
Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 7.45pm

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

Also in attendance at the start of the meeting: PC Jon Perry, East Clandon's Local Community Support Officer, who brought to the attention of the council the ongoing need for all villagers to be aware of recent shed break-ins in the locality (however not in East Clandon). He stressed the need to be vigilant in locking up such property. He also referred to the excellent National Property Register which is free to all who participate and which holds details of all property. (www.immobilise.com) Jon was warmly thanked for coming to the meeting, and it is hoped that from time to time he can join us again.

Item	Action
14/047 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest None	
14/048 Minutes of the meetings of Wednesday 7th May 2014 Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
14/049 Matters arising, not dealt with below as separate agenda items	
a. <u>Item 14/041a Shere Hill Climb</u> . No new information regarding the position of charities sponsored by the Run. Sibylla has again tried to contact the organisers and is awaiting a reply.	ST
b. <u>Item 14/041b. Footpath 74 maintenance</u> . Mary has not yet been able to contact the owner of the fields (believed to be a Mr Farrant).	
c. <u>Item 14/041c. Tennis Court maintenance</u> . Ray has inspected the court. Its surface is in very good dry and clean condition, with no surface moss growth anywhere. The perimeter netting on the east side has some small holes. Ray will repair these.	RC
d. <u>Item 14/041d. World War I Commemoration</u> . No further progress.	
e. <u>Item 14/041e. Garden Contractor</u> . Ray told the council that Jim Bacon will no longer mow the Common area. Ray is liaising with John Leader who has a roller to level the areas damaged by horse hooves, and with Skip McMullan who is willing to mow if and when requested to do so. In future, care will be taken to leave the wildflower meadow area to grow and flower through the summer, and only to mow the pathways and area around the benches.	
f. <u>Item 14/041f Pond maintenance</u> . Because the debris was not been cleared away by Jim, Ray will discuss the general clearance of the pond area with our regular pond contractor David Smithers (in the autumn).	RC
g. <u>Item 042/c Village insurance</u> . This has now been paid, with the new mower included for a small increase in the premium, to the sum of £1022.21.	
h. <u>Item 045/c Local Plan</u> . Sibylla and Ray have met with GBC representatives,	

and discussed with them several aspects of the Local Plan. When the full draft Local Plan is published the village will be informed.

14/050 **Financial Matters**

- a. Report for the month. Copies of the Report were available for councillors' inspection. Closing balance at end of May: £6868.19.
- b. Request to NatWest for monthly statements. Mary will ask NatWest Bank to return to their previous custom of providing monthly Statements.

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14/051 **Planning Matters**

- a. New application. For tree surgery on willow tree at Old Harry's Cottage (14/T/00122)
- b. Dog Training Field. Planning Enforcement. Breach of hours of use condition. (EN/14/00198)

14/052 **Guildford Environmental Forum**

Adrian Thompson was welcomed to the meeting. He presented councillors with a brief outline of the aims, needs and objectives of the Forum, which was established over 20 years ago with the primary objective of assessing and monitoring environmental matters in the Guildford area. It is non-political, and maintains strong links to the University, Guildford Society, Surrey Hills and CPRE. Members are kept informed via the newsletter, published three times a year.

Adrian was warmly thanked for coming with this presentation.

14/053 **Risk Assessments**

All risk assessments have now been completed.

14/054 **'Love Where You Live'**

Mary told the councillors that GBC is again running a tidy-up programme in every parish by providing a workforce which is part of their 'Love where you live' programme. Several tasks were listed for this programme: ditch clearance in Back Lane and on Ripley Road; clearance of verges along Old Epsom Road approach to Snelgate; clearance of blocked drain between Back Lane ditch and the pond; clearance of vegetation and rubbish from around bus shelters. Mary will complete the necessary request forms and return them to GBC.

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14/055 **Clandon Conversations**

Ian outlined the plans to date. There will be an afternoon tea-party and discussion in the village hall on 5th July for all participants.

14/056 **Care of village benches.**

Several of our village benches are in need of cleaning and repair. Estimates will be obtained for this work.

Because it is seldom used, it was decided to move the bench (the 'Molvidson bench') situated at the edge of Tunmore Triangle to a new position on the Rec, close to the slide. (Permission for this has already been obtained from Richard Molvidson.)

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14/057 **Proposed village 'property locator' map**

Ron Ward has prepared a draft map, in diagrammatic form, of the village with all

properties numbered and named by a side key. Councillors inspected this map and decided that it would be a very useful item for anybody who needs to be able to locate a specific property. A few modifications were suggested. Mary will discuss these with Ron before asking him to prepare a final copy. It was suggested that copies might be positioned on the village notice board, also in the church porch; also on the village website.

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14/058 **Any other business**

a. Resignation of Paul Richardson from the Council.

Sibylla accepted the resignation of Paul from the Parish Council, to take effect as soon as possible. Mary will notify GBC, who will instigate procedure for the co-option of a new councillor. Sibylla and all councillors thanked Paul for his tremendous and contribution to the parish during the eight years he has been a parish councillor.

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b. Village Road signs.

- i. The sign for Back Lane sited in front of the pond has disappeared.
- ii. There are no signs anywhere to indicate The Street.
- iii. Position of the New Road sign by Hatchlands back entrance.

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Mary will liaise with GBC, requesting a replacement sign (and supports) for Back Lane and for signage for The Street. Also to ask that the New Road sign be moved to a better position, a few metres to the right of where it is at present.

- c. Surrey Hills newsletter. This will in future be received by the council in electronic format.
- d. Old lawn mower. Ray reported that the old mower favoured by our contractor Jim, is no longer serviceable.
- e. Playground RoSPA Inspection. The biennial inspection of our playground by RoSPA has been booked.

- f. The Old House. Paul brought to the attention of the council that the new owners of The Old House must seek permission from ECPC to access their property from The Common (which is owned by ECPC). This is a matter which should have been dealt with by their solicitor when performing the necessary searches before purchase. Ray will talk this over with the new owners .

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In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 9:45pm

Mary Leech Parish Clerk, 9th June 2014

The next meeting will be on at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th July