



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report 2024 - 2025

During the year, the Parish Council has continued to consider planning matters that affect West Clandon. Although the Parish Council has no control over specific planning applications in the Village, which are decided by Guildford Borough Council as the planning authority, we can and do comment on planning applications that raise concerns. During the year, we have objected to several applications for additional houses in the Parish, where we thought the sites were too cramped or would harm the openness of the Green Belt. We have also monitored progress on other developments like Allium Park (formally Garlicks Arch) and Gosden Hill, a large part of which is within the boundaries of West Clandon.

Parish Council Website

We have migrated our Parish Council website and email system to a 'gov.uk' domain as recommended by the Government as best practice. This now provides greater resilience, security and functionality and an improved level of IT support.

Parish Council Finances

The Parish Council's finances remain in a healthy state with good reserves despite additional costs being imposed on us from the higher tiers of Government.

A247 Village Street

As in past years, the West Clandon Parish Council has repeatedly expressed the concerns of residents regarding safety, the excessive speeds and the potential risks of accidents on the A247 village street. During the year, 'the Street' has been subject to several diversions and road closures due to the major road works taking place at Junction 10 on the M25. It is hoped that these road improvements will be completed by Spring 2026.

Another dangerous section of the A247 that continues to receive our attention is the exit from Clandon Station, where a motorist's view of oncoming southbound traffic is obstructed by the parapet of the railway bridge. With further help from our Surrey County Councillor, meetings with Surrey County Council Highways continue to take place to improve visibility and make this dangerous exit safer.

Recreation ground

We are pleased to report that our recreation ground, playground and the football pitch is regularly enjoyed for casual play. There have been no major capital spends during the past year and the emphasis has been very much on maintenance and repair, including the ever-popular playground slide.

The posts in the car park are continually being damaged by poor parking/driving and several have had to be replaced on a number of occasions.

On a couple of evenings each week, we have rented out the village hall car park for Pizza and Fish & Chip vans, thus providing a useful service to the community as well as helping with car park maintenance expenses. We have also planted additional trees on the Recreation ground, including some flowering cherries, which should provide a pleasing display in the future.

A temporary new lease for the West Clandon British Legion building was also agreed during the year with a final lease currently being worked on.

Other Infrastructure changes

The historic village pound situated near the railway bridge has had its rotting gate replaced and the installation of a new one is now underway.

The bus shelter on the A246 near Clandon Crossroads was in such a poor state of repair that the Parish Council decided to remove it altogether.

Footpaths

All the usual footpath vegetation cuts were also undertaken.

Comings and Goings

We welcomed the co-option of Ray Sieber to the Parish Council during the year, following the retirement of our former Vice Chairman Christopher Dean.

We also thank our Surrey County Councillor Bob Hughes and our Borough Councillors Catherine Anne Young, Dawn Bennett and Ruth Brothwell for their help, advice and support over the past year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Clerk and my fellow Parish Councillors for their help in successfully running the Parish Council during the past 12 months.

May 2025

Terence Patrick
(Chairman)
