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Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th November 2007

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

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests registered: None.

Item

Action

1770 **Minutes of the meeting of 18th October 2007**

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

1771 **Matters arising**

- a. Item 1760c. village benches. The order for a 'Mickleham' style bench has been made with Norbury Wood Products, and the sum of £123.38 paid as deposit.
- b. Item 1760d Verge alongside the Old Epsom Road-Snelgate. The manager of Ryde Farm Estates (Chris Chambers) is not at present able to assist in the cutting back of this hedge, although, in principle, he is willing to help with it early in 2008. In the meantime, Simon, assisted by other councillors will begin work on it. There is the possibility of the loan of a tractor and flail cutter. Once clear of excess growth, it should be possible for Jim Bacon to maintain it.
Overgrown hedgerow between rear of Snelgate properties and the golf course. The golf course maintenance staff have now done this work, very satisfactorily.
- c. item 1760e. Pipeline. No further information. Paul has not yet been able to contact anybody at the National Trust with the correct authority to respond.
- d. Item 1760g. Hatchlands/New Road verge annual cutting. This verge is not yet cut back.
- e. Item 1763. injurious weed growth on Clandon Manor farm fields. Mary, assisted by Peter Smart, has completed and returned to DEFRA the relevant forms. There has not yet been an acknowledgement from DEFRA.
- f. Item 1764. sycamore along Sawpit Lane. Mary contacted the GBC Tree Officer, but has not yet had any response. It will now need to wait until Spring 2008.
- g. Item 1765 village hall committee. The minutes from the committee are now circulated among councillors, via the clerk. The village hall committee has made no response to the matter of pavement extension, so it is assumed that they have dropped the matter.
- h. Item 1766. police Community Liaison Group. Adrian attended this meeting, together with several villagers. The village is relatively crime free, though the subject of burglary is the one that causes most concern, followed by traffic speeding. Communications between the police and the villagers are now improved because the police are now included on the village email system and can therefore send any information directly. Gill Culmer is also in contact as neighbourhood watch representative.

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cllrs

PR

ML

in contact as neighbourhood watch representative.

- i. Item 1767 Risk Assessment surveys.
 - a. playground perimeter fencing. Sibylla and Roger are awaiting quotes, for the construction of a 12 foot gate plus small pedestrian gate off School Lane, and a recessed gateway/fence similar to the one along New Road. ST
 - b. risk assessment survey forms. Prepared by Paul and when completed to be sent to Mary for filing. cllrs./ ML
- j. Item 1768a. Surrey Hills Partnership. Adrian attended the preparatory meeting. If provisional plans proceed, the Partnership will be run by Surrey Hills residents, initially in parallel with GBC, and then to become independent of GBC, so that it will be financed through annual subscription.
- Item 1768e. Surrey Hills Cycle Route/ route for 'Off-road' cycling. Cllr David Davis sent an email directive informing that the route has been re-routed away from Staple Lane, through Shalford instead. SW
- Simon will liaise with a colleague from Sustrans to discuss the possibility of a route coming through East Clandon along side the Ripley Road, or via the old footpath known as Crockery Lane. (it is not at present known if this lane has, in the past, been a public right of way).

Financial Report

1772

- a. Current account:. £233.04; Deposit account: £2060.83.
- b. budget for 2008/09. Adrian detailed the budget for 2008/2009. This was approved and adopted by the councillors. The annual precept application to GBC will be increased by 2 ½ % over 2007/2008, to £5740. ML
- c. Annual donation to CPRE. This was agreed, a cheque for the suggested sum of £27 to be sent. ML
- d. Payment to Royal British Legion. Approval was given for the payment in 2008 of £18 for the poppy wreath to be laid at the War Memorial, on behalf of the parish council.
- e. Churchyard benches. The parish council will apply to FROST for reimbursement of £197.40 paid to JW Patrick for the installation of a base for the new churchyard bench, and for the repair of the other. ML
- f. Christmas bonus for Jim Bacon. It was agreed to provide Jim with a Christmas food hamper, to the approximate value of £30, in recognition of all the excellent work he does in the village. Adrian will assemble the items and give it to Jim. AT

1773 Planning Reports

- a. Applications since last meeting: 07/P/02346 Hatchlands Park. Listed building consent for installation of new aspirated smoke detection system.
- b. Hookwood, off Blakes Lane.07/P/ Application for increased use for paintball games. Mary told the council of her email and telephone communications with the planning officer at GBC who had declined to send to ECPC a copy of the Application, because "the boundary of East Clandon is ½ kilometre away from the site".(even though much of Blakes Lane is within the parish) All communications that Mary has sent email have been sent cc to Cllr Jenny Wicks. ML /AT
- It was decided that a letter should be sent, from the chairman of our council, to the head of Planning at GBC, Carol Humphreys, informing her of our displeasure at not being informed about this application.
- c. Enforcement. Hilltop Farm. There has been no further communication from GBC about the Enforcement Order for the removal of the lean-to shed. Cathy McMullan told the council that she has recently spoken with the relevant Enforcement Officer who assured her that the matter is in hand, and the owner of Hilltop Farm will be prosecuted. Jenny Wicks' advice will be sought. ML

be sought.

1774 **The Common.** It has been suggested that an extension of the turning area at the end of Back Lane is necessary due to the number of large vehicles needing to turn. Simon will investigate the current area and the positions of the existing posts, and report back to the next meeting.

SW

1775 **The Back Lane Pond.** Reed growth, particularly bulrushes, has begun to encroach too much in to the open water area. Sibylla knows of a possible contact with a pond contractor and will investigate costs involved in clearance before new growth starts in the Spring.

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Any other business.

1776 a. Fixed Asset Register. The register has been updated, and councillors discussed secure storage of items of garden equipment. Some donated items are unlikely to be used, and the need for continued storage was questioned. Paul and Ray will look at these items and estimate their value, also anticipated maintenance/repair costs.

PR/RC

b. Date of meetings in 2008. Mary will re-schedule some of the proposed dates, and check with Bug Robertson for availability of the hall.

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**Date of next meeting:
Thursday 10th January 2008**

Mary Leech, Parish Clerk 6th December 2007