



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13th November 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terence Patrick (Chairman), Paul Edwards, Eric Palmer, Jenny Wicks, Stephen Meredith, Chris Dean and John Stone (Clerk)
Councillor Keith Taylor and 3 residents were in attendance.

1. Clandon Park Project Update;

The Chairman introduced Stephen Castle (SC) Project Director, and Ellen Howells (EH), Communications Consultant, of the National Trust (NT). Kent Rawlinson, project director, had sent his apologies.

EH emphasised that in the remaking of Clandon House the NT want it to be beneficial to neighbours. This meeting was a useful opportunity to give a progress update on the Maori meeting house, Hinemihi, and the wider project.

Hinemihi has a wider connection with the Maori community. It is Grade 2 listed and to the Maoris a living entity. In 2017 NT received a request from Heritage New Zealand asking for Hinemihi carvings to be exchanged in return for new carvings. The NT is only at the early stage of a long decision process. They had taken advice from relevant statutory bodies. External expert consultants have been appointed. They have talked to a large range of people including the Parish Council, the Clandon Society, the local MP, the Maori community and the Onslow family. The process was expected to take years. The Trustees will reflect on their report before deciding in principle. The final decision will then be taken by statutory bodies GBC, and the Arts Council England. Whatever the outcome there will always be a Maori presence at Clandon Park.

Counsellors commented that the carvings would have greater significance to the Maoris but Hinemihi had a longer association with Clandon Park.

SC spoke about the Wider Project. Major appointments had been made after the first consultation. These included the Allies and Morrison team, a Quantity Surveyor and Construction Manager. A nine-month feasibility study had been undertaken. The Executive Team of the NT and Trustees are considering the output from this. The insurance claim has also been a major piece of work.

A lot of thought had gone into thinking what is special about Clandon Park and how it can be protected. This led to a hybrid approach; partly conservation, partly restoration and part new work. NT believe you can't put the House back to what it was and there is a need to make the place more vibrant.

The Feasibility Study has explored what came out of the competition in more detail improving understanding to feed into the decision makers in the Trust. That could lead to more feasibility study work looking at things in more detail and wider options.

There is a possibility that a Phase 1 package of work will start in the second half of next year focussed on key conservation and repair. There will be more design and development work following up the feasibility study, moving towards planning applications and listed buildings consent.

Every stage is complex- much more so than a new build as they are dealing with a Gd 1 listed

building, visitors on site while work on site is ongoing, the insurance claim and a range of stakeholders.

There have been 24,000 visitors this year, the biggest year since the fire. The 'Meet the Team' days brought a continuous stream of people of all ages with interesting questions on a wide range of issues.

Councillors asked when the work might be finished. SC responded that the slowness is due to the process of understanding the complexity of the project, the levels of investment and cost and the consultation involved. He estimated completion 5-7 years from now.

Councillors asked whether the original concept, restoring the ground floor with exhibition space above and a restaurant on top, was still the intention. SC responded that the feasibility study may indicate that things might have to be a bit less ambitious.

SC was asked if there were concerns about the insurance claim. SC responded that discussions were ongoing implying the final budget is not yet known but some decisions will have to be made over the broad direction of the project.

Other comments dealt with plans for the restoration of the garden which might not be possible within the current budget and conversations with the School over car parking.

EH invited councillors to the Clandon Park Carol Concert in Guildford on 17th Dec. They were also open to ideas for community events in the grounds. It was confirmed that wheelchair access to the House was possible.

2. Apologies for Absence;
Apologies were received from Jonathan Murphy and Ann Dickinson.
Councillors Tim Anderson, Chris Barrass and Catherine-Anne Young were unable to be in attendance.
3. Declaration of Interests;
Terence Patrick declared that he was an honorary alderman in the Borough of Guildford and member of the Village Hall Management Committee.
Chris Dean is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.
Eric Palmer is Chairman of the Clandon Society.
Steve Meredith is the Planned Giving Officer at West Clandon Church and a neighbour of the proposed development at Barn End.
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the October 2019 meeting;
These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters arising from October 2019 minutes;
 8. Councillors approved the letter to Guildford Planners drafted by Jonathan Murphy concerning planning policy on house extensions and plot division. (JS)
 11. It was agreed that the list of mitigation initiatives for traffic on the A247 agreed by the Council should be sent to Matt Strong at Surrey Highways. (JS)
 12. The Chairman reported that repairs to the Bus Shelter at Meadowlands would cost £64. The expenditure was approved. (TP)
 13. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Jonathan Murphy on behalf of the Friends of West Clandon Church stating the Council's section 137 grant would be spent on repairs to the Church fabric. Councillors agreed this was a suitable use of the funds and the Clerk was authorised to make the £1000 payment. (JS)
6. Local Plan Update;
Chris Dean reported that the Judicial Review into the Local Plan had finished but the result was not expected for another 2-3 weeks. The current administration is sticking to the letter of the Plan. Decisions were also awaited on current planning appeals in West Clandon.
Keith Taylor noted the approval of £52m government grant to Slyfield to relocate the water

treatment works and release the land for housing. Active work was going ahead on the Park Barn railway station. The Garlick's Arch application expected end November.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Report;
The Clerk outlined changes to the draft which had been circulated to counsellors and asked for further comments in advance of the hoped-for final approval at the 11 December meeting. Councillors suggested the addition of improved facilities for young people and that more demographic information might usefully be included. (JS)
8. Planning Matters;
Councillors noted the planning applications included in the papers for the meeting and agreed that objections should be sent to the proposals 19/P/01872 Land south east of Shere Road and 19/P/01693 at Barn End. (JM)
9. Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park;
Eric Palmer reported that an additional cut was needed on the Recreation Ground. The expenditure for this was approved. Quotes for the remedial work required following the playground inspection would be brought to the next meeting. The cheapest quote for the replacements of the Toddlers Play Equipment was expected to be about £12,000. (EP)
10. Footpaths;
Paul Edwards reported that there were no new issues but a comprehensive review of the network would commence in the next few weeks.
11. A247 Matters;
Keith Taylor undertook to look into the damage to the drain at Cranley Cottages (outside 'Littlecroft') and the uneven surface on the northbound carriageway between 'St Francis Cottage' and 'Beechcote' (GU4 7TF). (KT)
The Chairman undertook to contact the casualty reduction officer regarding speeding motorbikes on Shere Rd. (TP)
12. Council Correspondence sent and received;
Councillors noted the schedule of correspondence included in the papers for the meeting. They also noted correspondence recently received from Clandon Wood but felt that the proposals were not deliverable by the Council in their current form. (JS)
13. Financial Matters and Approvals;
The Council reviewed the updated budget for 2020/2021 and the projected outturns for the current year. They agreed that the projections should be increased to allow for £1500 for repairs to the playground and £2000 for work to trees in the Recreation Ground. They also accepted that in view of additional unplanned expenditure in the year the payments from reserves would be in excess of the £10,000 in the original budget.
Having reviewed the revised projected outturns for the year councillors agreed that the Reserve Account balances (£49,000) could be transferred to the new 35day notice account. (JS)
14. Update on arrangements for the Recruitment of the Clerk;
The Clerk circulated a schedule detailing the priority tasks normally undertaken by the Clerk to be completed from January 2020. Decisions on arrangements from 1st January would have to be taken at the December meeting.
15. Questions from the Public;
There were none.

16. Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 8.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.40pm