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East Clandon Parish Council - for the Annual Village Meeting **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE TWO YEARS 2019 – 2021**

Welcome to our Annual Meeting where we review two year's village activities and the finances for 2020 – 2021. This two-year report was necessitated by the fact that lockdown last year in 2020 prevented us from holding our AGM and thus we are combining the two years to end in March 2021.

FINANCES

Our thanks go to the Parish Clerk, Diana Thornhill, who reigns over our finances and facilitates our work. The Parish's finances are healthy with a reserve of £21,507 unaudited at March 31st 2021.

Our income over the year 2020-21 was £19,174 arising from four on-going sources and a donation:

- Guildford Borough Council (GBC) precept of £8,380 and a GBC concurrent functions grant £215
- Two grants (SCC Cllr Julie Iles) £643 for gates/protective fencing on the Common and Tunmore Field
- Income from the parish: tennis court subscriptions £1683 and £1,697 Tunmore Fields rental
- Closed Churchyard grant of £260.
- VAT refunds of £956, Insurance claim of £239 for a stolen gate.
- A grant of £5,100 for the Tennis Court from the London Marathon Charitable Trust (LMCT).

Our outgoings for the year total £11,081. During the year, the ECPC funded

- The village gardeners, Groomed Gardens, payments for maintenance of open spaces
- Inspection of the village playground and repairs / replacements of swing seats
- Ditch clearance, tree removal/ clearing
- New gates on The Common (x2) and replacement gate on Tunmore Fields
- Stipend for the Parish Clerk

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

East Clandon continues as a village with a great spirit of togetherness. Thank you to all who contribute to make it this wonderful close-knit village.

Many village activities were cancelled last year due to Covid-induced restrictions, but when we could, we did.

Mothers and fathers arranged the Easter Trail and Halloween Happening in October, the intrepid Carollers entertaining the village at Christmas, to our Rector Barnaby, Church Clerk Anne Randall and Church Warden Jane Thorold for bringing to life Christian traditions and more....even to using videos and YouTube and Zoom to communicate with villagers. Life went on, even Remembrance Day was commemorated despite our national travails.

We salute you all.

Village Open Spaces and Playground.

Our open spaces has been a boon during the Covid restrictions. Families could enjoy fresh air, picnics and recreation, and even when permitted, loads of tennis. The village garden team, Groomed Gardens, are maintaining our trim looking open spaces: the Rec, the Common, the Churchyard and Graveyard and Tunmore Triangle. With huge thanks to our Cllr James Eves for leading and rallying to this task on all our behalves, and importantly getting our village pond dredged and looking pristine again.

The recently improved village playground with the latest being the LMCT funded new tennis court fencing, the Noticeboard and soccer nets is a wonderful facility for our burgeoning numbers of children and grandchildren. Thank you again to the team (Ray Corstin, James Eves, Chris Ross) and LMCT fund who have made this possible.





VE DAY Celebrations – 75th Anniversary

Thanks from all of the village to Clare Goodall who with true get-up-and-go, organised a socially distanced ‘street-party’. Villagers dressed in 1940’s style and on their front verges laid out Instagram-able tea tables, bunting and cheer. It was uplifting to be able to mark the day, to promenade around the village on a sunny May afternoon, to enjoy a chat and a smile in the midst of the pandemic.

Capturing the spirit and the sounds of the Church bells tolling, a marvellous video was produced by Brian O’Connell and Alyson Blackwell – and available on our village website.

Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) Ultrafast Broadband Initiative

With huge thanks to villager Andy Hay who with the help of Cllr Al Mundy mobilised the villagers to take up a government voucher scheme (now closed) to get BT OpenReach to provide ultrafast broadband fibre to signed-up village premises . It was Herculean, but they inspired sufficient villagers and got there in time before the deadline. It has just been confirmed that the scheme will go ahead for East Clandon north of the A246. Dwellings south of the A246/ High Clandon will have to wait until this scheme has started before possibly persuading OpenReach to connect the more remote properties.

Village Tennis Court

We are delighted to report that usage and membership of the court’s facilities has shot up during the pandemic. We thank Chris and Liz Ross for running the membership scheme and for keeping it ship-shape.

Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury (FROST) Activities

FROST have powered on and provided the Summer Fun Walk last August, and previously the Bingo Night and Quiz Night. This raises invaluable funds to protect and enhance the fabric of our beautiful 10thC church and is more glue for our active community. Bravo.

