



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

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

GBC Councillors: none in attendance

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

24/087 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Neil Higgins ("NH") and Jonathan Murphy ("JM") and GBC Councillors Catherine Young ("CY"), Dawn Bennett ("DB") and Ruth Brothwell ("RB").

24/088 Declarations of interest

TP is an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Guildford and 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.

24/089 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on June 12th 2024

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

24/090 Matters arising from the meeting on June 12th 2024

The following items from the June meeting were discussed:

- 24/076 – The Clerk advised that 2 residents had expressed an interest to join the Parish Council; he will be setting up an initial meeting with each candidate shortly. And on the handover of the footpath portfolio to AD, the Clerk noted that this had been delayed but should be complete by October.

- 24/077 – Dangerous dead oak tree to Clandon Road – BH committed to chasing up Surrey Highways again on this issue, which has long become unacceptable.
- 24/077 - BH gave an update on the child from Meadowlands who had not been offered a free school bus travel and noted that it has gone to a Stage 2 appeal
- 24/080 – The Clerk advised that our preferred supplier (Netcom IT Solutions based in Horsham) have now been engaged and have requested a new gov.uk domain name on our behalf.
- 24/082 – As requested at the last meeting, the Chairman has now spoken to the Clandon Dragon volunteers and was pleased to report that renovation work is now underway. EP asked whether a supply of chalk was required and the Chairman thought not at present.
- 24/084 - SD noted that the Clandon crossroads tailbacks are still ongoing. The traffic lights have been resequenced, presumably due to the Trodds Lane closure. The meeting agreed to monitor the situation with the expectation that, once the Trodds Lane works are completed, the lights will be resequenced and traffic flows will revert to normal.

24/091 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence was discussed:

- Meadowlands entrance grass cutting/weed prevention – the meeting opined that the Meadowlands community may want to pick this up as a volunteering activity and the Clerk agreed to contact them.
- A resident has complained about the noise from a party in Clandon Park that went on late into the night on 6th July and disturbed their sleep. The Clerk reported that Lord Onslow had personally emailed him to apologise for not notifying the neighbours and Parish Council in advance.

24/092 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/00748 – SW raised a concern about the proposed lamppost at the Bulls Head illuminating the neighbouring property. The meeting agreed that we should submit a comment to GBC to request restrictions.

24/093 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £325.26. These were approved by the meeting.

24/094 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

JW updated the meeting on the strategic sites:

- Gosden Hill – the developers have responded to the Clerk advising that they are not yet in a position to meet with the Parish Council as they are in the process of updating their proposals but would be happy to meet once done. The meeting agreed that we should chase them up in October if we have not heard anything by then.
- Wisley – Ockham Parish Council have now initiated a judicial review (screening stage) of the recent approved appeal against non-determination.
- No news on GBC's Local Plan review as yet.

24/095 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

EP provided a report:

- The recreation ground has just been cut in preparation for the Clandon School sports day
- The small repairs to the playground are still outstanding
- The bus shelter on A246 by Glebe Cottages is now an eyesore due to vandalism. We had already repaired it last year. As there is no known appetite from the local residents to retain it, EP suggested fully removing it which the meeting accepted was sensible.
- Dorking Wanderers football team have approached us to use our football pitch on a regular basis. However, the meeting agreed with EP's view that our small pitch is not suitable and is anyway already used regularly informally by residents.

24/096 Footpaths

The Clerk discussed the proposal by East Clandon for a foot and cycle path between East Clandon and Clandon station, which would avoid using the A247. The meeting agreed that this was an excellent idea though were sceptical as to the willingness of the relevant landowners to allow this. The Clerk agreed to distribute the proposed route to the councillors.

The Clerk provided an update on behalf of NH of his meeting with the Land Trust about the poor state of the SANG. An action plan was agreed and NH will provide an update on that at our September meeting.

24/097 A247 Matters

The meeting expressed concern over Scotia Gas Network's proposed road closure for 2 weeks on Clandon Road (north of the A3) and JW suggested we query whether a half-closure or evening opening would be possible and ask them to confirm that they were planning to work over the weekend. The Clerk agreed to contact them on this.

SW reported an accident at the station approach. The meeting agreed that the station approach was the priority A247 issue that needs addressing.

The Chairman noted 3 manhole covers that need attention and the Clerk agreed to investigate and register as faults.

24/098 AOB

None.

24/099 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 11th 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 20.27.