



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the meeting held 8.00pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Christopher Dean, Rob MacDonald, Stephen Meredith and Carol Roberts. Councillors Keith Taylor, David Reeve and 5 residents were in attendance.

<b>1. Apologies for Absence.</b>	
Apologies were received from Jonathan Murphy. Councillors Matthew Sarti and Jenny Wicks were unable to be in attendance.	
<b>2. Declaration of Interests.</b>	
The Chairman declared that he was a Governor of Clandon School and Christopher Dean declared that he was Chairman of the Clandon Society.	
<b>3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the October meeting.</b>	
The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman	
<b>4. Matters arising from those minutes.</b>	
<b>5. Village updates</b> <i>Footpath 568</i> It was noted that a response to the Council's letter had been received. The Council decided to take no further action on the matter. <i>Overgrown Hedges</i> The Clerk undertook to report the encroaching verges outside Cranley Cottages to the Highway Authority. It was noted that repairs had been made following damage by construction traffic in Meadowlands but the problem had recurred. The Chairman undertook to take this up with the relevant officials.	JS  TP
<b>6. Local and Neighbourhood Plans</b> It was noted that Guildford Borough Councillors would now join a meeting of the Council arranged for Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2016.	
<b>7. Playground Annual Inspection</b> It was reported that the new playground equipment had been installed and the work had been completed satisfactorily. A quote for the overhanging tree had been received and arrangements had been made with the contractor for the necessary work. Carol Roberts reported that she had reviewed the annual playground safety inspection report. All the issues raised were either low or very low risk. She proposed however that a number of minor items should be attended to. Members authorised her to make arrangements for the necessary work.	
<b>11. Council correspondence</b> <i>Clandon School</i> The Clerk confirmed that the Council's support for the proposed changes had been communicated. Councillor Keith Taylor confirmed that the proposal has	

<p>been widely supported and was likely to go ahead.  It was noted that the possibility of developing a 'safe route to school' was under consideration.  Comment was made about the damage caused by large vehicles using the private entrance to Clandon Park. It was reported that this was likely to be in connection with repair work to the railway embankment crossing the estate.</p>	
<b>5. Local and Neighbourhood Plans.</b>	
<p>An assessment of the various options for the centre of Guildford have been published. Consultants have concluded that the preferred option is a 'sustainable transport solution'. Impact on Clandon might result on the possible closure of access routes into Guildford which could divert traffic towards Clandon. Other parishes in the area had similar concerns.  It was noted that GBC had previously stated that a rate of 600 houses per year was unachievable in Guildford, a smaller figure than that currently proposed.</p>	
<b>6. Proposed developments and Newlands Corner and Drift Golf Club.</b>	
<p><i>Newlands Corner</i>  Keith Taylor updated the Council on the latest developments. A decision has been made on charges but the precise proposals for the development of the visitors centre and restaurant were still under development. The intention was to make the site more family friendly. Clandon councillors repeated their objection to the move of the facility to the edge of the ridge. They also drew attention to the unsatisfactory proposals for road access. Proposals were still subject to planning approval. It was noted that although the Council had been invited to a meeting in Blackheath the nature and scale of what was proposed was not clear that stage. This had become clear at subsequent meetings. It was noted that the CPRE had not been aware of the proposals. Councillors noted that Newlands corner was not a theme park and there was no need for it to be developed as such.  Residents present spoke against the proposal and rejected the comparison with Alice Holt. They could not see why development of the scope and scale envisaged was necessary.  Councillor Keith Taylor noted that recreation was an accepted exception in Green Belt Policy but the planning decision would lie with Guildford Borough Council.</p> <p><i>Drift Golf Club</i>  There had been no further developments reported since the last meeting.</p>	
<b>7. Planning Matters (JM).</b>	
<p>Councillors reviewed the planning information included in the papers for the meeting and accepted a reported recommendation from Jonathan Murphy that no comment be made.</p>	
<b>8. Note Council Correspondence sent and received.</b>	
<p>Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting.  It was noted that Ash Parish Council was distributing supplies of road salt and that the requirements in Clandon would be kept under review.  Councillors also discussed recent correspondence about the junction between the Street and the station access road. The Chairman noted the long history of investigations of options for the site. Although SCC were</p>	

