

Meeting: CLAPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
8th September 2026 at 7pm

Council Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) (Chair)
Members in Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS)
attendance: Cllr. John Keech (JK)
Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL)
Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW)
Cllr. Jackie Fraser (JF)

Apologies Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP)
received: Cllr John Reid (JR)

Non-attendance: Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT)

Clerk to the Rosemary Plum (RP)
Council:

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from:

- Cllr. John Reid

2. Declarations of Interest

Nothing to report

3. Open Forum

JK called for the Allotment Committee, who he feels are doing a fantastic job generally, to do more communications around the events they hold and RP can circulate to Parish Councillors.

RP

4. Ratify Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 14th July 2026 were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

PROPOSED: Cllr. John Keech

SECONDED: Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

5. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

All covered on the Agenda for this meeting.

6. Clerk's Report

- I. RP has written to Borough Highways department about winter gritting arrangements and requested assurances. Awaiting response RP
- II. Parking on the road at the entrance to 2 The Close reported to the Borough enforcement team and RP written to the post office owner. RP
- III. Larger litter bin to be installed at Shopping Parade. Existing bin to replace the existing wooden bin at the entrance to Riverside Gardens in a better position to allow better vehicle access. Costs will be covered by Cllr. Abbott's Ward Funding. RP

PROPOSAL: To position the new larger litter bin on the grass verge of the shopping parade, behind the bus stop near the gap in the wall.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ian Gaskin

SECONDED: Cllr. Adrian Langley

VOTE: unanimous

- IV. Parish Magazine has gone to press and will be distributed w/c 14 September. RP
- V. Cemetery brochure on the agenda later.
- VI. Flood group on the agenda later.
- VII. Historic Clapham sign positioned on the grass verge at the junction of Green Lane and High Street is in very poor state of repair. It has been placed into storage pending quotes for its refurbishment. RP

7. Riverside Gardens

a) Update

- I. New litter bin – see 6iii) above RP
- II. Volunteers are concerned about the amount of weeds in the grass on the upper level. The group getting quote to have it sprayed with weedkiller. NS talking to contractor on Thursday 10/9. NS
- III. RP to arrange cutting back of trees overhanging the footpath along the High Street boundary. RP
- IV. RP to apply for bulbs from Borough Council to plant in Riverside Gardens. RP
- V. The volunteers will have various items for discussion in the autumn to put forward for precept consideration in January 2027.
- VI. RP to follow up new contact in Felmersham about supply and install of fishing platforms.

8. Flood Group

a) New members – Update

- I. 2 new volunteers have come forward for the Flood Group. RP

- II. RP to finish updating Flood Plan and distribute by 20th September. RP
 - III. RP to add recorded message to Parish landline advising residents where to go to fill sandbags. RP
 - IV. RP to update Flood Group advise in September edition of Village News. RP
- b) Fetlock Close resident
- I. RP to draft advice and provision for vulnerable and extremely vulnerable residents and communicate across the Parish. RP
 - II. RP check with Borough Flood Officer about funds for vulnerable residents. RP

9. Highways & Footpaths

- a) Update
- I. Dual purpose waste bin on Highbury Grove at end of FP14 missing lid and needs clearing. RP
 - II. Soroptimist House, Green Lane– missing sleepers designed to retain soil from the bank along the path. RP to write to owner. RP
 - III. Flooding on corner of Highbury Close going into The Close continues to cause a problem and the bollards need straightening. RP
 - IV. Request yellow lines on corner of Highbury Grove to support delivery to pharmacy. RP to also speak to Pharmacy owner about encouraging AAH to stop directly outside the shop when making deliveries. RP
- b) Green Lane Traffic Monitoring – update
- I. It has been confirmed traffic monitoring was put in place as part of the planning application by the Parish Church.
 - II. RP to write to Woodland Manor again requesting they clear the ditch further up Green Lane between the hotel entrance and Church View. RP
- c) Star Pub frontage – issues
- d) RP has written to Charles Wells Estates requesting their intervention regarding the unsafe paving and overgrown weeds along the public house frontage.

10. Burial Ground & Church Yard

- a) Update
- I. Cemeteries information booklet currently being printed. RP
RP

- II. RP had to revise the layout of the fees table following complaints from funeral directors saying the charges information was not clear. RP
- III. The noticeboard at the end of walkway to the Parish Church is in very poor repair. RP to speak with Rev. Liley.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 13th October 2026 in the Committee Room, Clapham Village Hall

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.15pm.

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	13 th October 2026

Chair