
Minutes of the East Clandon Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th February 2012

Present Sibylla Tindale (Chairman), Paul Richardson, Keith Grange, Al Mundy,
In Attendance Cllr Jenny Wicks; three members of the public; Mary Leech (parish clerk)
Apologies Ray Corstin, Cllr Jen Powell

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests registered: Sibylla Tindale, neighbour to Hilltop Farm (agenda item 6b)

Item		Action
12/012	Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 10th January 2012 The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
12/013	Matters arising, not dealt with below as separate agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <u>Item 2058e. Hilltop Farm Ragwort control.</u> This will be followed up in March/April 2012.b. <u>Item 2058i. Bus shelter repair.</u> Paul reported that repair work on both shelters will begin soon,c. <u>Item 2060b. Salt bins.</u> The bins are installed, and were in use recently.d. <u>Item 12/011a. Dog excrement in playground.</u> There has been no recent evidence of fresh fouling.e. <u>Item 12/011b. Clandon Wood Burial Site.</u> Surveying of the site is still in progress. Mary has been in contact with West Clandon PC, who have no objections to the work nor to the plans for the site. It will continue to be monitored.	ST
12/014	Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Keith circulated copies of the ECPC finances as at end of January 2012, and outlined details.b. <u>Current account: £5877.26. Deposit account: £3615.60</u> (Keith has made a Bank to transfer of £3000 from the current a/c to the deposit a/c., not £6000 as previously planned because ready money will be needed for expected payments in the near future). £4:63 has been reclaimed on VAT.	
12/015	Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <u>12/P/00069 The Queens Head.</u> Their application has been noted. There were no comments from the council.b. <u>Hilltop Farm Planning Appeal.</u> Temporary permission for 5 years granted to two named families for 2 gypsy pitches.	

Because of ECPC dissatisfaction with the manner in which GBC planners at the Appeal presented their objections to this inappropriate development in, and encroachment of, Green Belt & AGLV Sibylla has written to Carol Humphrey, Head of Planning at GBC and to Cllr Jenny Wicks, and awaits a reply. Cllr Jenny Wicks answered questions from all present, especially in view of current scepticism,

both that GBC's failure of policy regarding provision of enough Gypsy sites before the end of the 5-year period and also that they will strictly enforce all conditions laid down by the Inspectorate. There was discussion over the best way for ECPC and villagers to proceed to ensure that these conditions are strictly observed, and that at the end of the 5-year period provided by the Inspectorate, the land is properly cleared and the openness of the Green Belt is restored.

12/016 **Tunmore Fields fencing/hedging**

The work is about to begin, within the budget agreed at the last meeting.

12/017 **Tennis court**

- a. Trees TPO and necessary work. After receiving ECPC Application for necessary and urgent tree surgery (to increase light and air circulation on the tennis court and thus prevent the recurrent growth of moss on the court surface), GBC Tree Officer put an emergency TPO on the trees, without any consultation with ECPC. All councillors supported Sibylla's view that this was a total misjudgement by the Tree Officer, who had not apparently appreciated the danger to tennis players as a result of the growth of moss on the court, due to the shading and damp conditions caused by the rapid and unchecked growth of the trees. Sibylla will immediately resubmit the application to GBC, with full explanation of the reasons why the work is of urgency.
- b. Cleaning. Because of the slippery and unsafe surface of the court, urgent cleaning work to remove moss is needed. Sibylla will ask for a quote from the contractor who has done this work before.

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12/018 **Village Security.**

It was again noted that there has still been no police presence seen during the night patrols carried out by villagers, and which are continuing.

Community Speedwatch

12/019 Al has received confirmation from Arthur Hunkin that he will take on the role of co-ordinator for the Village Speedwatch. The police have been notified and it is hoped that the Speedwatch will soon re-commence.

12/020 **Litter pick-up day.** Mary was asked to select a suitable Sunday in March, and to provide the village with publicity.

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12/021 **AONB/AGLV boundary review.**

We await news of recent developments, from CPRE.

12/022 **Wildflower Meadow on the Common.**

Sibylla reported that the seeds are germinating and growing well. Two rustic benches are on order, and will be tannalised and installed by Waldo Griffiths. This will be reported to the Big Lottery Fund before the end of April. Sibylla requested from ECPC funds an additional £209 to cover the cost of installing the benches.

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12/023 **Plans for the Queens Jubilee Celebration**

The plans for a celebratory event are going ahead, with the name "Jubilee Jolly". Sibylla distributed an outline of preliminary plans for an evening celebration, 6 – 10 pm on Monday 4th June, villagers only, with a small payment requested.. The event will take place in the back garden area of the pub, using the marquee and also requesting from villagers the loan of gazebos and garden umbrellas. In order to make up the budgeted shortfall, Sibylla requested a grant of £500 from ECPC as an advance to help cover anticipated expenses. This will be confirmed at the next

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ECPC meeting

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Any other business

- a. Community Improvement Fund. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Change of meeting dates. Mary notified the Council that the date of the March meeting has been changed (from 13th March) to Tuesday 20th March because she will be away on 13th.

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In the absence of further business the meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th March at 7:45pm (pre-meeting at 7:15pm)

Mary Leech, Parish Clerk 20th February 2012