

copy will be permanently displayed on the village notice board.

- e. Item 14/058e RoSPA. 2014 Inspection of playground. No information yet from RoSPA.
- f. Item 14/058f. Access to The Old House from The Common. Ray has discussed with the new owners of The Old House details of ECPC ownership of The Common, and permitted access. No problems are anticipated.

14/063 **Financial Matters**

- a. Report for the month. Copies of the Report were available for councillors' inspection. Closing balance at end of June: £9392.29.
- b. Completion of Annual Return for 2013-2014. The following Resolution was passed:
The Annual Return for 2013-2014 has been approved and accepted by the Council. Proposed by Sibylla Tindale, seconded by Ray Corstin.

Mary will ask Arthur Hunking if he is willing to continue as our internal auditor, and to confirm the date for next year's audit (provisionally 3rd June 2015).

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14/064 **Planning Matters**

- a. New applications.
14/T/00136 Tree work at Cherry Cottage, Back Lane.
14/P/ 01027. The Old Barn, Back Lane. Side and rear extensions.
- b. Planning Enforcement
EN/14/00198 Dog Training Field, Ripley Road. Breach of hours of use condition. Under investigation by GBC.

14/065 **GBC Local Plan**

Sibylla provided the council with a comprehensive summary of the current position and developments. Villagers will be provided with this information as soon as it can be assembled, and at the same time will be given guidance how best to respond on an individual basis to GBC. All responses have to be received by GBC for consideration no later than 20th September. Ray will be assisting Sibylla in the preparation of this information. East Clandon will liaise with both West Clandon and West Horsley to give them support and solidarity.

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14/066 **War memorial names**

It has been noted that several of the names on our village war memorial have become eroded to the point that they are now barely readable. It was agreed that a way must be found to preserve these names in perpetuity. It is hoped that in this centenary year of the start of WW1 that there may be funding available to parishes for necessary work on war memorials. Paul will look through information gathered several years previously about possible stone masons. To be followed up at the September meeting.

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14/067 **Autumn village clean-up**

It was decided that there is no necessity for a village clean-up this autumn. A clean-up will be planned for the Spring of 2015.

Trees in Sawpit Lane

- a. Following an on-site visit by the SCC Countryside Access Officer (Luke Dawson) we have received Estimates for major work on the ash tree in Sawpit Lane opposite Rendel Cottage, also for sycamores close by. It was decided to accept the Estimate from South East Tree Surgeons (recommended to us by Luke Dawson) for £495 for the ash, and for £95 for the sycamores. Before this work can be carried out, we need to apply to GBC for Planning Permission. (The trees do not have Preservation Orders but are sited within a Conservation Area.) The position of the ash tree is such that it cannot be confirmed if it is on ECPC land, or SCC Highways land. However, the costs of necessary work on the ash will be shared between ECPC and SCC (to be arranged by Luke Dawson on completion)
- b. In view of the fact that the village has several large and mature trees that need caring for, it was decided that the Council should re-appoint a Tree Warden in the village. This person will be given information about the position of large trees in the village as well as a specified listing of points to look for. The council has been loaned a document entitled 'Risk Assessing your trees'.

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Clandon Conversations

The afternoon tea-party to launch this project was held with great panache in the village hall on 5th July. An abundance of tea and cake was enjoyed by 26 participants, of whom about ½ were current residents of the village, and ½ living elsewhere.

14/070

Care of village benches.

- a. Work will soon be commencing on the cleaning and repairs of all village benches. The Molvidson bench will be moved to its new position at the side of the playground area of the Rec. (Because the total estimates for this work is under £500 no further estimates are necessary.)
- b. The Johnson family have requested that the bench which they donated, and is currently beside the Back Lane pond, be taken with them to their new home elsewhere. They will then provide the village with a replacement bench, to be sited in the same position. Council agreed to this suggestion. Mary will check through the files to find out where the bench had been purchased originally.

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14/071

Any other business

- a. Fencing on The Common. The Council considered a suggestion that post and rail fencing should be installed at the Ripley Road and also the Back Lane boundaries to the Common. Paul will find out an approximate estimate for this based on the cost of the fencing that was erected around Tunmore Fields. It is probable that this project would be eligible for Concurrent Functions Grant Aid (50%). To be reviewed in September.
- b. Notice Board on The Common. This notice board advises the public of the ownership and use of The Common. It was sited at the Ripley Road entrance, but has been unofficially moved further along and hidden by the hedge. It will be re-positioned when the proposed fencing is completed.
- c. The traffic mirror sited at the end of New Road. The Council has been told

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by a villager that this is in poor condition and not clear enough to be of use. Ray has inspected it and told the Council that the mirror surface cannot be cleaned. It is the property and responsibility of SCC Highways. Mary was asked to contact the villager and suggest that they report it to SCC.

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- d. Closed Churchyard Grant. Mary told the council that we are due to receive an increased grant from GBC, of £260.

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

The next meeting will be on at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.