



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Chris Dean ("CD"), Eric Palmer ("EP"), Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Steve Meredith ("SM"), Jonathan Murphy ("JM"), Ann Dickinson ("AD")  
Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards ("Clerk"/"PE")  
Surrey County Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")  
Guildford Borough Councillors: Chris Barrass ("CB")  
One resident was also in attendance.

### 21/128 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tim Anderson and Catherine Ann Young.

### 21/129 Declarations of interest

TP declared that he was an Honorary Alderman in the Borough of Guildford and member of the Village Hall Management Committee. CD is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. EP is the Chairman of the East and West Clandon Residents Association (EWCRA).

EP and CD noted interest in agenda items 134 and 132 respectively.

### 21/130 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on September 8th 2021

The minutes were approved without any amendments.

### 21/131 Matters arising from the meeting on September 8th 2021

Re the councillor vacancy under item 21/114, JW noted that she had approached a resident who was currently considering the position.

Re the resolution under item 21/121, CD noted that there was no longer any need to send a query to GBC about the funding of the A3/A247 slip roads, as he has had confirmation from GBC that that the slip roads will be covered by Wisley development Section 106 monies.

Re the pothole at the entrance to the Recreation Ground under item 21/123, the Clerk noted that he had raised a fault with Surrey Highways and was pleased to report that it had been promptly repaired.

### **21/132 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The Clerk referred to the meeting papers and went through the correspondence sent and received. There was discussion on the following items:

- Resident complaints on the poor state of the grass cutting, verge maintenance and broken wooden knee railings at the entrance to Meadowlands were discussed and the Clerk advised that both SCC and GBC were in the process of addressing all the issues.
- The Chairman noted that he was attending the Guildford town remembrance service on 14<sup>th</sup> November and requested a volunteer to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the West Clandon service; JM advised that he would check his availability.
- GBC's proposal to apply for City status was discussed; the Clerk agreed to send GBC's press release to all the councillors for consideration.
- **Resolved:** The request from Clandon Good Neighbours for the Council to again pay the costs of their insurance renewal was approved.

### **21/133 Village Hall Heating**

TP advised that the village hall heating system needs replacing and has received a quote from Premier Heating (total approx. £15k) and that the Village Hall Committee are already planning to fund the initial part of this (approx. £2k) relating to the pipe work. He added that there had been two previous quotes, though they may now be out of date. He asked for the Council's view on helping to fund and/or facilitate the securing of grants.

**Resolved:** The Council agreed in principle to support the Village Hall Committee in its attempt to resolve the heating issue, to help bridge the funding gap if required (up to a maximum of £5k) and to undertake the application to GBC for a grant providing that the Village Hall Committee first obtain 3 like-for-like quotes in the Council's name.

JW also noted that there is an SCC community hall grant scheme.

In addition to the heating work, JW reiterated a previous request from the Council for there to be a rolling list of improvements documented that is made visible to the Council.

### **21/134 Planning Matters**

JM talked through the latest planning applications and rulings. The meeting agreed that none needed action from the Council at this point.

The Council also discussed current planning enforcement matters and agreed that GBC were taking a measured approach to our open issues.

### **21/135 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The latest monthly list of payments totaling £610.46 were presented by SM and approved by the Council.

SM noted that the internal audit had now concluded and that this had allowed the external audit to finalise and be published. He added that the external auditors did make an audit comment relating to a small difference in the recorded amounts in our submission that needed correction.

### **21/136 Section 106 Payments**

JW suggested that we collect the various proposals to date for use of the Section 106 monies from Garlicks Arch in preparation for when the monies become available. **Resolved:** the Clerk to obtain and log a list of proposals.

The Clerk added that a resident had recently corresponded suggesting establishing a safe access route from the south side of the village to the village centre for pedestrians; he will add this to the log.

The meeting then discussed the merits of Section 106 versus CIL and agreed that CIL is generally preferable.

### **21/137 Garlick's Arch and other Local Plan updates**

CB advised that the Garlicks Arch development progress has recently slowed down and there was no new information of note.

Re. Wisley, CD stated that a planning application is due to be submitted end-October but there is still no indication of what will be proposed re traffic and transport infrastructure. CB added that GBC have managed to obtain an extension to the normal 21 days for Parish Councils to review the application.

### **21/138 Neighbourhood Plan update**

JM noted that the Examiner has now provided his 'fact check version' report and requested that the councillors have a look at it and advise him of any factual errors. He will compile some comments to feed to the Clerk for amalgamation with GBC's comments.

JM added that it was encouraging that the examiner had been complimentary on the quality of the report and had enjoyed reading it and visiting the parish.

### **21/139 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

EP's verbal report included:

- the grounds maintenance continues to be satisfactory
- there were still some Play Area repairs to complete and he is assured that they will be done in the next 2 weeks
- the Play Area annual inspection is due shortly
- the team using the football pitch have now finished for the season and have been appreciative of it; EP asked SM to now send out an invoice to them
- the Dragon Working Party has recently done some good work on improving the appearance on and around the chalk dragon feature.

With regard to his suggestion at the previous Council meeting for an adult exercise area, EP noted that he had been in correspondence with a young Meadowlands resident, who coincidentally has also suggested an exercise area for teenagers and adults and who has undertaken some impressive research and demand analysis and has provided detailed proposals including a supplier quote, which appears good value. The Council expressed general support for such a scheme and a funding contribution from the Council. EP will explore this further and will

discuss with the Clerk whether we can apply for a grant through the iGas scheme. BH also suggested utilizing the YourFund Surrey grant scheme.

With regard to the First World War soldier figurines at the entrance to the Recreation Ground, the council were of the view that it would be appropriate to have a discussion with the RBL.

### **21/140 Footpaths**

PE noted that the SCC vegetation cuts are all complete for the year and that the footpaths bordering the Natural Burial Ground are still outstanding but are due for cutting later this month by our normal contractor.

CB raised a concern that Footpath 69A (between Lime Grove and Green Lane) was again becoming very narrow and that something now needs to be done to more significantly widen it. Resolved: the Clerk will inspect the path and consider what actions are appropriate (including raising with SCC and the landowner, getting a quote from a contractor and undertaking some personal pruning).

### **21/141 A247 Matters**

CD, AD and TP raised concerns over three drain cover/ pot hole issues on the A247. **Resolved:** the Clerk to log faults with Surrey Highways.

The Clerk noted that he had received a number of written and verbal concerns from residents with regard to the narrowing of the A247 pavement between Meadowlands and the Clandon Crossroads due to outgrowing hedges and encroaching grass banks and other debris.

**Resolution:** The Clerk and CD will carry out an inspection survey along the A247 and report back to the next meeting.

CB noted that the drain at Clandon Crossroads was overgrown again and is becoming a flood risk. BH agreed to check it out.

### **21/142 AOB**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2-5 June 2022) was discussed and some suggestions made on how the Council could commemorate the occasion. The Chairman asked the Councillors to consider this for further discussion at the next meeting.

Re a 'Meet your Parish Council' session that we discussed at a previous meeting, the Council agreed that this would only be effective if we add it onto another suitable village event that we can make an appearance at and that it should be kept informal.

### **21/143 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

### **CLOSING**

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council Meeting at 10.26 pm.