

Headlines from the June 18 Parish Council Meeting

The Local Plan Inquiry has been in full swing with representatives of the Parish Council attending sessions where issues of relevant to Clandon are likely to be discussed. Early arguments have focused on the number of new houses required to meet projected demand and also to address the affordability of property in the area. Guildford has revised its projection down but developers, including the Clandon Park Estate, are arguing the number is insufficient.

The Secretary of State has refused the Wisley Airfield Planning Appeal but it could be revised and resubmitted when the new Local Plan comes into force. If not space for 2000 homes might have to be found elsewhere.

Our main current concern remains the impact of opening up the Burnt Common slip roads on traffic on the Street. Here the omens are not good with Guildford reportedly describing the new slips roads as essential to the delivery of the Plan. We will be taking any opportunity to argue our case at the Inquiry.

Surrey has now approved funding to extend the 30mph limit from Lime Grove north to Green Lane. A variable message speed sign is also set to be installed close to the entrance of Clandon Park. In preparation for the installation the police undertook a speed survey. A shocking 88.3% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit. The Police to have subsequently undertaken enforcement action.

At a more parochial level the Council has resolved to apply to Guildford Borough Council for a Community Governance Review with a view to increasing the number of parish councilors from 6 to 8. We are still looking for a councillor to replace Rob MacDonald who recently left the village.

After some chasing Surrey County Council have provided us with a schedule of footpath clearance which states that work on the main paths in the village is imminent. There will be further work in July and some follow up towards the end of August. The Parish will be undertaking some work on the footpaths which link us with East Clandon.

Despite objections from the Parish Council and many others Surrey County Council have announced their intention to go ahead with the controversial parking charges at Newlands Corner from 9th July 2018. Parking for cars will be free for 20mins (you will still need a ticket). For longer stays the charges are £1.30/hour for the first three hours and £5 for more than three hours. Payment will be accepted by Credit/Debit Card. through the RinGo app or over the phone. A £60 annual pass is available from 01785 336781 or on-line at www.countrysidecarparks.co.uk . More information on the plans can be found at www.surreycc.gov.uk/payandconserve

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th July in the Village Hall.

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