



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors:, Chris Dean ("CD"), Sam Wreford ("SW"), Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Jonathan Murphy ("JM"), Eric Palmer ("EP") and Ann Dickinson ("AD").

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

GBC Councillor: Tim Anderson ("TA") and Chris Barrass ("CB").

There was also a candidate for GBC councillor in attendance.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, CD was elected unanimously by the Council to chair this meeting.

23/042 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP") and Steve Meredith ("SM"), SCC Councillor Bob Hughes ("BH") and GBC Councillor Catherine Young ("CY").

23/043 Declarations of interest

CD declared that he was 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.

23/044 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Mar 8th 2023

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

23/045 Matters arising from the meeting on Mar 8th 2023

None.

23/046 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Various traffic safety issues (notably the recent accidents on the narrow section of The Street A247 and the Tithebarns Lane speed limit) were discussed along with the latest comments from BH and our Surrey Highways traffic engineer. It appears that some of our concerns are now being taken more seriously with traffic surveys planned and solution options being considered. It was agreed that the meeting will leave the issues with BH and Surrey Highways to progress for the time being and review again at the next meeting.
- Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review – the Clerk noted that there was a negligible change in proposed boundaries for West Clandon. The meeting was of the view that it was not worth submitting any comments to the Review Board.
- SALC CIL survey – the meeting agreed that we should complete the survey and, if feasible, make the point that we are frustrated not to have had the CIL available to us for recent housing developments.
- Clandon Park NT – the recent meeting with the National Trust Deputy Chair and the results of the short survey that we commissioned to clarify local opinions on the future of the House were discussed. The Council expressed their hope that the meeting with the NT may encourage the NT to do more to make the property a usable and viable resource for the local community. JW/JM suggested that the NT present their plans face-to-face with parish residents; EP agreed to consider using the next East & west Clandon Residents Society for this purpose.

23/047 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.

23/048 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Clerk referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £5,253.92 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk also presented the year-end management accounts report, noting that, with some small accruals still to include, the Council should end the financial year very close to the original budget. This still leaves us with a good level of general reserves, which CD reiterated that we should preserve most of for potential contingencies such as traveller incursion costs and the meeting agreed with this.

The Clerk noted that the Internal Audit had been completed before the end of the financial year and that there were no audit comments. The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference for the audit and the Internal Audit Effectiveness Review. **Resolved:** These documents were approved with the exception of the work 'reapproved' which the Clerk agreed to amend to 'approved'.

23/049 Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

CD gave an update on current activity on the strategic sites. Regarding the Wisley Airfield development, he reported that Taylor Wimpey are appealing to the Secretary of State for non-

determination of their planning application by GBC. There is also a new planning application for 70 houses on 'Land Adjacent to Ockham Lane'.

CD noted that the National Highways A247/A3 junction sliproads project will now be delayed until after 2030.

23/050 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP provided an update:

- The goalmouths are now re-turfed, though EP was disappointed with the job done and has agreed with the contractor that the bill will be reduced.
- The dead and damaged trees in the perimeter netting have now been removed.
- EP believes it is now time to fully replace the perimeter netting as it is very old and dilapidated. A number of quotes have been received and refined and he is now recommending to the Council that we commission the installation of a 2.4m (same height as the current one) fence at a cost of £13,200. The Clerk noted that, in the budget for this financial year, we have £10,000 for capital projects and £4,000 in grants. However, the source of the grants are not yet identified which could leave us to fund a shortfall from reserves (albeit that the reserves are healthy). CD asked each of the Councillors for their opinions. **Resolved:** There was general support for the project though it was agreed that the Clerk should first investigate what feasible grant channels are available and review again at the next meeting.

23/051 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that the stile on FP69 (between Tithebarns Lane and the A3) had now been replaced as part of the redesign of the surrounding fields and woods within the Garlick's Arch SANG. New meadow and woodland paths have also been built in this area.

SW noted that a tree was blocking path 78 up in the Beechwoods and the Clerk agreed to investigate.

23/052 A247 Matters

The various traffic safety issues have already been discussed under item 23/046 above.

EP noted that a manhole cover has sunk on The Street near Rickdon and the Clerk agreed to register a fault with Surrey Highways.

23/053 AOB

The Clerk provided an update on the local elections on 4th May, noting that it will be uncontested for our Council and that all returning Councillors will need to sign Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests forms shortly after that.

No other business.

23/054 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, May 10th 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall (following the Annual Parish Meeting).

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.24.