



## WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 8.15pm on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Assembly

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Christopher Dean, Stephen Meredith, Rob MacDonald, John Stone (Clerk). Guildford Borough Councillors Jenny Wicks and David Reeve, Tracy Puttock and Steve Foreman of Ashill Developments, Paul Cook of the National Trust and 7 residents were in attendance.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Jonathan Murphy

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

Terence Patrick declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford and a governor at Clandon School. Christopher Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society. Jonathan Murphy declared he was now an associate governor at Clandon School

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

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

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

**5. Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that issues with the Village Hall Banks Accounts were now resolved and a cheque covering the expenditure incurred by the Council on their behalf had been received.

The new stage curtains has been installed and we would be invoicing the Village Hall for the Balance due after deduction of grant and the Parish Council's contribution. **(JS)**

**6. RBL Rent**

A response from the West Clandon branch had been received suggesting that we write to the National Office. The Clerk undertook to do this. **(JS)**

**14. AoB**

The Clerk confirmed that the poor state of some manhole covers on the Street had been reported to Surrey County Council.

The Council adopted the Guidelines for the use of the Recreation Ground as circulated by the Clerk. This would be placed on the Notice Board and circulated to frequent users of the facility. **(JS)**

**5. Proposed Development at Tithebarns Farm**

The meeting received a presentation from the promoters of the proposed development at Tithebarn Farm and a number of contributions from concerned residents. Although the Council agreed that an appropriate small-scale residential development in this location may be appropriate it had a number of reservations leading it to urge the Planning Authority that this application be refused in its current form. These include encroachment into undeveloped

Greenbelt as plans appear to show the gardens for some of the houses will be on previously undeveloped land, lack of a safe pedestrian route from the development to Clandon Road, continuing concerns about flooding risk on the site and parking. The Clerk was authorised to write to the Planning Authority to register the Council's views. **(JS)**

6. **Recreation Ground and Playground**

The Chair provided an estimate for the repair of potholes in the Village Hall Car Park. The Clerk was asked to progress this and to write to the Royal British Legion and the Village Hall to secure their contribution. **(JS)**

The Clerk reported that Council papers held by the late Carol Roberts had been passed to him by the family. The bundle included a sum of cash. As this did not seem to be related to Council business it was agreed that subject to enquiries with the Royal British Legion this should be returned to the family. **(JS)**

No further quotes had been received for the work proposed by a contractor on a tree in the corner of the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to go ahead on the basis of the original quote. **(JS)**

7. **Footpaths**

Rob MacDonald reported that the improvement work on the Green Lane extension had been completed and thanked Surrey County Council for their contribution.

The locked gate on footpath 69 had been reported and a response awaited.

8. **Planning Matters**

Councillors reviewed the schedule of planning applications provided with the papers for the meeting and comments supplied by Jonathan Murphy. Apart from the application at Tithebarns farm (See agenda item 5) it was agreed that no comment should be made.

The new arrangements for Guildford Borough Council Planning Committee and the comments made by some neighbouring Parish Councils were noted.

Councillors also discussed the latest draft of the Guildford Local Plan which had been published earlier in the week. Overall there is a reduction in the housing target by 1,400 units compared with the last draft. This implies a modest reduction in housing needs from 693 to 654 units per year. More space has been identified for brownfield developments in the urban area with Normandy and Flexford being the main beneficiaries seeing a 1,100 unit site removed from the Plan.

The implications for Clandon however are less than positive and see Gosden Hill and Wisley still very much in scope. The Burnt Common site which was taken out of the last draft is now back in the Plan for light industrial use while Garlick's Arch stays in for housing and pitches for 'travelling show people'. This and traffic pressure on Ripley from the Wisley development are used to justify new north facing Access Roads to A3 at Burnt Common. The Council will consider the arrangements for determining its response to the June/July consultation at a future meeting.

9. **Note Council Correspondence sent and received**

Councillors noted the schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting.

10. **Grant Aided Projects**

The Clerk reminded councillors that opportunities to bid for grant support from Guildford Council might be forthcoming in the near future. In view of the Council's wish to see upgrading work undertaken on the Village Hall it was suggested that a surveyor might be commissioned to look at options. There was no further news on the reported section 106 opportunity.

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

The following cheques had been signed since the March meeting of the Council

Date	Payee	Chq No	Ref	VAT recovered	£
30/03/17	Gavin Jones	1907	16.90	40.47	243.42
31/03/17	Merrow Interiors	1908	16.91	Village Hall	1890

12. **Any Other Business**

Paul Cook, the Project Manager at Clandon Park informed the meeting that there has been a good response to the design competition for rebuilding the House with a shortlist due to be announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The ideas presented for the design concept will be available for comment both on site and on-line with final designs completed by Spring 2018.

13. **Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 8.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

14. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was agreed that Suzanne Burroughs be approached to explore possible co-option to the Council **(TP)**

It was agreed that the Clerk's Remuneration should be increased in line with the increase in RPI since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm