



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2022 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Chris Dean ("CD"), Eric Palmer ("EP"), Steve Meredith ("SM"), Ann Dickinson ("AD") and Jenny Wicks ("JW").
Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards ("Clerk"/"PE").
SCC Councillor Bob Hughes ("BH").

There were 2 residents in attendance.

22/144 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Jonathan Murphy ("JM"), and GBC Councillors Chris Barrass ("CB"), Catherine Young ("CY") and Tim Anderson ("TA").

22/145 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.

22/146 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Oct 12th 2022

CD requested a change to 22/138 which was agreed and the Clerk will update the minutes and reissue.

Subject to the above, the meeting approved the minutes.

22/147 Matters arising from the meeting on Oct 12th 2022

The following meeting points were discussed:

- 22/134 – The Chairman noted that he had supplied GBC's grants contact details to the Village Hall Management Committee Chairman

- 22/135 – with regards to the action on inspections and repairs of the bus shelters, EP reported that he had now inspected the shelters and found the A246 shelter badly dilapidated; as this bus shelter now appears to be redundant, he proposed its removal with the intention of not replacing it unless there is subsequently found to be demand; the meeting agreed to this. EP also was disappointed to report that there had been some minor vandalism to the (recently-repaired) Glebe bus shelter.

22/148 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- In response to some Meadowlands residents' concerns about the quality of the grass maintenance on the north side of the Meadowlands entrance and their suggestions for improvement, the meeting agreed that EP would obtain a costing for its maintenance with our usual contractor. The meeting felt that a wildflower meadow option was not favourable due to cost/complexity of establishment and its appearance at certain times of the year.
- The Clerk noted that there had been renewed requests from a number of residents in both West and East Clandon for the establishment of a Padel court in the local area and that an initial discussion had been had with Clandon Regis Golf Club on whether they could house such a community asset. The meeting noted the requests, though felt that there was no appropriate space available on Parish Council-owned land. However, the meeting was supportive of such a community facility and was agreeable in principle to help with seeking grants and providing other support if required.

22/149 Planning Matters

JM was unable to attend the meeting but had already circulated comments on the latest planning applications and rulings to the councillors. The meeting agreed with JM's view that none needed action from the Council at this point in time apart from the Land to the West of Clandon Road. The owner of this plot and his developer were in attendance and the latter presented a case for the parish council to support it. The councillors discussed points around whether the plot was a suitable building plot and whether in the 'village' and raised concerns that it could affect the 'openness' of the village and was inconsistent with our Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting concluded that an objection should be lodged.

22/150 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Clerk referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £9,989.03 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk presented a 2022/23 budget analysis, noting that current projections estimate a small net surplus of about £800 for this financial year. Grants have been large than expected, though an increase in capital expenditures and on sundries have largely offset this. The Section 137 budget was discussed and the Clerk agreed to approach the village school and church to discuss suitable demand.

The meeting also started consideration of the 2023/24 budget. JW suggested that the precept should not increase by as much as the current inflation rate. On the expenses side, CD queried whether we have yet noticed the effects of inflation this year; the Clerk stated that it has only been obvious so far in footpath and office expenses but the forthcoming annual renewal of various contracts were expected to be impacted. EP suggested that next year's Recreation Ground budget (excluding capital costs) needs to be at least £4k.

22/151 Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

CD provided an update on developments at Garlicks Arch, Oldlands and Wisley Airfield.

122/152 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP reported that:

- The results of the annual Playground inspection are due shortly
- The 2 missing wooden posts in the car park have now been replaced
- He has received a quote for replacement of the broken Zingo equipment of about £750 and the meeting approved this.

22/153 Footpaths

With regards to the continuing blockage of Footpath 69, the Clerk reported that SCC had written to the relevant landowner a while ago but would now follow up on this.

22/154 A247 Matters

The Chairman pointed out a couple sunken manhole covers that need to be monitored.

JW advised that there was yet another big accident at the A247/A3 sliproad junction today. BH believed that the work to redevelop the junction was still planned for December. SM raised a note of caution on the effectiveness of the proposed layout, suggesting that it may cause issues with cars coming from the south that want to turn right onto the sliproad.

22/155 AOB

The Clerk asked for the following May 2023 dates to be noted: 4th (Parish Council Elections); 6th (King's Coronation) and 8th (extra Bank Holiday). As there remains a vacancy for a councillor ahead of the elections, the meeting agreed that this should be communicated to residents.

The Clerk also noted that he would be representing the Council this year at the West Clandon Remembrance Day church service.

22/156 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, December 14th 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.50.