
Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th February 2013

Present Sibylla Tindale (Chair), Paul Richardson, Ian Peacock, Al Mundy
Apologies Cllr Jenny Wickes, Cllr Jen Powell, Cllr Keith Taylor, Ray Corstin
In Attendance One member of the village; Mary Leech (parish clerk)

Item	Action
13/010 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest Sibylla Tindale: neighbour to Hilltop Farm. (Item 014)	
13/011 Minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2013 The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
13/012 Matters arising, not dealt with below as separate agenda items a. <u>Item 13/003a. Village Neighbourhood Plan – Localism Bill.</u> There is no new information. b. <u>Item 13/003b. Village War memorial.</u> Paul is still obtaining estimates. c. <u>Item 13/006 Village Traffic Issues.</u> <u>Ripley Road; and Blind corner approach to The Street.</u> Sibylla has arranged a meeting (for tomorrow, 12 th February) with the Traffic Engineer for the GBC area of SCC Highways Department (Mr Assadi) to discuss issues raised by villagers and councillors concerning both these roads. She will provide councillors with a report of this meeting, which will be considered at the next council meeting (13 th March) d. <u>Item 13/007. Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review.</u> No new information yet available.	PR ST
13/013 Financial Matters a. <u>Financial Report.</u> Councillors had been provided with a financial statement January to end February, and an updated Income & Expenditure position to the end of January 2013. <u>Current Account</u> £2305.80; <u>Business Reserve Account</u> £2617.09 b. <u>Concurrent Functions Grant Status</u> i. <u>for 2012-2013.</u> After discussion it was decided to terminate requests from this grant, although there are some funds still available, applications for which close on 31 st March 2013. GBC has advised all councils that they are unlikely to be successful in requesting any extensions. ii. <u>for 2013-2014.</u> There is still 50% funding available for use until 31 st March 2014, and further projects will be discussed at future meetings: <u>Recreation Ground:</u> £3000 (ie grant of £1500 available) <u>Wildlife Improvements:</u> £1000 (ie grant of £500 available)	

Open Spaces Improvements (Tunmore Fields): (Grant spent, £0 balance.)

- c. Precept for 2013-2014. It has been necessary to make a small amendment to our precept request from GBC. Because there are fewer Band D Equivalent properties in the village than in 2012, our precept request has been reduced from an increase of 2 ½ % on last year to 2%, thus avoiding an increase in Council Tax to residents. Consequently, a revised form has been submitted to GBC, for £6702 (not £6770), with a resultant council tax (for Band D) of £45.90.
- d. Benches for tennis court. Ray will order two benches constructed of a recycled material, to a total cost (including VAT and delivery) of £476. It is hoped that they will not be vandalised/stolen as have all previous wooden benches.

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13/014 **Planning Matters**

a. New planning applications.

Hilltop Farm 13/P/00158 Erection of a polytunnel for the growing of flowers.

Councillors have already inspected these plans and have no objections.

2 Tithe Barns. 13/T/00023 Felling and stump clearance of a rowan tree.

b. Outcomes of previous applications.

The Old Dairy 12/P/ 01074 Approved with conditions.

13/015 **Pathway between St Thomas Drive and The Old Epsom Road**

Because the hedge on one side of this pathway has become very overgrown, Jim Bacon will be asked to cut it back to allow for easier movement along the path. Ray will be asked to purchase gravel with which to repair the surface.

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13/016 **Wildflower Meadow on the Common**

The feasibility of placing plastic matting along the pathways, especially where they tend to become muddy, is being considered. Quotes are being obtained.

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13/017 **An oral history of the village**

It has been suggested to the council that it might be of interest to obtain an oral history of the Village from residents whose memories extend back many years. Mary will contact the Village History Society and ask if they would be interested in pursuing this idea, with the parish council prepared to provide any funding necessary.

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13/018 **Annual Village Meeting: 8th May 2013.**

The Task Team Leader for Superfast Broadband in Surrey has accepted Sibylla's invitation to attend the meeting and give a talk of approximately 20 minutes duration, with opportunity for all villagers present to ask questions. This meeting will commence at 8 pm, with light refreshments to be served.

(The scheduled regular meeting of the Parish Council will be held earlier on this same evening, beginning at 6:30pm)

13/019 **Annual Mayor's Award.**

This was discussed.

13/020 **Any other business.**

- a. Tunmore Planting. Paul told the councillors that Roger Nickolds has singlehandedly positioned the bamboo canes as support stakes along the newly planted Tunmore Fields hedgerow. Councillors asked the clerk to record their grateful thanks to Roger.

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- b. Dog training field. Further to a question from a villager about the nature of the sheds and outbuildings in the wooded area beside the field used for dog training by a local club, Paul will investigate and report back at the next meeting of council.

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In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Mary Leech, Parish Clerk 15th February 2013

**The next meeting of the East Clandon Parish Council will be held on Wednesday
13th March 2013, beginning at 7:45pm (pre-meeting at 7:15pm)**
