
East Clandon Parish Council Annual Report 2009 – 2010

On behalf of the East Clandon Parish Council (ECPC), I have pleasure in welcoming you to our Annual General Meeting. This is the moment we review our 2009 – 2010 operating year and to reflect and report on progress on various projects.

Finances

The Parish Council's finances are in good health reporting a total reserve of £2,866.

Our income for the year was £9,707 and comprises three major on-going sources:

- the Guildford Borough Council precept of £5,884 an increase of 2.5%,
- two forms of income directly from the parish – the tennis court subscriptions of £1,122 and the rental of Tunmore Fields at £1,500 per annum.

And two other grants

- the closed Churchyard grant of £200
- a Surrey County Council grant, supported by Cllr Keith Taylor for IT improvements of £1,000.

Our outgoings total £7,996: In the year 2009/10 the ECPC funded

- various improvements - the churchyard hedge, tree maintenance on Sawpit Lane, various playground repairs, maintenance of the village pond, verges and open spaces, and maintenance of groundwork equipment
- cleaning of the tennis court
- a new laptop computer and stipend for the Parish Clerk.

Village Open Spaces & Maintenance

We are most fortunate to have the services of Jim Bacon, a long-term village resident who has done a superb job of maintaining our open spaces, through wind, cold, rain and sun and has also agreed to become our tree warden after Tim Yorath decided to step down from this role. Two other village residents also have played a major role in helping to maintain our village and to support Jim – Ray Corstin and Roger Nickolds and we thank them all for their energy and example of community spirit.

And again, all this effort from all our villagers culminated in East Clandon again winning a Guildford in Bloom Bronze award.

Village Projects

- **Hatchlands Park Angling Association:** With special thanks to Simon Wood for his commitment and Sue Streeter of the National Trust's Hatchlands, the village once again has a further amenity in the fishing club using the Sheepwash Pond at Hatchlands. Surrounding villages of East & West Horsley can join the club.
- **Back Lane Pond:** To improve biodiversity, it has twice received specialist management and is an attractive asset to our village amenity and wildlife.
- **Tennis Court:** We are very grateful to Liz Ross for her energy in keeping our village court spic & span and management of membership and important income.

- **Star Energy Pipeline:** We thank Paul Richardson for keeping abreast of developments. Regarding the status, currently Star Energy has not furthered their plans to continue this pipeline. We will keep an eye on developments and provide updates as they arise.
- **IT Projects**
 - **Village Goglemail:** The village has this great communication tool and which is created and superbly managed by Peter Smart & Chris Harlow
 - **New website:** Thanks go to Paul Richardson who has masterminded this project, and also to Peter Smart and Chris Harlow who are involved with the development of a new and more inter-active village website. Valuable grant funding was received from Surrey County Council. It will be on-line shortly and is an enhancement of our already excellent website and provides for 'real-time' updates of the many village activities.
- **Village Emergency Plan:** Ray Corstin has been the driving force behind this plan which collates the facilities and people who will be at the centre of any emergency or disaster planning which hopefully will not be necessary, but which will be a reassuring back-up should we suffer such an event.
- **Ryde Farm Walk:** Discussions in principle, have been held with Ryde Farm agents and support has been received from Sir Rocco Forte for a 200 metre path to connect north of Home Farm to the village green on the field side of Ryde Farm land. Funding for this will be needed and it will only be pursued if a grant were possible from the Star Energy Fund if and when the talked-about gas storage pipeline is progressed.
- **Information Session on Ground Source Heating:** A questionnaire and letter have been sent to villagers to gauge interest in information about alternative forms of heating and possibly a feasibility study. If we have a positive response, a meeting will be held in the village hall.

Planning Applications

There have been noticeable fewer Planning applications in the year. We are pleased to report that work has progressed on two major projects in the village - Clandon Manor Farm and also Home Farm Barns – both of which when complete will be of benefit to the village.

Meeting Attendance

The ECPC has met 9 times during the past year and Councillors' attendance is high.

Thanks

Firstly, I would like to thank our previous Chairman, Adrian Thompson who has been wise and assiduous in his support for the village, and in continuing to be involved through arranging the Village Welcome Packs, support for alternative energy ideas, the village walk and finally for his leadership as Chairman of the ECPC.

Secondly, I would like to welcome Keith Grange who joined the ECPC last year and is running our finances. Also, I would like to thank Arthur Hunking for agreeing to take over as our internal auditor and for completing the audit so well and quickly.

Thirdly, thanks go to Georgina Mercer, our Parish Clerk who has managed to juggle a new baby son alongside her valuable support for the ECPC.

Finally, I would like to thank my ECPC colleagues for their wisdom and in particular for their energy in attacking all the tasks that they do for our village. They (and all other villagers who have played their roles in our village and whom I have not mentioned by name) are examples of people with great community spirit.

Sibylla Tindale

Chairman East Clandon Parish Council

Dated: 20th May 2010