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Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th October 2007

Present Adrian Thompson (Chairman), Sibylla Tindale, Ray Corstin, Simon Wood, Paul Richardson, Cllr David Davis, Mary Leech (Clerk).
Apologies Cllr Jen Powell, Cllr Jenny Wicks.

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests registered:

None.

Item

Action

Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2007

1759 The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters arising

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- a. Item 1752.1742a Roger has removed the old broken post beside the Back Lane pond and placed the signs on the nearby pole.
- b. Item 1752.1742b The Conservation Area document (Article 4[2]) requested for inclusion in the village Welcome Pack has not yet arrived.
- c. Item 1752.1742f. village benches. Mary will place the order for a 'Mickleham' style bench with Norbury Wood Products, with the sum of £123.38 as deposit.
- d. Item 1752.1742g. Verge alongside the Old Epsom Road-Snelgate. It is still hoped that the manager of Ryde Farm Estates (Chris Chambers) will be able to assist in the cutting back of this hedge
Overgrown hedgerow between rear of Snelgate properties and the golf course. Simon has forwarded to Mary a draft of his letter to send to the golf course manager asking them if they would be willing to clear a strip immediately next to the dividing fence, to prevent further encroachment of brambles and nettles into the Snelgate gardens. She will send this letter to Paul Napier, the golf course manager.
- e. item 1755 pipeline. Paul updated the council on the current situation. David Davis will send to us the SCC response to the application by Star Energy. Paul agreed to approach the National Trust, (who have not allowed any access across their land for the pipeline) to fully understand the reasons for their decision and make them aware of the consequences to the village of this decision
It is now agreed that any route finalised for the pipeline is likely to be through the village, and that it is important for the parish council to keep village residents up to date with any developments. Villagers will also be invited to make individual comments/objections to Star Energy.
- f. Item 1757a. Guildford in Bloom. The village has been awarded a Silver Gilt Award; this will be displayed on the village notice board. Peter Smart was congratulated on receiving a Gold Award for his Wildlife Garden.
- g. Item 1757d. Hatchlands/New Road verge annual cutting. It has been explained to Mary by Hatchlands staff that they have not yet been able to cut back this verge due to labour shortage, but that they still hope to be able to do so.

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to do so.

The old and broken sign at the entrance to Hatchlands from New Road has not been removed because any decisions on NT signage have to come directly from the NT head office.

Financial Report

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Current account:. £562.83; Deposit account:.£2052.96. The second half of the annual Precept has now arrived.

(a) Planning Reports

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Applications since last meeting:

P/01822 Extension/new porch at The Old House, Ripley Road

P/02000 Extensions at HM Prison, Send

(b) Planning Enforcement

No developments.

Weed control on Clandon Manor Farm.

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Mary has obtained the necessary Official Complaint forms from DEFRA. These will be completed as soon as possible.

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Sycamore in Sawpit Lane

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Mary will contact GBC Tree Officer for advice about the condition of this tree, and any necessary maintenance/pruning.

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Village Hall proposal to extend pavement.

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Mary will advise the village hall committee that we had not received any earlier communication regarding their proposal to extend the pavement area outside the hall, and ask them to send us full information if they still want to pursue the matter

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Police Community Liaison Group

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Simon attended the recent meeting of this group and circulated a Report of the meeting. He has now been informed that the group is ceasing to exist. There will be a Neighbourhood Meeting to be held in East Clandon Village Hall at which residents of both East and West Clandon are invited to vote on neighbourhood issues that concern them most. This will be on Thursday 8th November. Mary will post the information on the village notice board and by email.

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Risk Assessment Surveys

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- a. Playground perimeter fencing It has been suggested to the Council that the perimeter fencing could be improved to add to the safety of the playground when in use by small children, to prevent a direct run out on to the road. The council discussed this bearing in mind the pleasant rural nature of the playground combined with its ease of accessibility. As an initial course of action, Jim will be asked to fill any small gaps in the hedging in order to improve its growth. The installation of a recessed gate (from School Lane) was also discussed with the suggestion of this becoming a project for next year.

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- b. Paul has prepared forms on-line for risk assessment reports to be completed and sent directly to Mary for filing.

Any other business

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- a. Surrey Hills Partnership. Adrian plans to attend the exploratory meeting on 24th October.
- b. Condition of the Back Lane Pond. Concern has been expressed by Jim over the

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excessive growth of weed (especially bulrush) during recent months. Mary will ask Roger to discuss this further with Jim, and ask him if he is prepared to do whatever clearance work is necessary. it was also suggested that we might be able to make use of the golf club's machinery/groundsmen.

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- c. Cherry Trees Planning Application. The Trustee and Project Manager of Cherry Trees has sent a letter updating us on their progress with a revised planning application for improvements. This application will shortly be issued by GBC.
- d. Civic Service of Remembrance. A representative from our Parish Council has been invited to attend the Annual Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church, this year on Sunday 11th November. Mary asked councillors to tell her if interested in attending.
- e. Alterations to the proposed Surrey Hills Cycle route in view of the steepness of the hill on Coombe Lane were discussed. David Davis will send to Mary the relevant extracts from the Minutes of the recent Guildford Local Committee meeting which detailed these alterations taking the route through Shalford instead of Shere.

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Date of meetings in 2008.

Mary will work out a draft calendar for the coming year, and check the availability of the hall with Bug Robertson.

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**Date of next meeting:
Tuesday 27 November**

Mary Leech, Parish Clerk 7th November 2007