<p>reviewing the matter the chances of any significant changes were thought slight. It was noted that similar problems affected the entrance to the Onslow Arms.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Eastern Parishes Cluster which had £17.5k to spend in the area. Common themes had emerged from the discussion including investment in footways and pavements. It had also been suggested that funds could be spent on speed measuring devices with expertise shared between the villages in the group. Councillor Keith Taylor reported that he had written to PC Matt Redfern, the community safety officer. Although the Police had no objection to parishes collecting the data it could not be used to support enforcement action. The Council decided not to support this as a priority for funding.</p> <p>Councillors also discussed the possible purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs for which grant funding remains available. It was reported that East Horsley have two such signs which can record speed although again this could not be used for enforcement purposes. The information however can encourage police to undertake follow up action. It was agreed to invite the Police Community Safety Officer to the next meeting to discuss options including the possible use of the Grant Support made available to the Council.</p>	<p>TP</p>
<p><b>9. Footpaths (RMD).</b></p>	
<p>Rob MacDonald reported that he had passed a proposal to upgrade the Eastern section of Green Lane to Surrey Highways who are considering the application. The Clerk undertook to explore whether the Tesco Community Fund might provide an alternative source of funds</p> <p>Rob MacDonald also reported that the footpath running parallel to footpath 568 between Highcotts Lane and Dedswell Manor Farm is not a right of way.</p> <p>Surrey County Council are undertaking clearance work on footpath 81. They are considering using the equipment to undertake work on this section of 568. A resident expressed concern that the use of a tractor with cutting equipment would churn up footpath 568 and make it unusable. The Chairman added that the hedge should be cut from the field side, in the same way that the resident farmer used to cut in the past.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>RMD</p>
<p><b>10. Section 137 Payments and the Village Hall.</b></p>	
<p>The Council decided that the following section 137 payments would be made as follows:</p> <p>£250 to the West Clandon Branch of the Royal British Legion towards the cost of organising a Christmas Lunch for residents who were elderly or infirm.</p> <p>£1000 to West Clandon Parochial Church Council, ring fenced toward repairs to the fabric of the building.</p> <p>£1000 to West Clandon Church of England First School towards the costs of a specific project to be identified by the School.</p> <p>The Council also agreed to contribute £500 the Village Hall Management Committee as a contribution towards the project in receipt of grant aided funding from Guildford Borough Council in the current year.</p>	

<b>11.2016/17 Budget and Precept.</b>		
The Council considered the draft budget for 2016/17 first discussed at the October meeting. Following comments from members it was agreed that the budget for footpaths should be increased to £1000 to be accommodated within the 2% increase in precept proposed for the year.		JS
<b>12. Financial matters and signing of cheques.</b>		
The following expenditure was agreed and cheques were signed at the meeting:		
Payee	ChqNo Ref	£
HagsSMP	1794 15.44	12000
A&SPest	1795 15.45	538.8
Poppy	1797 15.46	17
Appeal		
EGRA	1796 15.47	8
<b>13. Any Other Business.</b>		
It was reported that the Guildford Borough Council Notice Board at the junction of the Street and Meadowlands was in need of repair. It was commented that the Board served no useful purpose and could be removed. The Chairman agreed to take this up with Guildford Borough Council. Carol Roberts reported that the Borough Council were developing a play strategy and that she had attended stakeholder meeting. We are invited to complete questionnaire which can be found at <a href="http://www.guildford.gov.uk/playstrategy">http://www.guildford.gov.uk/playstrategy</a> until 7 <sup>th</sup> December.		TP
A resident reported that a piece of wood between 3 and 4 Meadowlands had been displaced. The Chairman agreed to contact the relevant department.		TP
There was some discussion on the gates to the Estate at Cranley Cottages. It was noted that this was not a public right of way but the issue could be discussed in context of a forthcoming meeting on safe routes to school.		TP
A resident noted that new poppies had been fixed throughout the village possibly in connection with the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of the Somme. Councillors observed that the WW1 commemorations are likely to continue until 2018.		
<b>14. Date of Next Meeting</b>		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015.		
The January meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 and will be addressed by Guildford Borough Councillors. The Chairman undertook to invite the Chair of East Clandon Parish Council.		TP

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm