Headlines from the February Meeting of West Clandon Parish Council

Sewage Leak

Following the intervention of Parish Councillor Eric Palmer, the sewage leaking into the ditches between East and West Clandon has now been attended to, although some traces remain. A longer-term solution requires the upgrading of the pumping station near Meadowlands. There appears to be little prospect of this being taken forward soon as funding is not currently available.

Problems on the Street

The Chairman, Terence Patrick, has again been lobbying Surrey Highways on the subject of speeding on the Street. They remain opposed to a 20mph limit siting opposition from the Police who are concerned about enforcement. Funding also remains an issue. There is however some prospect of extending the 30mph limit north up Clandon Road as far as Green Lane. Meanwhile the Parish Council has paid for an additional Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) designed to deter speeding motorists entering the village from the South.

Still on the Street, concerns have been expressed about the on-going gas main works including reports of residents being unnecessarily inconvenienced and the quality of the patching work on the road surface. Surrey County Councillor Keith Taylor has offered to take these up with Surrey Highways to try and ensure appropriate standards are maintained.

The Clandon Dragon

It looks like the project to uncover the Clandon Dragon, a chalk figure on the side of the A246 towards Merrow, will get off underway. Surrey Highways have given the green light to working on their embankment and a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers have come forward. Additional help would be appreciated. If you'd like to join in let me know and I'll put you in touch.

On the A3

We are keeping a close eye on Highways England projects to upgrade the A3 which underpin much of the development in the Guildford Local Plan. So far no detailed proposals for the necessary widening of the A3 through Guildford have been published but there is a live consultation on a major scheme to improve the A3/M25 Wisley junction. This however refers to the Burnt Common slip roads in the small print without making a commitment either way. We will be responding to the consultation noting that an inadequate scheme at Wisley and the opening of the slip roads would increase rat running through Clandon. You can find more details on the scheme and comment at http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m25-junction-10-to-a3-wisley-interchange/

Planning Applications

The Council has decided to oppose a new planning application for conversion of a stables to residential accommodation on land north of Lime Grove. The

Council's response can be seen on our website www.westclandon.org.uk
Details of all planning applications in the area and how to respond can been found at https://guildford.gov.uk/searchforaplanningapplication

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 8.00pm Wednesday 14th March 2018.

Meanwhile a date for your diary- Cllr Paul Spooner and Matt Furniss, the leader and deputy leader of Guildford Borough Council will be attending a meeting of West Clandon Parish Council at 8.00pm on 11th April to answer questions on the Local Plan and other items of local interest. We hope to see a good turn-out from residents keen to take this opportunity to make their views known.

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