

Headlines from the October meeting of West Clandon Parish Council

Local Plan

The Council's response to the latest consultation on the Guildford Local Plan is being finalised and will be published on our website shortly. Our concerns include the Inspector's wish to see more housing delivered in the early years of the plan. As brownfield sites take longer to come onstream this can have the effect of pushing more into the green belt. Traffic on the A247 remains our main issue. The Inspector undertook an unannounced site visit at the end of July. As the all-important housing number (currently 674) is again up for review we are contributing towards the cost of a consultant to help challenge the figures where this is appropriate. The consultation closes on the 23rd October.

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Thanks to those who responded with suggestions on how the £1m in the plan for environmental and traffic measures in West Clandon might be utilised. Although this is still some way off we do still have access to the £7,000 previously earmarked for the extension of the speed limit along Clandon Rd and will be meeting with Surrey Highways at the end of the month to explore options for utilising this.

Playground Annual Inspection

The Annual Safety Inspection of the Play Equipment on the Recreation Ground has been completed. No significant issues were identified.

Footpaths

Dry weather this summer has helped in keeping vegetation levels down this year. We are in touch with Surrey over any problems notified to us. Our new lead councillor for footpaths will be undertaking a review of the whole network which stretches from Gambles Lane in the North onto Clandon Downs in the South. A map is available on our website at <http://www.westclandon.org.uk/footpaths.html>. We planning to keep next year's budget at this year's increased level.

2019/20 Budget and Precept.

We have started to look at the Parish Council Budget for next year. Final decisions will be taken in the December meeting.

Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 14th November at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.