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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Chris Dean ("CD"), Eric Palmer ("EP"), Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Steve Meredith ("SM").

Surrey County Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

Guildford Borough Councillors: Chris Barrass ("CB").

Three residents were also in attendance.

21/95 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Paul Edwards, Jonathan Murphy, Ann Dickinson, Tim Anderson and Catherine Ann Young.

21/96 Declarations of interest

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 the Chairman of the East and West Clandon Residents Association (EWCRA).

21/97 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on June 9th 2021

Re item 21/80 paragraph 1, EP advised that the Feltonfleet Fathers football team had now paid for the first 14 weeks use of the pitch on the recreation ground.

Re item 21/80, paragraph 2. CD stated that he had provided a response to PE to forward to the resident re the Tithebarns lane SANG and the provision of a footpath to the A247 and that this had also been mentioned in the parish magazine report.

Subject to the above, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

21/98 Matters arising from the meeting on June 9th 2021

The Chairman noted that one potential candidate for our co-opted councillor vacancy had declined and one was still to decide.

21/99 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following items of correspondence received were discussed:

- Response to PC letter of 23rd June re Felix Drive (see 21/106 Para 2)
- Notification of a proposal to extend the Surrey Hills AONB (see under AOB)
- Email from a resident concerning the difficulty of exiting Station Road and requesting a mirror. The PC outlined its many efforts with GBC and SCC to resolve this issue without success to date. **Resolved:** the issue of station access to be raised with SCC and GBC in any communications concerning traffic on the A247 or developments at the station.

21/100 Parish Council Website

TP advised that the new website was now running with AD and PE responsible for administration and editing.

Resolved: TP to provide an announcement to CB for distribution on the village email. CD to include a reference in the next parish magazine report.

21/101 Planning Matters

JM had provided notes on recent planning applications. **Resolved** JM to submit an objection to the application for a house on land next to Little Paddock; to submit an objection to the application for one house and two semi-detached houses in place of Elm Cottage; to request enforcement of the planning conditions placed on the Clandon Wood burial ground development.

The Chairman noted that the notice served by GBC on the motorhome situated by the stables on footpath 69A that appears to be being lived in was so far without effect and may be being challenged. The challenge concerns proof that anyone is actually living there. A resident stated that residents in the vicinity were unhappy with the apparent lack of progress. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had to leave the matter in the hands of GBC until they had concluded their process.

21/102 Financial Matters and Approvals

The latest monthly list of payments presented by SM were approved. It was noted that the final invoice for the new website had been received just before the meeting but not yet paid.

21/103 Local Plan update

CD noted that the Wisley developers had submitted a new planning application covering the construction of the site access road despite the delay in the A3/M25 junction 10 works;. A second design review report had been published which was cautiously positive about the on-site design. CB reported that off-site cycle routes are largely based on existing roads but with proposed

speed limit reductions to 20mph. There is still no information on the off-site traffic impacts or the A247/ A3 slip roads. The developer is proposing to submit the planning application for the development in Q3. It is therefore likely that there will not be any public consultation on these vital matters ahead of the submission.

The planning application for Garlick's Arch has been approved and does include a s106 sum of £500k for West Clandon 'environmental improvements' and £60k for upgrading FP 568. JW has received a disappointing reply from GBC in response to her request for clarification on what the £500k could be used for. **Resolved:** JW to pursue the matter at a higher level in GBC

21/104 Neighborhood Plan update

The public consultation had ended on 12th July and the matter is now in the hands of the external examiner. Comments had been received from the Environment Agency re coverage of flooding, which requires a GBC response.

21/105 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP noted the following points re the recreation ground:

- oak processionary moth treatment had been applied for the second time
- the new car park sign has been erected

JW stated that the gates to the children's area did not self-close and therefore dogs could get into the area. **Resolved** EP to investigate having self-closing devices fitted.

21/106 Footpaths

PE had provided notes for the meeting. A visit from SCC to approve the proposed tree planting sites had still not been made.

The second cut on 5 footpaths by SCC had not yet been done and was now urgent because of the rate of growth. PE was following up with SCC. In addition, three of the footpaths outside SCC's scope had now been cut by the PC's contractor Grasstex.

A resident read out a statement objecting to what was perceived as an intention by the PC to make Felix Drive a public right of way. CD explained that this was definitely not the case but that several residents had claimed that they had been using Felix Drive as access to/from FP 568. If this has been the case for 20 years or more, a right of way may have been established. The PC had therefore resolved to put the matter in the hands of the highway authority-SCC.

Resolved: CD to draft a reply to the resident for approval by TP.

21/107 A247 Matters

It was noted that BH has received copies of previous conversations on the A247.

21/108 Future of the Village Telephone Box

No further information had been received. BT will remove the equipment in the near future but it is not thought that they will remove the box. **Resolved:** to await further information from the interested party. If in the interim, BT do remove the box, the issue will thereby be resolved

21/109 AOB

BH referred the PC to the proposed review of the boundaries of the Surrey Hills AONB and recommended that the PC should make a submission. **Resolved:** that CD should look into the terms of the review and how the PC could participate.

21/110 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 8th 2021 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council Meeting at 10.15 pm.