for.

12. Note Council Correspondence sent and received

The schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting was noted. In particular the response from Thames Water who had investigated the overflowing sewage reported in Meadowlands was reported. The resident concerned would be informed (**JS**).

Complaints from the Council's contractors at the Recreation Ground concerning the amount of dog mess were discussed. The Chairman offered to contact the Dog Warden (**TP**).

13. **Financial Matters and the signing of cheques.**

The following cheques had been signed since the July meeting of the Council:

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	Vat reclaimed £	£
27/07/17	Gavin Jones	1917	17.37	44.93	269.59
10/08/17	Gavin Jones	1920	17.39	183.64	1101.24
10/08/17	HMRC Gavin	1919	17.40	n/a	577.75
27/08/17	Jones Charlotte	1921	17.43	44.93	269.49
02/09/17	Edwards	1923	17.44	n/a	85.97
02/09/17	CTHarlow	1922	17.45	n/a	120

The following cheques were signed at the meeting

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	Vat reclaimed	£
13/09/17	MJStone	1924	17.46	n/a	1989.31
13/09/17	HMRC	1926	17.47	n/a	578

14. **Any Other Business**

Residents drew attention to the Silent Soldier campaign and the intention to display posters in the village hall car park. Councillors were pleased to support this initiative. The problem of long term car parking at the entrance to Lime Grove was discussed. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

15. **Date of Next Meeting-** Wednesday 8.00pm, 11th October 2017.