WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Jonathan Murphy, Chris Dean, Rob MacDonald, Eric Palmer, John Stone (Clerk).

Paul Cook of the National Trust, Councillor Jenny Wicks and 1 resident were in attendance.

The Chairman invited Paul Cook to address the meeting. He reported that Allies and Morrison had been appointed as architect for the rebuilding of Clandon Park and noted that there was some way to go before the final designs were agreed. Over 3000 people had attended the concept display with over 500 comments made and a great deal of local input. Final designs should be available next summer. Significant areas will be restored with access from the West into the marble hall as the original architect, Leoni, had intended.

- 1. Apologies for Absence
 - Apologies were received from Stephen Meredith
 - Councillors Keith Taylor and David Reeve were unable to be in attendance.
- 2. Declaration of Interests.

The Chairman declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford and he and his family were landowners in Bennett Way. Chris Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society. Jonathan Murphy declared that he was an associate governor at Clandon School and a trustee of the Friends of West Clandon Church.

- 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the November meeting.

 These were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Matters arising from those minutes.
 - 4.4.6 It was reported that the Recreation Ground Gate was now fixed.
 - 4.4.10 The Defibrillator was to be installed on the 15th December. Training for residents had been organised for the New Year and there had been considerable interest from residents.
 - 4.4.11 A £650 grant from the Transparency Fund had been received and transferred to the Council's bank account. Councillors also authorised the Clerk to buy a new printer for the system. (JS)
 - 4.8 Letters had been prepared concerning the Hedge at Fludyers and Lime Grove Parking. (JS) 6. Support for Village Organisations
 - Emails had been sent to Clandon School and the Friends of West Clandon Church. No response had yet been received.
 - 12. Meadowlands Sewage Problem. No progress had been made as yet and problems persist. Contact to be made with the GBC Estates Manager (JW).
- 5. Local and Neighbourhood Planning and Consultancy Support
 The Local Plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspector but questions about infrastructure remain.

Guildford Residents Association (GRA) have commissioned a consultant to produce a report on housing numbers which challenged some of the conclusions reached by GL Hearn. GRA are asking for financial support to put their consultant in front of the inspectors. Councillors agreed to contribute £250 towards this work payable to EGRA. (JS)

6. Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

A quote for £231.25 pcm for the work during 2018 had been received by the current contractor compared with £224.66 for the current year. Counsellors agreed that this was acceptable and the contract should be renewed.

It was noted the work identified during the annual inspection had been satisfactorily completed by Playsafe. The Chairman reported that the Zip wire may need adjusting. (EP)

The Clerk reported on work undertaken to secure grant funding for the proposed Village Hall Car Park Extension. Councillors agreed to provide matched funding of £5000 if required.

7. Footpaths

It was noted that Footpath 69 was particularly overgrown last season. This and the adjacent beech hedge to be kept under review. (RMD)

8. A247 Matters

There was no further news from Surrey Highways on the VAS or the loose manholes covers previously reported.

9. Planning Matters

Jonathan Murphy reported on a planning application from Clandon Regis. Councillors agreed with the recommendation that no comment be made.

10. Note Council Correspondence sent and received.

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

11. Budget and Precept 2018/19

Councillors discussed the updated budget included in the papers for the meeting noting the inclusion of the Council Tax Support Grant (£776) and the award of Concurrent Functions Grant Aid (£396) for work to the Village Hall. This was in addition to the grant for new Village Hall Chairs which should be progressed in the current year. (JS/JV)

Councillors discussed the precept requirement for 2018/19 and in view of comments from residents agreed to increase funding for maintaining the footpaths in the Parish by £2000 noting that this would increase the precept requirement by approximately 10%. The Clerk was asked to circulate the revised calculation to members.(JS)

12. Financial Matters and the signing of cheques.

Councillors agreed to renew the contract with A&S Pest Control and SLCC membership for the forthcoming year.

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

		Cheque		VAT Reclaimed	
Date	Payee	No	Ref	£	£
	WC RBL				
01/12/17	Club	1937	17.59	N/A	200

01/12/17	WC RBL Branch	1938	17.60	N/A	18
01/12/17	Charlotte Edwards	1939	17.61	N/A	72
01/12/17	Gavin Jones	1940	17.62	44.93	269.59
01/12/17	CTHarlow	1941	17.63	N/A	159.5

The following cheques were signed at the meeting:

08/12/17	Safeplay	1942	17.64	100	600
08/12/17	A&S Pest	1943	17.65	95	570
08/12/17	MJStone	1945	17.66	N/A	326.76
08/12/17	HMRC	1947	17.67	N/A	192.8
08/12/17	SLCC	1948	17.68	N/A	115
13-Dec-17	EGRA	1949	17.69	N/A	250

Councillors supported proposals to allow the Council to use on-line banking and to open an account with the Unity Trust to facilitate this. They noted proposed amendments to the Annual Risk Assessment and the draft Financial Regulations included in the papers for the meeting. They deferred a decision on these to the next meeting of the Council.

- 13. Charity Commission Annual Return for Recreation Ground
 The Clerk reported that the annual return for the Recreation Ground Charity, which is
 administered by the Council, had been made.
- 14. Any Other Business none
- 16. Date of Next Meeting- 8.00pm Wednesday 10th Jan 2018

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm