



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Chris Dean ("CD"), Sam Wreford ("SW"), Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Jonathan Murphy ("JM") and Steve Meredith ("SM").

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

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH").

GBC Councillor: Catherine Young ("CY").

There were 1 resident and 1 other member of the public in attendance.

### 23/028 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Eric Palmer ("EP") and Ann Dickinson ("AD") and GBC Councillors Tim Anderson ("TA") and Chris Barrass ("CB").

### 23/029 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.

### 23/030 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

### 23/031 Matters arising from the meeting on Feb 8th 2023

The meeting discussed the following points:

- 23/018 – The overgrown conifers on the boundary of the Recreation Ground and Laurel Cottage – SW reported on behalf of EP that the trees have been confirmed as leylandii, that any pruning work would not require further maintenance for at least 5 years, that the cost would be approximately £2000 and that the owners of Laurel Cottage had agreed to contribute £1000. **Resolved:** The meeting agreed to the residual £1000 spend.

- 23/026 – Coronation weekend - ‘The Big Help Out’ day (8<sup>th</sup> May) - CD reported that he had drafted an action plan and he and the Clerk would be communicating details of the event in due course. We will need to approach GBC to borrow litter collection kits and for the waste to be disposed of. We will also need to contact the RBL to see whether they would be open on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> May for assembly and refreshments to be provided. SM noted that there was already a resident who regularly collected litter and that they should be involved in the event.

### **23/032 Road Safety on Narrow section of The Street A247**

The Chairman noted the recent near-miss incident on the narrow stretch of The Street A247 outside ‘Summers’ involving a speeding van colliding into another van and parents walking their children to school. He reiterated that some action needs to be taken by Surrey Highways. BH noted that he had discussed this with Surrey Highways and that they are planning to do a specific survey on A247 The Street to see what traffic calming measures are feasible. They are also currently conducting some wider traffic surveys in the Guildford region and that this may inform their views on 20mph limits in the area. BH will keep the Clerk updated on developments.

Whilst on the subject of speed limits, a resident (who was representing a number of Tithebarns Lane residents) pointed out that Tithebarns Lane was still a national road limit (60mph) road and that this was not appropriate following the Foxfield development and increased levels of traffic on the road. He was concerned that safety on this road is now poor. The Council was supportive of this view and agreed to submit a request to Surrey Highways for a 40mph speed limit along the full length of the road (which is in line with the limits on the adjoining Ripley road) to be considered.

The resident added that he did not view the new sliproad changes as an improvement and that there are some design faults with the new layout (including the signage and the positioning of the pedestrian crossing). The meeting agreed that there should be a period of 6 months to allow the new scheme to bed down and for evidence on the impact to be collected and then the Council would review it.

### **23/033 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Closure of the enforcement case at Clandon Natural Burial Ground
- Surrey AONB boundary review consultation – the expectation is that West Clandon is not included, but we need to check the latest proposals and then decide whether to comment on the consultation
- Draft Green Belt SPD open for consultation - The meeting’s view was that this was an anodyne document that allowed continuing discretion by the Planning Officers when making decisions and that there was little value in commenting
- GBC Climate Change Action Plan – CY noted that West and East Horsley have holding a Community Climate Change Event on 28<sup>th</sup> March and we are welcome to attend.

### **23/034 Planning Matters**

JM provided comments on the latest planning applications and rulings. The meeting agreed with JM’s view that none needed action from the Council at this point in time.

### **23/035 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £2,063.46 and the meeting approved these.

SM advised that he was awaiting a response from AJ Bennewith & Co. so that the internal audit could be planned.

### **23/036 Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates**

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

The houses at Oldlands are now starting to be sold and the adjacent Garlicks Arch has been renamed 'Allium Park'. JM queried whether there may be a delay at Garlicks Arch as the small triangle of fenced-off derelict land next to the A247 appeared to have questionable ownership.

CY noted that it was unlikely that the Wisley Airfield site application would be considered by the GBC Planning Committee before the elections in May. It appears that further consultation is required by GBC along with more information requested, particularly on environmental and transport issues.

### **23/037 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

On behalf of EP, SW provided an update. The carpark pothole filling is now complete and paid for. The Council asked the Clerk to request the RBL and the Village Hall Management Committee to contribute a third of the cost each, as this is in line with previous custom.

On the subject of the proposal to replace the perimeter chainlink fence, EP has obtained a quote of £200 for 'topping and tailing' some small dead and damaged trees that are growing through the existing fence. This would facilitate subsequent replacement work. **Resolved:** The meeting approved the £200 expenditure.

### **23/038 Footpaths**

The Clerk reported that there was nothing of note to discuss this month. The dry winter has helped to avoid major flooding and erosion issues on our rights of way network.

### **23/039 A247 Matters**

The significant issues have already been discussed under 23/032 above. The Chairman noted the winter deterioration of the roads resulting in numerous potholes and sunken manhole covers.

### **23/040 AOB**

The Clerk raised the concerns on behalf of some residents relating to a misleading representation by the National Trust of the views of local residents on the future of Clandon Park and also whether the insurance monies received for the rebuild would actually all be used on the Clandon Park property. **Resolved:** The Council agreed that the current proposals by the NT did not appear to have general resident agreement, would not restore enough of the original features on the ground floor and also did not provide enough amenities for the community and therefore it agreed to conduct a short village survey to obtain residents overall view.

The Clerk advised that on Friday he will be collecting the Councillor Nomination forms for the forthcoming elections and will deliver them to the Councillors for signing. Steve Meredith announced that he would not be standing for re-election due to other commitments.

With regards to the forthcoming coronation, the Parish Council is providing a grant to RBL for their village celebration on 6th May and also arranging the village clean-up volunteering on 8<sup>th</sup>. The Council felt that this was sufficient involvement, though there was a discussion on tree planting in the recreation ground that could occur at an appropriate time.

The Clerk reported that the problems with the Council laptop noted at previous meetings (notably with the multiple Microsoft accounts, the MS Office software licences and the back-ups to the Cloud) have now been addressed and he will update the Risk Register in due course.

A resident noted that a verge had collapsed on Tithebarns Lane next to the new SANG carpark entrance and that this had caused damage to traffic and is a hazard. The meeting suggested that he raise a fault on the Surrey Highways webpage and then inform the Clerk, who would inspect the site and also follow up with Surrey Highways.

### **23/041 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall. The Chairman noted that he was unable to attend but that our Vice-Chairman CD would chair in his place.

### **CLOSING**

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.58.