
**Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7.45pm**

Present Ray Corstin (acting chairman), Ian Peacock, Clare Goodall, Al Mundy, Cllr Bill Barker, Cllr Jen Powell, 4 members of the public

In Attendance Mary Leech (parish clerk)

Apologies Sibylla Tindale, Cllr Jennie Wickes

Item	Action
15/001 Apologies for absence Cllr Jenny Wicks; Sibylla Tindale	
15/002 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest None	
15/003 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12th November 2014 Signed by the Acting Chairman as a correct record.	
15/004 Matters arising, not dealt with below as separate agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <u>Item 14/09c. War memorial.</u> Paul Richardson is still awaiting a third quote for the work to repair the names on the Memorial; we can then apply to the War Memorial Trust for financial assistance.b. <u>Item 14/099e Grass mowing.</u> Skip McMullan has volunteered to mow the Common as necessary, using his own ride-on mower.c. <u>Item 14/099f. Position of Parish Clerk.</u> A replacement parish clerk has not yet been found. Mary will continue only until the Annual Meeting in May.d. <u>Item 14/103.</u> The tennis court has now been cleaned of moss.e. <u>Item 14/105.</u> The Common fencing is now complete, with a new field gate at each end (access from Back Lane, and from the Ripley Road), with enough space left for pedestrian access.f. <u>Item 14/106.</u> Drift Golf Course works. Cllr Bill Barker will inform Ray Corstin of his comments. The planning application will be discussed by GBC later this month.g. <u>Item 107/b.</u> Back Lane Pond annual maintenance. This has not yet been undertaken because of the unsuitable weather. David Smithers hopes to be able to do the work this month, again dependent on weather conditions.	RC
15/005 Financial Matters <u>Report for the month.</u> Copies of the Report until the end of December were available for councillors' inspection. Closing balance at end of December £8103.85.	
15/006 Planning Matters <u>High Clandon Farm.</u> Period of time for comments is now over, and the decision	

by GBC Planning Department is awaited.

- 15/007 **Spring Clean of Village**
It was decided to hold another village clean-up, preferably in March. Before a date is finalised, Mary will liaise with the church to find out if they have any date already fixed. ML
- 15/008 **Garden Contractor**
Ray will discuss with Jim Bacon how much he thinks he can continue to do. On the basis of that information, we may have to locate and employ an outside contractor for the balance of the work. RC
- 15/009 **A246 safety at New Road Junction**
There have been two more, recent, accidents at this site, one serious.
After discussion about the best way to approach SCC Highways requesting better safety measures for this junction, Cllr Bill Barker suggested that, to acquaint himself better with the position, he is shown the problems by walking the site with a councillor. Ray said that he will accompany him. RC
- 15/010 **Shere Hill Climb**
Dates and details for a meeting with the organisers postponed until February meeting. ST
- 15/011 **Any other business**
a. Access to Hatchlands from Saw Pit Lane
Villagers have walked along the track which links Sawpit Lane with Hatchlands Long Walk for as long as can be remembered (certainly longer than the 20 year period necessary to have prescriptive rights) ; in recent months access has been totally blocked by a very large tree trunk deliberately placed by Ryde Farm Estate across the gateway.
However, it has recently been established (from Land Registry records) by both ECPC and Hatchlands that the track is National Trust property, and does not belong to Ryde Farm Estate. Because a lot of villagers still want use of this track (mainly dog walkers) and believe that they have an Absolute Right it was decided that there should be a meeting between a representative from the parish council and the Grounds Manager at Hatchlands to discuss the issue and request that right of way for villagers be re-established. Ray will ask Sibylla if she is willing to conduct this meeting. RC/ST
- b. Japanese Knotweed behind the Sheepdip Pond (beside and across the above trackway). It has been noted that this is spreading further across the track. When the meeting is held with the grounds manager, this will be included in discussion. (ST)
- c. Plaque dedicated to Captain Grenfell. Clare said that the recently dedicated plaque, situated in Tunsgate Arch, is obscured from view by the awning over the flower-sellers stall. Cllr Jen Powell will investigate.

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm

**The next meeting of East Clandon Parish Council will be on
Tuesday 3rd February 2015.**

Mary Leech, Clerk to East Clandon Parish Council, 12th January 2015

