



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

130th Annual Parish Assembly

Present:

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

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

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on May 8th 2024

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

3. Matters arising from the meeting on May 8th 2024

None noted.

4. Chairman's Report

The Council approved the report though suggested some minor clarifications to it, which the Chairman agreed to make and the Clerk will then publish the report on the parish website.

Parish Council Meeting

Present:

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

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

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

25/043 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. NH proposed TP as Chair and this was seconded by SW. TP then proposed SW as Vice Chair and JW seconded this.

The handover of the 'Recreation Ground & Open Spaces' portfolio from EW to SW will continue as planned. In addition, SW confirmed that he was happy to continue overseeing 'A247 Matters' for the time being. All other portfolios will remain with existing Councillors.

The meeting agreed that there was a need for a new portfolio to take the lead on 'Local Government Reorganisation Matters'. RS volunteered to take on this role. JW made the point that all the Councillors will also need to become more informed on this topic. She also queried the role of the mooted Community Boards and BH provided his thoughts on the matter.

25/044 Apologies for absence

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

25/045 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. JW and RS are also members 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.

25/046 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on April 9th 2025

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

25/047 Matters arising from the meeting on April 9th 2025

The following items from the April meeting were discussed:

- 25/033 – Flooding issues east of Clandon Road - BH and the Clerk updated the meeting on further actions following the site visit in March and noted that Surrey Flood team have now written to all residents on Clandon Road, Green Lane and Malacca Farm that border on the ditches and waterpipes in question and requesting that these water courses are adequately maintained.

- 25/033 – Local Government Reorganisation – BH noted that a preliminary ruling from central Government should be made this month though finalization will not be until the autumn. JW noted that this would not give us much time to prepare for its implementation.

25/048 Council Correspondence Sent and Received

The following topics relating to items of correspondence were discussed:

- Aggressive and noisy rescue dogs near Lime Grove – a resident at the meeting provided an update on recent incidents relating to this longstanding issue, noting that 2 deer had recently been mauled, children intimidated, the owner of the dogs bitten and residents were experiencing interrupted sleep. In addition, it is expected that the dog owner is living illegally in a motorhome next to footpath 69A. JW noted that there was a lot of history on this issue with previous GBC enforcement cases raised, investigations undertaken and closed. BH confirmed that this is a matter for GBC and agreed to notify CY and DB. It was also agreed that residents who experience these incidents should report it to the local police.
- Oak tree felling north of Lime Grove – JW discussed whether we should have a blanket TPO on trees and hedgerows between Lime Grove and Green Lane in light of likely developer activity as it is important to retain the green and leafy character of the area. It was agreed that JW/JM would draft a letter for the Clerk to send to the Head of Planning, GBC.
- Fish & Chip van – in light of the temporarily reduced schedule, the Council agreed to a £10 charge per week for the time being.

25/049 Planning Matters

JM talked through the latest planning applications and rulings. The meeting determined that that none required action from the Council at this point in time.

JW noted that the appeal for 2 dwellings at Chequers has been dismissed.

25/050 Financial Matters and Approvals

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £2,469.66 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk presented the full-year management accounts for 2024-25 and an explanation of the main variances.

With regards to the large reserves, the Council agreed that this did not currently require action as any new large capital expenditure items would quickly eat into them.

25/051 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates

JW reported that she, TP and the Clerk will be a meeting with the Gosden Hill developers on 28th May.

The Garlicks Arch development is moving at speed but there is no occupancy yet so the triggering of Section 106 monies is still a way off.

25/052 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park

SW provided the following report:

- Playground - cleaning of the matting and repairs to the fencing is now complete
- Pound – the gate has now been replaced. JW noted that it looked rather bright/light and suggested that it be stained to blend in better.
- The hedging around the tennis court and at the south end of the Playground has now been significantly pruned.

25/053 Footpaths

NH reported that silt clearance is underway beneath the Green Lane (footpath 68) bridge. However, work has temporarily stopped as a gas pipe has been found.

On footpath 69, leaning trees have been cut back at the Lime Grove end. However, at the Green Lane end, the path remains very narrow and there is dangerous barbed wire embedded into the ground. NH agreed to draft a note which the Clerk will deliver to the landowner.

25/054 A247 Matters

SW noted that the A3/M25 J10 works have reached a stage where he expects less diversions required through the village going forward.

BH advised that he continues to pursue action from various parties on traffic safety at the station approach and also on speed limit restrictions along The Street and Clandon Road.

NH reiterated that recent repairs to the side of the carriageway on Tithebarns Lane appeared to be of very low quality and that this would require new repairs before long. He agreed to provide photo evidence to BH who will question Surrey Highways on this.

25/055 AOB

None.

25/056 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, Jun 11th 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Chairman will be absent and therefore SW will chair.

CLOSING

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.10.