

Headlines from the March 2019 meeting of West Clandon Parish Council

### **Have your say on the future of West Clandon**

This month West Clandon Residents should find an envelope included with their copy of the West Clandon Neighbourhood Plan Survey included with the Magazine. If it's not there or you need more copies you can email me or call and I'll drop some round.

Please complete the survey either by returning the questionnaire in hard copy or even better completing it on-line at our new neighbourhood planning website which will go live later this month. I'll send round another email with the details as soon as its up and running.

The Guildford Local Plan has now completed its public examination and we await the Inspector's judgement. Verbal comments made at the conclusion of the hearings suggest that the Plan will be substantially approved and attention will move to seeking to mitigate the effects of the developments proposed in and around the local area. A Neighbourhood Plan could give us more powers to do this. The Parish Council was represented in Master Planning Consultations held on some of the major sites including Gosden Hill and Wisley and we were pleased to see some of our main points included in the subsequent report. These included improving Park Lane/Merrow Lane linking with the A3 at Burpham to provide an alternative route for heavy traffic to the A247 and the importance of retaining (publicly accessible) green place between West Clandon and Gosden Hill.

The results of a footpath survey undertaken by the Parish Council has been discussed with Surrey County Council. As a result, early moves are expected in to improve and replace signage on the network. The footpath across Clandon Park remains closed however and SCC have been unable to agree an alternative route with the Estate.

The Parish Council is always pleased to receive proposals from interested residents for projects which benefit the local community. We have now received legacy funds from the former Clandon Horticultural Society specifically to support small projects of a horticultural and environmental nature. If you have any thoughts get in touch.

In the same vein we welcome the initiative of the Church and Tuesday Café to provide a hearing aid clinic at the Poppy Room. The next event will be at 2.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April. There will be cake!

Surrey County Council inform us that Bus Route 479 has been discontinued as the operator has ceased trading. Efforts are in hand to secure a replacement.

The extension to the reinforced grassed over area of the Recreation Ground Car Park has now been completed. The warmer and wetter spring weather should assist us in restoring the grass. Elsewhere in the car park as many as 14 potholes have been repaired perhaps challenging a record set by one Sgt Pepper in Blackburn, Lancashire. (1967)

The April meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April will be preceded at 8.00pm by the Annual Parish Assembly at which the Chairman will give an account of Parish Council business over the past year. We will also be giving an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. We would like as many residents as possible to attend to give their views on West Clandon's Future.

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