



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Chris Dean ("CD"), Eric Palmer ("EP"), Steve Meredith ("SM"), Sam Wreford ("SW") and Jonathan Murphy ("JM")  
Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards ("Clerk"/"PE").  
GBC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH").

Jean Fawley (representing West Clandon RBL).  
There was 1 other resident in attendance.

### 23/001 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Jenny Wicks ("JW") and Ann Dickinson ("AD") and GBC Councillors Catherine Young ("CY"), Tim Anderson ("TA") and Chris Barrass ("CB").

The Chairman welcomed Sam Wreford to the meeting as a new Parish Councillor.

### 23/002 Declarations of interest

The Chairman declared that he was an Honorary Alderman of 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). JW is an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Guildford.

### 23/003 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

### 23/004 Matters arising from the meeting on Dec 14th 2022.

The meeting covered a couple of points under 22/164:

- CD noted that he is still to raise with John Vickers the possibility of an energy audit for the village hall.

- S137 payments – the meeting discussed the request by the Friends of the Church for a grant towards a replacement lectern. JM expressed an interest and excluded himself from any decision. **Resolved:** The meeting approved a £1000 grant.

### **23/005 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- The Clerk is still investigating the costs and benefits of a move for our email domain to gov.uk
- We have been advised by National Highways that the consultation on options for a A247/A3 sliproads upgrade is on hold pending further traffic modelling
- Suspected building development in Frithy's Wood – the Clerk agreed to investigate this

### **23/006 Planning Matters**

SW expressed an interest in the planning application mentioned in the meeting papers. The rest of the meeting agreed with JM's view that it did not need action from the Council at this point in time.

### **23/007 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The Clerk referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £3,377.00 and the meeting approved these.

A final review of the 2023/24 budget and latest 2022/23 projection was undertaken. The Clerk also noted that the 5% precept increase request had now been submitted to GBC. **Resolved:** The meeting agreed that there were no further changes to the 2023/24 budget proposed (with a £1,496 deficit) at the last meeting.

The Clerk noted that the RBL annual rent invoice has now been issued.

Jean Fawley presented a request for a grant to support the RBL's King's Coronation Fête on May 7<sup>th</sup>. **Resolved:** The meeting approved a £500 grant under S137.

### **23/008 Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates**

CD gave an update on current activity on the strategic sites.

The delay in approval of Guildford's North Street development was also briefly discussed.

### **23/009 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

EP provided an update on a variety of items:

- The final playground inspection report has been received and there are no Red or Amber areas of risk. Therefore, he expected only minor expenditure required for the next financial year.
- The proposed grounds maintenance contract for next year from our existing supplier has also been received showing a 5% increase in cost and with some additional locations/tasks added. **Resolved:** The meeting authorized EP to accept the new contract.

- Football goalmouths – A quote has been received for repairing the ground and turfing it for approximately £700. **Resolved:** Quote approved by the meeting.
- Tennis court hedging – A quote received from our maintenance contractor was considered too high and an alternative quote received of approx. £800, which the meeting agreed was better value. EP will now discuss this with the Tennis Court Committee.
- Chainlink fencing – 3 quotes have been received, all of which are larger than our agreed budget for 2023/24. There was a discussion on whether we should utilize our reserves to support the work. EP agreed to continue investigating options.

The Chairman noted that the potholes in the car park need patching. JM suggested that previous such work had been split between the Parish Council, the RBL and the Village Hall. The Clerk agreed to investigate who we have previously used for such work.

### **23/010 Footpaths**

The Clerk confirmed that he had completed cutting back the collapsed hedge on Footpath 69 and it was now fully open.

### **23/011 A247 Matters**

SW reported a noisy manhole in The Street. The Clerk advised that he would send the SCC website details to SW so that a fault could be registered.

BH informed the meeting that a revised proposal from SCC/GBC had been issue with regards to traffic restrictions outside the village school and will send the details to the Clerk for circulation to all.

BH also noted that he was still waiting to hear from our Surrey Highways engineer on what was planned for safety improvements at the station approach.

### **23/012 AOB**

The Clerk reported that he was having a number of intractable issues with the Council's laptop and that this was affecting his productivity and also data security. The meeting agreed that he could utilize a local PC consultant to help resolve the issues.

### **23/013 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

### **CLOSING**

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.13.