



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Assembly

#### Present:

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

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

GBC Councillor: Catherine Young ("CY")

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Neil Higgins ("NH") and GBC Councillors Ruth Brothwell ("RB") and Dawn Bennett ("DB").

#### 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

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

#### 3. Matters arising from the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

None noted.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman summarized his annual report and the report was approved by the Council. It was agreed to publish the report on the parish website.

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Terence Patrick (“Chairman”/ “TP”), Chris Dean (“CD”), Eric Palmer (“EP”), Jonathan Murphy (“JM”), Jenny Wicks (“JW”), Ann Dickinson (“AD”) and Sam Wreford (“SW”).  
Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards (“Clerk”/”PE”)  
GBC Councillor: Catherine Young (“CY”)  
SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes (“BH”)

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

### **24/059 Election of Chair & Vice-Chair and determination of Portfolios**

The Clerk advised that the roles of the Council need to be reviewed and renewed for the next 12 months.

JW proposed TP as Chairman and this was seconded by JM. TP accepted the role though noted that, at some point soon, it would be time for him to hand it over.

As this is CD’s final meeting, it was agreed that the Vice-Chair role would need to be determined at the start of the next meeting.

TP proposed that JW assumes the Local Plan portfolio and JW accepted the role.

EP noted that he was happy to continue with the Recreation Ground brief but would like SW to continue to shadow him and develop his knowledge of the role. SW accepted this and also offered to lead on A247 matters in the meantime.

AD agreed to continue to support the website and communications and also offered to gradually take on the Footpaths role from the Clerk.

### **24/060 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Neil Higgins (“NH”) and GBC Councillors Ruth Brothwell (“RB”) and Dawn Bennett (“DB”).

### **24/061 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman declared that he is 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.

### **24/062 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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

## **24/063 Matters arising from the meeting on April 10th 2024**

The following items from the April meeting were discussed:

- 24/056 – The Clerk reported that the knee rail at the entrance to Meadowlands has now been fixed by SCC and that he had dug away the earth that had slipped onto the pavement outside Cranley Cottages.
- 24/056 – BH reported that there had not been any progress with SCC Legal department yet on the dead tree at Maymond. The Clerk agreed to seek details of the executors of the estate.

## **24/064 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Tredean planning decision – JW asked whether we had yet received a response to our note about concerns over erroneous decisioning. The Clerk agreed to chase up. CY noted that she would also be discussing this with the Head of GBC Planning shortly.
- Green Lane bollards – the meeting felt that the strange occurrence of bollards being removed and a vehicle being driven the length of Green Lane appears to be a one off and that it does not warrant any action unless something similar happens again.

## **24/065 Planning Matters**

JM talked through the latest planning applications and rulings. The meeting determined that that the following application requires the submission of comments:

- 24/P/00265 (Chequers, The Street) – short additional comment based on the revised application.

The Clerk advised that a GBC Enforcement Officer has now visited the offending fence at Tudor Lodge and agrees that it is contrary to planning regulations and that it requires mitigation.

It was also noted that the Woodhill Sandpit application has now been fully withdrawn.

The meeting then had a broad discussion about owners and developers removing trees and clearing land, which could have the negative impacts of lessening future greenbelt status and also diminishing biodiversity.

## **24/066 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £2,104.08 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk presented the year-end financial accounts. **Resolved:** The meeting approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

There was a discussion on the control and ownership of tennis club funds and on the size of the tennis court reserves.

## **24/067 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates**

CD reported that there was still no decision on the Former Wisley Airfield site. The planning application for the neighbouring Hallam Land site has been modified and claims that there will be negligible traffic effect on Ockham Lane, which seems implausible.

With the various strategic sites proceeding slowly, there is a threat of more infilling and, with the Local Plan now under review by GBC, this could all have the effect to weakening West Clandon's Greenbelt protection.

## **24/068 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

EP provided the following report:

- The edging of the path to the tennis court has been completed and the strimming on the Recreation Ground bank will be done this month
- The Playground fencing repairs have been completed
- The Fox run will be on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the organisers have paid us £100 for use of the grounds for 2 hours
- Cherry Trees are requesting a banner on our perimeter fence for a charity event; the meeting were supportive of this.

The Clerk asked when the shrubbery pruning is due and EP agreed to check with our contractor.

## **24/069 Footpaths**

The Clerk reported that the first vegetation cuts had already been done by our usual contractor and that the paths where SCC are responsible are scheduled for a first cut in early June.

## **24/070 A247 Matters**

BH reported that Surrey Highways have now scheduled the drain cover outside Dibbles on The Street for repair, though did not have a completion date.

## **24/071 AOB**

The Chairman noted that this was CD's final meeting as Councillor and thanked him for his 11 years of service and wished him well for the future.

## **24/072 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, Jun 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

## **CLOSING**

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.31.