



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Eric Palmer ("EP") Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Neil Higgins ("NH"), Ann Dickinson ("AD") and Sam Wreford ("SW")

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

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

GBC Councillor: Ruth Brothwell ("RB")

There was 1 resident in attendance.

### 23/096 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Chris Dean ("CD") and Jonathan Murphy ("JM") and GBC Councillors Catherine Young ("CY") and Dawn Bennett ("DB").

### 23/097 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.

### 23/098 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

The meeting approved the minutes of both the main meeting and the earlier Special Meeting on Gosden Hill without amendment.

### 23/099 Matters arising from the meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

23/094 – Tithebarns Lane traffic site visit - NH gave an update on the site meeting that he and the Clerk had attended with Surrey Highways, BH and 2 local residents. It appears that some signage improvements are achievable and in a timely manner. The speed limit issue will take longer to resolve; BH noted that he will talk to the new SCC cabinet member about the speed limits for this road and on the A247.

23/087 – JW queried progress on the leaning dead oak tree on Clandon Road. Neither the Clerk nor BH had heard back from Surrey Highways on this but agreed to chase them up.

23/083 – Re the pothole outside Gate Cottage on The Street, the Chairman noted that, although the tarmac around the manhole had been attended to, the actual manhole cover was still sunk below the surface of the road and is still very noisy. Surrey Highways need to raise the level of the manhole so that it is level with the surrounding road surface. The Clerk agreed to raise this as a new fault with Surrey Highways.

23/0 – CFGA grants – in light of the recent announcement on a freeze on spending by GBC, the Clerk agreed to ask them if we can still apply for CFGA grants for 2023/24,

There were no matters arising from the Special Meeting on Gosden Hill.

### **23/100 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Woodhill Sandpit, Farley Green planning application – the Clerk noted that we have now submitted an objection to this application; BH added that around 500 objections have been received by SCC and that the SCC Planning Committee meeting was likely to debate this early in the New Year.
- Various residents' correspondence raising issues on A247 traffic safety and traffic volume – SW expressed concern that there were a number of items being looked at by Surrey Highways (including Station Approach, Tithebarns Lane, the A3 sliproads, and the narrow section of the street) and it was not transparent what the status or progress was on each; he also queried whether prioritisation was required. BH suggested that these were separate issues that could be examined on their own merits. EP raised a concern by residents on the traffic delays caused by the new A3 slip road T junction; BH noted that some signage could be improved; apart from that, the general view was that there would be no appetite by Surrey Highways to review the junction until the new Garlick's Arch roundabout was in place. With regards to the complete A3 closure 29 Sep – 1 Oct and resultant diversion through West Clandon, NH expressed concern that the village will become gridlocked and suggested writing to Surrey and National Highways to ask for police presence which the Clerk agreed to do.
- SCC tree planting offer – the meeting agreed to the Clerk and EP's suggestion that we request 10 trees for the Recreation Ground/A247 boundary, some of which we should plant inside our new perimeter fence. The Clerk noted that they will be delivered in Nov/Dec and will be a mix of mostly native broadleaved trees appropriate for our site.
- Local Government Boundary Review – the meeting agreed that we should respond to the Review's request for evidence on links between West and East Clandon.
- Clandon Chalk Dragon – The Chairman agreed to query with the Dragon volunteers as to whether any re-chalking is planned.

### **23/101 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.

With the recent West Clandon Church and Todd House applications in mind as well as our new Neighbourhood Plan, the meeting had a broad discussion on the principles that should be applied around commenting to GBC and SCC (both positively and negatively) on planning applications.

On concerns around the incongruous look of the new car parking infrastructure at The Bulls Head, the Clerk reported that this had now been raised as an enforcement case by GBC Planning.

### **23/102 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £12,955.26 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk reported that he now has confirmation that the external audit of our 2022-23 annual accounts is complete and that there were no audit comments.

### **23/103 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates**

On the Former Wisley Airfield development, the Clerk reported that the appeal by Taylor Wimpey against GBC non-determination commences in late-September for about 6 weeks.

The meeting observed that the Gosden Hill consultation website had been launched, but there was, as yet, little content.

### **23/104 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

EP advised that all was generally in good order and that he had received a number of positive comments on the new perimeter fence. For future reference, he noted that the timber surrounding the toddlers' playground is showing signs of rot and may need work to be undertaken next year.

### **23/105 Footpaths**

The Clerk reported that SCC had missed the second vegetation cut for path 568 and JW added that path 69 (from the entrance of Lime Grove to Green Lane) had also not been done. The Clerk and BH both agreed to chase up with the SCC Rights of Way team.

The Clerk also advised that paths 74, 82, 83, and 69 (section from Green Lane north for approx.150m) is due to be cut by our private contractor on Friday (15<sup>th</sup> Sep.).

NH raised the concern that the north entrance to path 69 from Tithebarns Road was very narrow and the Clerk agreed to raise this as a fault with SCC.

### **23/106 A247 Matters**

A number of A247 matter had already been covered under 23/100 above.

The meeting expressed alarm about the road sign outside The Onslow Arms suggesting that the A247 would be closed 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September; this was despite no warnings from Surrey Highways. The Clerk and AD agreed to investigate further.

JW asked about progress on the Station Approach. BH reported that a road platform had been ruled out due to Network Rail objections on drainage and the effect on the bridge; road pillows are now being considered.

RB raised the concern over the large number of HGV training vehicles on the A247. EP suggested that we write to the training companies requesting a reduction, which the Clerk agreed to do.

The Chairman agreed to ask Andrew Hogarth whether there is any progress on granting Clandon school children access to the Onslow private drive for walking to school.

### **23/107 AOB**

RB informed the meeting of a recent GBC planning enforcement update session. This prompted a question on the status of the dog noise issue in Lime Grove. The Clerk agreed to check with Tim Pointz.

SW noted the broken side panelling on the Meadowlands entrance bus shelter. EP agreed to inspect it.

### **23/108 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall (n.b. this is a week later than normal).

### **CLOSING**

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