



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – January 2016

One Stop Shop – The Parish Council was shocked, saddened and angry to hear of the robbery that took place at the One Stop shop in the village early on Sunday 22nd November last year. Although serious crime in Claydon is extremely rare, such events send a feeling of unease

throughout the whole community and we feel affronted that those who work in our local shops and serve us well, and to whom many of us are known personally, can be threatened by those who have no regard for anyone other than themselves. Fortunately the two members of staff involved were not badly injured but nevertheless suffered an extremely traumatic ordeal. We wish them all the very best for a full recovery and are very pleased that they have felt able to return to their jobs in the One Stop shop.

Christmas Tree Recycling – ‘Real’ Christmas trees, less than 7 feet tall, can be recycled after Christmas by taking them to Claydon Recreation Ground between 7.00 a.m. on Saturday 2nd January and 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12th January 2016. Please remove all decorations, pots, and stands.

Locality Budget – Our two Mid Suffolk District Councillors, John Whitehead and James Caston, have been given a locality budget between them of £10,000.00. This is a ‘one off’ allocation for not-for-profit community groups, organisations and individual projects. Grants will be made from £250 upwards on a competitive basis, but no more than 20 will be approved in total. The application form is relatively simple to complete and is available, with additional information, from the Parish Clerk. Completed forms should be returned to Emma Bendall in the Communities Team at Mid Suffolk District Council by 8th January 2016.

Cycling on Footpaths – The Parish Council is very concerned that cycling, sometimes at speed, by school children and grown-ups on the pavement that runs past the brick bus shelter seems to be getting worse. Apart from being a criminal offence, it really is very dangerous for the people waiting at the bus stop who tend to stand and look in the direction from which the bus will come and then step out onto the pavement to get on board when it arrives. In so doing they could easily walk into the path of a cyclist, which could result in a serious injury accident. The onset of winter weather will only make this situation worse as passengers will be waiting in the bus shelter, where visibility is restricted, and the path narrower. Cyclists should be in no doubt that if they ride on any public footpath in Claydon and cause injury to a pedestrian they will be in serious trouble with the police. The Parish Council has a duty to ensure the safety of all members of the local community and will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure this happens.

Meetings in January – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at the offices of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Unit 11A, Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon, IP6 0AJ. Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to give the opportunity for members of the public to speak briefly on items included on the agenda or to raise other issues about which they have concerns. Agendas are available in advance from our Parish Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle. Telephone: 01473 687384 (answer machine available), e-mail claywhit@btinternet.com or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX.

The members of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council wish everyone a very happy and peaceful New Year.

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