



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 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"), Jonathan Murphy ("JM") (left the meeting after item 21/151), Ann Dickinson ("AD").

Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards ("Clerk"/"PE").

Surrey County Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH").

The Guildford Borough Councillors were unable to attend.

John Vickers (JV) on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

1 other resident was also in attendance.

21/144 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Barrass, Tim Anderson and Catherine Young.

21/145 Declarations of interest

The Chairman 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 also declared an interest in agenda item 21/149.

21/146 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on October 13th 2021

The minutes were approved without any amendments apart from item 21/138 where the discussion attributed to JW should have been to JM.

21/147 Matters arising from the meeting on October 13th 2021

Re item 21/141, CD advised that he and the Clerk had now inspected the south side of the village along the A247. A plan of action has been drawn up and circulated by the Clerk. JM requested

that a similar exercise be carried out in the north end of the village. **Resolved:** CD and the Clerk to survey north end of the A247.

The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate the Clerk on successfully completing the Introduction to Local Council Administration (ILCA) qualification.

21/148 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The Clerk referred to the meeting papers and went through the correspondence sent and received. Most of the items were covered under other agenda items, though the Clerk referred the meeting to:

- A request for use of the ringfenced Clandon Horticultural Society funds. A discussion followed on best use of the funds including planting and planters in the area around the village hall, the recreation ground and the Meadowlands entrance. The Chairman asked for the Councillors to consider this for further discussion at the next meeting.
- The initiative of the local parishes to obtain support from GBC to install EV charging points in our parish car parks. This led to a discussion about which bodies own what part of the car park and how the parties are legally related. JM agreed to collate and distribute his information on the subject.

21/149 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 meeting discussed the building works at Elm Cottage and queried whether it was planned to reinstate a hedge by the roadside as there are concern over a 6ft fence. **Resolved:** JM to draw up a note to the GBC enforcement team.

21/150 Financial Matters and Approvals

The latest monthly list of payments totaling £507.04 were presented by SM and approved by the Council.

JV presented a case for the funding of a new heating system for the Village Hall. He explained the problem and discussed the quotes received and how it could be funded and requested that the Council provided a grant for the shortfall. The Chairman reported that GBC had already approved a grant request for some of the monies. JV answered a number of questions from the Councillors. **Resolved:** EP proposed that the Council agree to grant £5,500 and the Council approved it. The Chairman and CD had already expressed a personal interest so took no part in this decision.

SM presented an initial draft budget for 22/23 to the meeting. There was some uncertainty over the Neighbourhood Plan costs for next year (e.g. referendum and website spend); JM agreed to investigate. The projection for this financial year is for a surplus overall due to negligible Clerk costs and smaller than budgeted capital expenditure.

21/151 Neighbourhood Plan update

JM summarized the recommendations of the Independent Examiner on our Neighbourhood Plan and the options that we have. **Resolved:** The meeting agreed that we should accept the recommendations and proceed to the referendum.

21/152 Station Exit Safety

TP noted this longstanding issue and the attention it has recently received from residents as evidenced by significant correspondence.

BH accepted that this was a serious issue and advised that he has been in discussions with Surrey Highways traffic engineers and management. Some of the improvement options were discussed, notably traffic lights, speed tables and extra/wider pavements. JW opined that a speed table was more likely than traffic lights to be feasible due to the restricted GBC/SCC budget for such works. BH agreed to obtain some rough costings and feasibility analysis and report back.

21/153 Section 106 Payments

The Clerk noted that he had created a log of S106 spend proposals which would be maintained ongoing until there was an opportunity to apply for funds.

21/154 Garlick's Arch and other Local Plan updates

CB advised that some work appears to be starting on 'Oldlands', the small development alongside Garlicks Arch.

Re. the Wisley Airfield development, CD notes that the M25 Junction 10 decision has been delayed by central government for a further 12 months which may have an impact on when Wisley development commences.

21/155 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP reported that the annual inspection of the playground had been further delayed but was expected by the end of November. The report from this will be the basis for spend proposals for next year.

21/156 Footpaths

The Clerk informed the meeting of concern from residents on the east side of Clandon Road of flooding at the bottom of their gardens due to ditch blockages in the fields to the east. He has identified the field owners and is in discussion with them about remedial options.

The 2 footpaths (82 and 83) bordering the Natural Burial Ground have now been cut by our normal contractor.

Re the footpath between the middle of Lime Grove and Green Lane (69A), the Clerk noted that he had carried out some remedial work but acknowledged that destabilised trees continue to lean over the path. **Resolved:** The Clerk to investigate ownership of the footpath and contact the owner(s).

The Clerk advised that he had not had a response from SCC about his email to them on the not-fit-for-purpose bridge on Green Lane. Unfortunately, under this bridge flows all the water from West and East Clandon (and presumably a lot from up in the North Downs). The way the bridge is constructed means that it is easy for debris to collect under the bridge and create blockages and upstream flooding. BH asked the Clerk to forward him the email.

21/157 A247 Matters

There were no further issues beyond that already covered under item 21/152.

21/158 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5 June 2022

The meeting discussed tree planting and a village 'event' option. Re the later, it was suggested that the way to initiate this was to form a group of residents to manage it, offer Council funding/support and advertise in the parish magazine, village email group and/or separate flyer for house delivery.

21/159 AOB

SM noted that we will need to decide on S137 payments for the year at the next meeting and requested the Clerk to add an item to the agenda.

21/160 Date of next meeting

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

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council Meeting at 21.51.