



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick ("Chairman"/ "TP"), Neil Higgins ("NH"), Sam Wreford ("SW"), Chris Dean ("CD") Jonathan Murphy ("JM"), Jenny Wicks ("JW") and Ann Dickinson ("AD").

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

GBC Councillor: Dawn Bennett ("DB")

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH").

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

24/015 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Eric Palmer ("EP") and GBC Councillors Catherine Young ("CY") and Ruth Brothwell ("RB").

24/016 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.

24/017 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on January 10th 2023

The meeting approved the minutes of the January meeting without amendment.

24/018 Matters arising from the meeting on January 10th 2023

The following items from the January meeting were discussed:

- 24/005 – Aggressive/noisy dog issue at the stables off Lime Grove – the Clerk reported that he had messaged Gary Durrant (GBC Environmental Protection) on 5th January requesting an update but has not received a response. The Chairman agreed to contact Gary Durrant by phone.

- 24/012 – Installing EV charging – SW provided an update on his investigation of schemes and funding arrangements. Issues relating to who could use the car park and the length of contract were discussed as well as alternate sites around the parish. CD asked if there was demand; the meeting did not know but it has not been raised as an issue by residents. On that basis, the meeting thanked SW for his efforts to date but agreed to halt further investigation until evidence of demand is seen.
- 24/013 - NH reported that the SANG carpark is now being regularly locked up at night, though there are no notices explaining that.

24/019 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- BT phone box – BT have advised that the kiosk was visited in June 2022 and 6 panes of glass were replaced and it was given a clean. The Clerk noted that it now had many panes missing or broken and was an eyesore. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to BT to request its removal.
- Litter bin collections – the meeting did not believe that it was fair for the litter bin on the roadside opposite the Onslow Arms should be included in GBC's collection charge and asked the Clerk to advise GBC accordingly.
- Blue Hearts campaign wildflower meadow request at Meadowlands entrance – the meeting queried whether enough volunteers could be found to organise & undertake the tasks required to develop and maintain such a scheme.
- Weekly pizza van on the recreation ground car park – the meeting agreed that such an arrangement could be trialled for a couple of months, though it was noted that a space could not be guaranteed.
- Fox half-marathon – the meeting agreed to the request for the event start to be held on the recreation ground again this year (25th May) and with EP's proposal to charge the organisers a fee of £100.

24/020 Review of Policies & Procedures

The meeting reviewed the Council's policies and procedures and agreed with the updates proposed to the Recreation Ground rules though they requested that it also be updated to disallow the flying of model aircraft/drones 'without prior and specific permission from the Council'. There was also a discussion on whether there should be a rule on the number of dogs per dog walker, though it was agreed to only introduce one if an issue arises in the future.

The proposed changes to the Risk Register were also reviewed and approved. SW also pointed out some anomalies in the scoring and the Clerk agreed to correct them.

24/021 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.

JW noted that it was pleasing that the West Clandon Neighbourhood Plan was referenced in the Inspector's recent decision on Tudor Lodge.

There was a debate on whether any action should be taken on some recently installed brightly coloured gates on The Street, which appear incongruous with the surroundings. JM agreed to draft an informal request for the Clerk to deliver to the property owner.

24/022 Church Annex Project

JM provided the background to the proposed upgrade to the church building and presented a high-level plan of the works. He noted that a fundraising campaign was currently being mobilised and that some pledges had already been received. Although the Church of England itself will not be contributing, there were a number of associated grant bodies that may be able to help. The remainder would need to come from private donations and fundraising events. The Councillors will be invited to a social gathering on 29th February to discuss the fundraising further.

24/023 Gosden Hill Update

The Chairman reported that a meeting has been arranged for 22nd February with the head of GBC Planning and CD, JW, CY and the Clerk will attend.

24/024 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £1,239.45 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been conducted at the AJ Bennewith offices on 1st February and we have received sign off with no comments. The Internal Audit Effectiveness Review was then reviewed by the meeting and approved.

The Clerk advised that the village school need £1300 to pay for the materials to replace an awning. CD suggested that we should provide a grant of £1000 (as per last year's Section 137 grant), but the consensus of the meeting was to award the full cost of the materials. **Resolved:** £1300 grant to be provided to Clandon School.

The budget of £2000 for Village Hall grants was then discussed. This is unlikely to be spend now in this financial year. CD noted that he has had discussions with East Clandon on their recent village hall energy survey and provided this to John Vickers.

24/025 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

CD and DB noted that they had no updates on any of the Local Plan strategic site developments this month. The main Wisley Airfield development site inspection has now finished, but there has not yet been any announcement on the outcome.

24/026 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP was absent from the meeting, but had already circulated an update:

- The recreational grounds are in fair shape for this time of year and with no apparent new issues. As previously commented upon there are some minor repairs needed in the springtime when we shall also attend to the playground maintenance necessary from the annual report.
- The agreed tree works and stump removals were successfully carried out last Saturday with little damage to the daffodils. Later in the Spring we should consider what else we

might plant where the scrub has been cleared by the tennis court. The clearance at the far entrance has left a lot of evident litter.

- Clandon Dragon - we will soon have a quotation for the necessary restoration. However, finding new chalk at sensible prices is an issue so we need to understand what sources are available locally or leave that to the dragon volunteering team.

24/027 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that Footpath 82 has had about 10 dead small trees across the path for the past few weeks, which he has now disposed of. However, there remains much dead wood in the trees along the path and he has contacted Clandon Regis Golf Club to understand how much of the path is on their land.

24/028 A247 Matters

The Clerk advised that there would be a number of full weekend closures of the A3 this year; the dates so far announced by National Highways are 23-26 February and 15-18 March. Diversions will be operating via the A247 through West Clandon.

BH updated the meeting on his discussions with the local Surrey Highways Road Safety manager, who has agreed to obtain speed data on various sections of the narrow part of The Street. Once that information is available, schemes such as raised tables, removing the centre line, or 20mph limits with associated traffic calming measures can be feasibility assessed.

24/029 AOB

The Chairman noted that the Annual Parish meeting (usually immediately prior to our Council meeting) is due in April or May and queried whether we should hold a separate meeting this year which could also cover any major local issues of particular interest to the residents. However, the meeting felt that there were not any such topics currently and agreed to hold it just before the May Council meeting.

BH made the meeting aware that there is going to be a GBC members briefing by the National Trust on the plans for Clandon Park on March 18th.

24/030 Date of next meeting

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

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 22.02.