

Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th October 2006

- Present** Roger Nickolds (Acting Chairman), Adrian Thomson, Paul Richardson, Sibylla Tindale, Mary Leech (Clerk).
Also Julie Lawson, Estate Manager at Hatchlands Park; Cllr David Davis, John Leader
- Apologies** Cllr Jen Powell, Cllr Jenny Wicks.

*Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests registered.
None received*

Item	Action
1662	
Minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2006 There were no amendments. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.	
1663	
Matters arising	
<u>Item 1654, 1645, 1643 (c) village war memorial.</u> There has been no quote received from the monumental mason. Roger has been given the name of another, whom he will contact with a view to receiving an estimate for the necessary maintenance work on the memorial.	Roger
<u>Item 1654, 1645, 1636,1630 Community Speedwatch.</u> There have now been three sessions, with more planned.	
<u>Item 1654, 1645, 1636,1627,1625 weed control in Tunmore fields.</u> The control programme with some spot treatment of thistles in the field will be re-commenced in the Spring of 2007.	Roger
<u>Item 1658. Travellers parked in Snelgate.</u> Mary has confirmed that the only turning place for large vehicles which have entered Snelgate (for example the refuse collection trucks) is at this end of the road, and therefore it would not be practicable to erect barrier posts.	
<u>Item 1659,iii. the bund.</u> Roger has not talked with Adam Johnson but will shortly.	Roger
<u>Item 1659 Community Gangs.</u> It is hoped that the list of jobs, sent by email, will be done by the Gang on their next visit to the village. Mary was also asked to add to the list:	Mary
a. continued blockage of drain at junction of Back Lane with Ripley Road, b. potholes along Ripley Road opposite Stuart Cottage c. large hole on bend outside Antlers Cottage, on The Street. Cllr David Davis confirmed that the gangs visit regularly, on an approximate 6 weekly basis.	
1664	
Formal acceptance of resignations of Mrs Beth Cooper and Mrs Alison Woolgar Mary will write to both, thanking them for their services to the council.	Mary
1665	
Co-option of Mrs Sibylla Tindale as parish councillor. With the approval of the Councillors present, Mrs Sibylla Tindale of Clandon Fields was co-opted on to the council. Sibylla will serve the remainder of Beth's	

term of office until May 2007. Mary will provide Sibylla with the necessary papers to be signed.

Mary

Financial Report

1666

a. Current account: £310. Deposit account: £4,078

b. Annual subscription to CPRE. The council agreed to renew this, for £26.

c. budget and concurrent functions grant aid.

The proposed budget for 2007 was approved and adopted; it will entail a 2½ % increase in our precept. A small surplus is maintained for emergency needs.

Adrian outlined the progress of the current year's work according to the present Concurrent Functions Grant:

Phase I of the Pasture Improvement work on Tunmore Fields will be completed next year with one further overall spraying and spot treatment of more resistant weeds.

Phase II: the replacement of the existing entrance gate from the Ripley Road (which is not only falling apart but also is too narrow for modern contractors' vehicles to pass through) and improvement of the fencing of the field by erecting a combination of rustic rails and wire/netting as deemed suitable. We have placed a concurrent functions grant request with GBC for £4,500, to do this work over a two-year period. In this way the boundaries of the field will be preserved, and the overall aspect of the field will be improved.

Mary

Roger

1667

(a) Planning Reports

Mary brought the council up-to-date with current planning applications:

06/P/ 02072 new stable block at Old Manor Farm

06/P/01698 approval by GBC of the sand school and stable development at Doverhay.

(b) Planning Enforcement

Hill Top Farm. Mary was asked to check with Cathy MacMullan for any news.

Clandon Manor Farm. Mary had attended the start of the recent Inquiry, Roger attended for 1 ½ days. The Council expects to be notified of the Inspector's decision after 6 weeks.

Mary

1668

Risk Assessment

a. sound reduction fence. Roger and John Leader will meet with Paul in order to provide another opinion on the state of small parts of the fence.

b. Mary reminded councillors of the assessments due to be made during October and November. Sibylla will take over responsibility for looking at the bus shelters.

Roger
/John
Leader

clrs

1669

New Garden Contract, for 2007/08/09

It was decided to award the contract to Jim Bacon Garden Services.

1670

Horse Shelter for Tunmore Field

The current tenant of Tunmore Field, Matthew Pitt, has asked for permission to erect a (mobile) field shelter on the field. This does not need planning permission because it will not have permanent foundations; the council agreed to this request. Mary will notify Matt.

Mary

1671

Guildford in Bloom Award to village, for 2006.

East Clandon has received an award in the Silver Gilt category. Mary will ask Peter Smart to inform the village via email. The award certificate will be displayed on the notice board. (When received from GBC which apparently has mislaid the certificate, and will be providing a replacement as soon as possible)

Mary

1672

Donation of benches and trees for the village

Mary has investigated styles and prices of benches made by the local Company, Norbury Wood Products, several of which can be seen at both Sheepleas and Newlands Corner. (Norbury Wood Products is owned by Surrey Wildlife Trust. All their products are made from local wood.)

The council chose the style called 'Mickleham' as suitable for positioning throughout the village. Mary will contact the three potential donors, and then place orders with Norbury if acceptable by them. In the meantime, Roger confirmed that Mr Patrick will fix the bench donated by the Molvidsons to a secure base in Tunmore Triangle, for the cost of £120. If required, he will also secure any further benches purchased by us.

Mary

1673

Village Trees and Verges Project. (Village Improvement Scheme.)

Adrian reported on the satisfactory progress of this project, which will be carried on through 2007.

1674

Junction of Tithebarns Lane with Ripley Road

Although this junction is not within our parish boundaries but those of Ripley, it is part of a route used a lot by village residents. The possibility of improving visibility was discussed and investigated at previous council meetings (about 2 years past), but no action had been taken.

Mary has recently received a copy of a letter from Nick Etches sent to SCC, expressing concern about the dangerous nature of this junction, due to hindered visibility caused both by the nature of the bends in the road and the overgrown vegetation around the junction. Mary has written to SCC Highways Department, with copies to Ripley Parish Council Clerk and to Cllr. David Davis. David will try to follow this up. In the meantime, Mary will ask the Community Gang to clear the vegetation which obscures the road sign at the junction, and will keep the Ripley Clerk informed.

Mary

1675

Any other business

- a. safety posts. Paul asked if the style of posts along some of the village verges could be improved, to be more in keeping with a rural environment. In particular, the black and white posts situated outside Warren Cottage, along Back Lane, at the bends along the Ripley Road. Mary will contact SCC Highways.
- b. Parish Plan. There was discussion about the need/benefits of an East Clandon Parish Plan, which would set out our objectives for the village for a number of years. Send is preparing a Plan, Shere has done so. David told the meeting that on 4th November, Send will be holding a display of their proposed Plan. Also, that a representative of Surrey Community Action is willing to visit Parish Councils and discuss the process of setting up a Parish Plan. David will provide Mary with the necessary contact for this.
At present such a Plan is a voluntary action for a parish council to follow, but the suggestion was made that it may become obligatory in the future.
- c. Conservation Review. Mary said that we have not yet received any final version of the Conservation Review which was carried out for the village over a year ago. She will write to John Davey, the head of Conservation at GBC.
- d. Julie Lawlor, Property Manager at Hatchlands and Clandon House National Trust properties gave greetings to the Council, and outlined some of the past year's activities.

Mary

Mary

1676

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th December

