



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

There was 1 resident in attendance.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming newly-appointed NH to the Council.

23/083 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Sam Wreford ("SW") and Jonathan Murphy ("JM") and GBC Councillors Ruth Brothwell ("RB"), Catherine Young ("CY") and Dawn Bennett ("DB").

23/084 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.

23/085 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on June 14th 2023

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

23/086 Matters arising from the meeting on June 14th 2023

23/073 – The Clerk reported that the pothole issues have been logged and some already repaired; others have had an orange marker sprayed around them, which should mean they are due to be fixed shortly.

23/081 – CD enquired as to whether any progress had been made on investigating better email solutions. The Clerk responded that he was still at the fact-finding/consultation stage.

23/087 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Dangerous oak tree overhanging Clandon Road - BH agreed to request Surrey Highways to inspect the tree.
- M25 Junction 10 diversions – The Clerk requested that the Councillors provide him with details if they experience any late-night HGV noise/speeding and he will log with Surrey Police.
- Ashley Park fencing – The Clerk advised that a positive response had just been received from Ashley Park to our concerns and we can discuss further at our next meeting.
- Wisley airfield development – Following a considered debate, the Council's general view was that we do not need to apply for Rule 6 status to attend the appeal hearings or to submit any further comments to GBC beyond our original submission (which related mainly to the road infrastructure and traffic impacts on our parish). With regards to the suggestion from East Clandon for a residents meeting, the meeting felt that enough information was currently available and that such a meeting could occur when development plans are further developed and there are new proposals to discuss.
- SWR station change proposals consultation – The meeting asked the Clerk to respond to the consultation by pressing for improved bike security.

23/088 Planning Matters

In JM's absence, the meeting reviewed his emailed 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 apart from the proposed St. Peter and St. Paul Church's annex, which needs further discussion as JM had declared an interest.

The meeting was not aware of any recent precedents for writing in positive support of applications. However, with the Neighbourhood Plan now in place, any case that significantly promotes its' objectives should be considered for support. The meeting agreed that the Church's application fits this criteria and that we should submit a comment supporting the application 'in principle' to the extent that it actively promotes objectives in our Neighbourhood Plan.

CD then questioned how we deal with new applications for 2-bed houses and to what extent we should actively support them also. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

23/089 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £2,355.96 and the meeting approved these.

The meeting discussed candidates for GBC's CFGA grants for the next financial year. EP noted that the recreation and play grounds were currently in good shape and did not have any major capital spend expected. CD suggested that there were some urgent projects required for the village hall, notably lighting but also windows, plasterwork, frontage and roof. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with John Vickers with a view to obtaining quotes.

The Clerk reported that he now has confirmation that the external audit on our 2022-23 annual accounts is underway.

23/090 Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

CD summarized the meeting that we had had with the Gosden Hill developers earlier in the day. He will include an update in this month's parish magazine submission. AD suggested that we will also need to update the website with information on the Gosden Hill scheme and upcoming consultation and will attend to that on her return from holiday.

CD also reported on Garlick's Arch and advised that the developers have applied to GBC to change the phasing of development such that Phase 2 would now be for 119 houses in the area across the stream. The reason given is that the uncertainty about the A3 slip roads affects development of the original Phase 2 which would now become Phase 3. As proposed, access to the 119 houses in Phase 2 would be by a single road crossing the stream. There is as yet no word of the timing of the development of the access roundabout to the A247 or the burying of the high-tension power lines.

The Wisley development has already been covered under 23/087 above.

The Clerk referred to the work-in-progress Section 106 wishlist that he had recently circulated. JW's view was that it appeared fairly comprehensive but we cannot develop it much further until the detailed Gosden Hill plans are known.

23/091 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP provided an update:

- The perimeter fence is now complete. He is very pleased with the results and resident feedback so far has been positive.
- We now need to explore development of the grass bank (between the fencing and the A247) and keep the vegetation under control. Strimming by our contractor should continue and we should consider removing the 2 large horse chestnut trunks and adding extra trees and bulbs in due course.
- There are no issues to report on the Playground.
- All the minor jobs discussed at previous meetings are now complete apart from the notice board outside the Village Hall.
- The school sports day went well and the school would now like to use the ground more regularly; EP is awaiting a detailed request.

23/092 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that the vegetation cuts on the footpaths near to the golf course (FPs 74, 82 and 83) have now been undertaken by our usual footpath contractor.

The Clerk has also done some pruning back of brambles on FP69 (between entrance to Lime Grove and Green Lane) to make it more accessible following a complaint from a resident.

23/093 A247 Matters

CD and EP noted that signs had been put up on The Street advising road closures between 25th and 29th July. The Clerk has not yet been informed by Surrey Highways of these works but will circulate details as soon as they are received.

23/094 AOB

NH queried when the Tithebarns Lane traffic site visit would occur. BH agreed to follow up with our Surrey Highways engineer.

The clerk advised that it is proposed to move the October meeting back by one week to Wednesday 18th October. This was agreed by the meeting subject to confirmation that the Village Hall is available.

23/095 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 13th 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.59.