

Headlines from the December 2017 meeting of the Parish Council

Clandon Park

This month Paul Cook of the National Trust joined us to give an update on progress at Clandon Park. He reported that Allies and Morrison had been appointed as architect for the rebuilding project but there was some way to go before the final designs were agreed. Over 3000 people had attended the concept display with over 500 comments made including a great deal of useful local input. Final designs should be available next summer and there would be another opportunity for local people to comment. More information can be seen on the National Trust website at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clandon-park/features/architects-allies-and-morrison-appointed-to-rebuild-clandon-park>

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator supported by the Council is now operational on the wall of the Village Hall. Thanks again to Alison Bass and the team who organised this. Simple instructions for use are available with the equipment but training is also being offered in January.

Local Plan

Guildford has now submitted the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate. There are no new development sites proposed within the village settlement area but Gosden Hill, Burnt Common and Wisley Airfield are still in the frame. The Parish Council is joining forces with the Guildford Residents Association and others to fund a planning consultant with the aim of challenging the key 'housing needs' figures on which so much of the Plan is based.

Footpaths and the Parish Precept

Since Surrey County Council reduced the amount of footpath maintenance keeping the core network in good order has been something of a challenge. In response to suggestions from residents the Council has agreed in principle to increase its own budget in this area by £2000 to enable us to do more locally. The knock on effect of this would be an increase in the parish precept of about 10% costing approximately £3 per annum for the average 'band D' property in the Village. On the plus side we expect grants from Guildford will enable some work on the Village Hall likely to include new chairs and window replacement.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 10th January at 8.00pm in the Village Hall