

Confirmation that the second variable message speed sign on the approaches to the School has had a positive impact with police speed checks before and after installation showing the average speed on this stretch reduced from 39 to 33mph.

Council representatives also met with Surrey Highways officials to discuss how the £7000 originally earmarked for the extension of the 30mph speed limit along Clandon Road could be used. Final proposals awaited but could include village 'gates' at the entrances to the village. Research evidence suggests that these can have some impact on driver behavior.

Two sets of road works on Clandon Rd at the moment: remedial work to try and sort on the bumps introduced by the pipe laying work earlier this year and further work on the junction with the A3 slip road delayed by problems in sourcing the right sort of bollard!

We are again looking at proposals to develop a neighbourhood plan in West Clandon. Such a plan would allow the local community to put in place specific planning policies for the Parish of West Clandon. Although it would not allow us to overturn the requirements of the Guildford Local Plan we would be able to specify local planning guidance and policies which have equal weight and status to it when planning applications were decided. It could, for example, give us significant influence over developments at Gosden Hill and the protection of the green space between any such development and the village. Areas with a neighbourhood plan also keep a greater proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) developers pay towards new community facilities and infrastructure and can spend it on local priorities. To make progress though we need volunteers to help. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Every year the Parish Council gives grants to organisations in the village which support the local community. This year is no exception and funds have been awarded for specific projects at Clandon School, The Friends of West Clandon Church and Clandon Good Neighbours as well as supporting a senior citizens Christmas lunch at West Clandon British Legion.

The Village Hall was recently closed for short time for urgent electrical work, the cost of which presented a significant challenge. The Parish Council made a successful bid to Guildford Borough Council who have agreed to fund 50% of the cost. We are grateful to them for stepping in to support this valuable community facility.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in the Village Hall