

West Clandon Parish Council Headlines from the January Meeting

A West Clandon Neighbourhood Planning Group has been established and had its first meeting. The role of the Group will be to advise the Parish Council on what a neighbourhood plan could do for West Clandon and how it might best be achieved. Neighbourhood Plans are being adopted across England and if we follow suit, we will have much more power locally to influence planning decisions and also get to keep a bigger proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy which developers will have to pay as a condition of planning approval. The Group will shortly be putting together a questionnaire to residents to find out what is important to them and how they would like the village to develop in future. If any other residents are interested in getting involved please get in touch.

The recently refurbished Clandon Dragon on the Epsom Road will be 'unleashed' by the Mayor of Guildford in a ceremony to be held on the 2nd February. He will also attend a reception for the volunteers and other supporters who brought this project to fruition.

Guildford Local Plan hearings will be reconvened on the 12th and 13th February. They will focus on the number of houses which are needed to underpin the plan following the submission of new evidence and possible changes in national methodology. A reduction in the number and could reduced the pressure to include some of the new sites proposed by the Council.

A grant to support a project to extend the Recreation Ground car park with 'geogrid' grassed over hardstanding has been secured from Guildford Borough Council. The work is expected to start in late February. Guildford has also helped to finance the recent urgent electrical work in the Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 13th February in the Village Hall.

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