

## Headlines from the July Parish Council Meeting

The Mayor of Guildford will be visiting Clandon on 21<sup>st</sup> August to meet residents attending the Tuesday Café in the Poppy Room. Those interested in attending should contact Ingrid Molossi. He also plans to attend the launch of the Clandon Dragon when it finally emerges from the undergrowth on Epsom Road- further details nearer the event. The Parish Council has offer to match fund donations received from interested residents. Meanwhile the organisers are still looking for offers of help both financial and physical. Contact Katherine Cornwall for further details.

Following the departure of Rob MacDonald the Council had invoked the 'Occasional Vacancy Procedure' which invited anyone interested in taking up the position to throw their hat in the ring. As no-one has we are now free to co-opt. Again contact me if you are interested in exploring this. We have also asked Guildford Borough Council to undertake a Community Governance Review to increase the maximum number of councillors from 6 to 8 which we hope will eventually enable us to include councillors representing a wider range of community perspectives in the village.

Representatives of the Parish Council have been attending the Public Hearings for the examination of the Local Plan. The concluding remarks by the Inspector suggested that the Plan was on course for approval albeit with some amendments which included increasing the number of houses built in the early years of the Plan and placing more emphasis on the Town Centre. The slip roads proposed at Burnt Common were still included and were proposed as mitigation for the increased traffic through Ripley should the Wisley Airfield development go ahead. We will be looking to work with neighbouring parishes who share our perspectives to try and make sure our continuing objections and concerns are heard. (See [www.westclandon.org.uk/docs/Local%20Plan%20Inquiry.pdf](http://www.westclandon.org.uk/docs/Local%20Plan%20Inquiry.pdf) for more details on our input.)

The Council will be making an application for grant support from Guildford to extend the 'Grassform' hard standing area in the Village Hall Car Park. If successful we will be able to provide better access to the extended parking area and enable its use to be maximised.

Most of the core footpaths in the village have been cut by Surrey County Council with further work expected in July and late August. The current spell of dry weather has reduced the need for further work at least at present. Meanwhile the Parish has paid for work to clear footpaths between the Street and Clandon Regis Golf Club Drive not covered by Surrey.

Sharp eyed motorists may have noticed the speed count recently underway on Clandon Rd. The purpose was to gather data in advance of the planned extension of the 30mph limit to Green Lane. The contractor who undertook the recent gas main work is due to return to repair substandard work and reinstate the road surface. As previously reported some safety improvements to the junction between Clandon Rd and the A3 slip at Burnt Common are also in the pipeline. A second Vehicle Activated Speed Sign is due to be erected on the approaches to Clandon School.

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

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