
Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th January 2013

Present Sibylla Tindale (Chair), Ray Corstin, Paul Richardson, Ian Peacock
Apologies Al Mundy, Cllr Bill Barker, Cllr Jenny Wickes, Cllr Jen Powell
In Attendance Mary Leech (parish clerk)

Item	Action
13/001 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest None.	
13/002 Minutes of the meeting of 3rd December 2012 The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
13/003 Matters arising, not dealt with below as separate agenda items a. <u>Item 12/101b. Village Neighbourhood Plan – Localism Bill.</u> Mary will ask Cllr Jenny Wicks if there is any new information. b. <u>Item 12/101c. Village War memorial.</u> In response to letters to 3 contractors requesting quotations for the necessary repair/maintenance work, only one has shown an interest, with a quote for £540+VAT to repair the eroded joints of the memorial steps. Because this estimate seems excessively high, it was decided to seek advice and a quotation from a local bricklayer who specialises in old brick and stonework. Paul will follow this up. c. <u>Item 12/108 Wildflower meadow.</u> Following discussion about the best way to improve paths across the meadow, Ray will obtain quotes for matting surfaces which can be laid along paths. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.	ML PR RC
13/004 Financial Matters a. <u>Financial Report.</u> Councillors had been provided with a financial statement November 1 st – December 31 st 2012. The outstanding refund of £396 from the Complete Tennis Court Services has been paid. <u>Current Account</u> £2291:94; <u>Business Reserve Account</u> £2616.75 b. <u>Precept Allocation 2013-2014</u> It was decided to request a 2 ½ % increase on last year's precept from GBC, thus being a request for £6770. c. <u>HMRC visit on 25th January.</u> Mary told the councillors that a representative from HMRC has arranged to inspect our VAT accounts, on Friday 25 th January.	 ML ML
13/005 Planning Matters There are no new planning applications.	

13/006 **Village Traffic Issues**

a. along the Ripley Road

Mary informed the councillors that she has received a reply from SCC Highways Department. They have inspected the road and informed us that “there are no outstanding defects at intervention level”. Councillors were not happy with this reply, and asked Mary to follow it up with another letter, asking for an on-site meeting between SCC Highways and village representatives.

Sibylla has received no reply to her letter concerning speeding along this road as it approaches/leaves the village. She will write again.

b. Blind corner approach to the village from A246. It was reluctantly concluded that, due to the narrowness of this corner, that nothing more can be done to ensure the safety of pedestrians except to keep the vegetation well trimmed. It was noted that a safer pedestrian approach to the centre of the village from the A246 is via The Old Epsom Road and then walking along the footway which connects with St Thomas Drive.

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13/007 **Surrey Hills AONB Boundary review.**

An update on the status has been provided by the CPRE regarding the proposal to incorporate all the AGLV on the south side of the A246 into the AONB. Further that the work on the boundary review, supported by all the local parish councils, is planned to take place during the early part of 2013 and that the funding will come from Natural England 50% and districts across Surrey providing the other 50%.

13/008 **Annual Village Meeting: 8th May 2013.**

Because this meeting has, of recent years, been very poorly attended by villagers, Sibylla suggested that a Speaker of a topic of interest to the village be invited. It was decided that she will contact the Project Manager of SuperFast BroadBand in Surrey. Refreshments would be offered at this meeting. If this plan is confirmed, the following (ordinary) meeting of the parish council will be postponed. Mary will check availability of the hall on several dates, and confirm the date with councillors.

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Any other business.

13/009

a. Replacement seating for the tennis court. Ray showed councillors information about seats/benches made from recycled material. Councillors decided that these looked very suitable and had the advantage that, not being wood, they would be unlikely to be stolen. Two benches are required, one for inside the court area and the other outside. He will obtain estimates for our next meeting.

b. Wood chippings on the playground. Ray reported that these are all in place.

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In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Mary Leech, Parish Clerk
23rd January 2013

The next meeting of the East Clandon Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th February 2013, beginning at 7:45pm (pre-meeting at 7:15pm)