The War Memorial

With thanks to Roger Nickolds and Ron Ward, who have taken on the task to keep the lettering clean and legible after an immense task of coordinating various agencies. We thank both for their huge commitment.

Hatchlands NT

We would like to thank the General Manager of Hatchlands, Daniel Morey for encouraging villagers to use their open spaces during the pandemic. It has been a lifeline for so many of us. Bravo Daniel for being such a wonderful partner in our village affairs.

NEW PEOPLE FOR THE ECPC – PARISH COUNCIL

We seek to refresh our Parish Council which has six councillors and the Parish Clerk. We really wish to see more villagers taking their turn to join the ECPC. Clare Goodall wishes to step down and I have been present for too long. So PLEASE apply to help in this important team for our village. There is so much we need to achieve and having extra ‘person-power’ is a boon to the village. **‘PLEASE TALK TO US’.**

Having a vibrant and capable Parish Council is essential to our small village being able to punch above its weight...and in ensuring we have the ability to lobby for extra funds necessary to keep our village in great shape.

LOOKING AHEAD

GREENING EAST CLANDON

This initiative is the brainchild of villager Adrian Thompson and a member of the Guildford Environmental Forum. It is about adding to our trees and hedgerow stock, and to preserve those already there. It is farsighted in its aims to reduce pollution, to add carbon-capturing green planting, to combat climate change damage and best of all to add to the fresh air we all love to breathe.

This will be part of a far wider plan from Surrey County Council aiming to plant another 1.2 million trees by 2030 and the Surrey Wildlife Trust with Heritage Lottery funding to help achieve the vision. Cllr Matt Pitt will partner Adrian on this project. Already, we can report that some 800 hedgerow plants have been planted. Thanks Adrian, Hatchlands NT and all involved.

So in a nutshell, the project will be broken down into three areas

- Village land (Parish Council owned) and look at adding to the tree and hedge stock and health.
- Villagers properties – to encourage your participation in protection, improvement and planting of trees and hedges and of course provide advice and possibly even some funding!!
- Neighbouring farms/ properties – to inform, work with and encourage the same approach.

PLANNING

The rate of planning applications has been steady. The village remains greatly concerned by the impact that the GBC Local Plan will have and which has now been adopted against immense opposition by various parties. The outcomes will have an impact on our amenity, on traffic and general threat to the surrounding Green Belt and Surrey Hills. All of us will try our best to mitigate the effects.

PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING ATTENDANCE & COUNCILLORS

The ECPC has managed to meet regularly – except for April, May, June 2020 - during the pandemic with the help of Zoom technology. As mentioned above, we need to refresh with new Parish Councillors....so roll up especially new residents of our village ... and apply.

THANK YOU

Parish Clerk. Our especial thanks go to Diana Thornhill who has made a great contribution to this important role and to getting us into the 21st C with On-line banking. Bravo.

Further and grateful thanks go to

- Ian Peacock and his team for running Village Speed-Watch and enforcing the 30 mph speed limit!
- Liz and Chris Ross who run our village 'tennis club' facility and collect subscriptions.
- Francesca Lamont and Monika Mundy for devising, organising and delivering the fun Village Day in September 2019.
- Peter Smart's team for watching over our village website / google group/ social media.
- Pix Pickering acting as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.
- Skip McMullan for snow warden duties.
- Arthur Hunking for acting as our internal auditor.

Our Surrey and GBC Councillors

- Julie Iles, our SCC Councillor, for your hugely active support for our village and targeted SCC grants.
- GBC Councillors, Tim Anderson, Chris Barrass and Catherine Young for their advice and help and care.

Finally, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to my ECPC colleagues, all of whom are volunteers; James Eves (Vice Chairman and lead for Open Spaces), Clare Goodall (Planning guru), Al Mundy (IT) & Ian Peacock (Highways supremo!) and Matt Pitt (Greening and Trees). To all, thank you for your support, advice and zest with which you attack the many tasks you undertake for our village. You and all other villagers who play roles and whom I have not mentioned by name are examples of our great community spirit.

And a fond farewell to Clare Goodall who has decided to step down after many years on the ECPC. My goodness Clare. We will miss your incisive approach to the Planning brief, to your enthusiasm for planning village parties (the Queens 90th Birthday Street Party and VE Day Celebrations) and so much more. Thank you for all you have done. We will miss you on the ECPC, but at least the village retains you!

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Chair: East Clandon Parish Council

30th April 2021