WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE LIST Apr-May 2017

Sent

23 April	Email to Jon Perry, Community Safety Office on the ownership of land used for recreation behind Glebe Cottages	TP
6 May	Email to Vic Henty, Chairman of W Clandon RBL Branch passing on the Council's offer to cover the materials cost of repainting the container in the Car Park	

Received

3 May	Email from Steve Mitchell, Countryside Access Team Manager, Surrey CC outlining the reductions in service following budget cuts	RMD
	Rights of Way Maintenance funding reductions – briefing note	
	Revenue funding has been reduced in recent years from around $\pounds400,000$ to $\pounds290,000$ pa and will be reducing this budget further, to around $\pounds100,000$ for the year 2017/18. This will present significant challenges in meeting statutory duties, ensuring public safety and keeping paths open.	
	Enforcement work, dealing with issues such as obstructed paths and public nuisances will continue as normal, as will dealing with planning matters and working to deliver schemes where additional funding is available from external sources for path improvements, such as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.	
	Categories and effects of reduced budget on maintenance work:	
	Vegetation clearance –During 2016/17 around 500 miles of paths were cut back. The annual programme will be significantly reduced, with only around 30% of paths on the previous schedule being cut back once a year, where they are heavily used/strategically important.	
	Signing – Only statutory roadside signing will be undertaken, where resources allow.	
	Surface repairs – Larger surface repair schemes are unlikely to be possible. Where a path has become impassable or hazardous, minor repairs/patching will be undertaken where resources allow. If the path cannot be made safe, then a closure will be necessary to ensure public safety.	
	Tree safety work – Hazardous trees will be made safe where they are the responsibility of the Council. Where hazardous trees are privately owned, the landowner will be contacted and required to undertake appropriate work. Paths may need to be closed temporarily until safety work has been completed.	

General maintenance – Small works such as: gates/stiles, access control/barriers and steps will be undertaken on a limited basis, on heavily used/strategic routes, where resources allow, targetting resources to locations with the greatest public benefit.
Bridges. A limited amount of capital funding has been secured for bridge replacements during 2017/18. Bridges will be closed where they cannot be made safe and kept open for public use.
Support and guidance will be given to parish councils, groups and individuals who wish to set up volunteer work programmes/schemes.

Planning Applications

17/P/00699	Pound Cottage, The Street, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7TG. Construction of a two storey extension to the games room to create a three bedroom house following demolition of a section of the covered way linking the main house and games room.	JM
17/P/00805	Little Clandon, The Street, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7ST, Erection of a replacement outbuilding following demolition of existing.	JM
17/P/00832	C of Lawfulness for Proposed Use, Rathmore, Clandon Road, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7TL. Certificate of lawfulness to establish if the proposed erection of Detached Outbuilding constitutes permitted development.	JM

Planning Cases Open

EN/12/00421 Barn End, The Street, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7TG Creation of independent residential accommodation. Planning Application Received

Cheques Signed since the March Meeting

None

Journals and Magazines received -available from the Clerk at the meeting

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John Stone May 2017