



## Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – May 2016

**Update on the Future of Policing in the Village** – We are pleased to confirm that agreement has been reached between the Suffolk Constabulary, and Barham, Great Blakenham and Henley parish councils to part-fund a Police Community Support Officer until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. This post will now be part of the Whitton Safer Neighbourhood Team, based at Landmark House. Regrettably, our former local PCSO, Phil Brill, has been moved to a new post within the Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team. We sincerely thank Phil for his work over recent years and the difference it made to the safety and security of our village life. We wish him every success for the future.

**Replacement Bus Shelter** – The bus shelter outside Claydon Car Sales suffered serious damage as a result of a recent accident and will be replaced with a sturdier structure by Suffolk County Council. Whilst it was felt that a contributory factor to the accident may have been the parking arrangements outside the shops opposite, these will remain unaltered for the foreseeable future but kept under review.

**A14 Road Noise** – The Parish Council has been in correspondence for a considerable time with Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) regarding remedial work to reduce road noise from the A14. As no satisfactory progress was made regarding a date on which this work would take place, the matter was referred to Dan Poulter MP for his intervention on our behalf with the Department of Transport. However, residents that are particularly concerned with this issue are asked to support the parish council's efforts to get this work done by attending his next constituency surgery in Claydon, the date of which will be advertised on the village hall notice board.

**Renewal of Water Main** – We have been given advanced notification by Anglian Water that work to renew the water main that runs through the centre of the village in Norwich Road will be undertaken during this year. At present we have been given no specific dates but work will involve road closures and the diversion of traffic. Updated information will be included in 'In Touch' and posted on our website as it is received.

**Claydon Pharmacy** – The Government are proposing to close 3,000 independent pharmacies nationwide, following a reduction in the NHS budget by the Department of Health, and Claydon could be one of those included. Since opening it has provided a much needed service and is used extensively by the community particularly for ordering and delivery of prescriptions, to the elderly, who are unable to collect them in person. There is a petition in the pharmacy against closure and everyone who is able, is asked to call in and add their name. This is yet another vital service to the community which is under threat and we need to do everything possible to try and prevent its loss.

**Meetings in May** – The Annual Meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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. Also the Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham Village Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas for both meetings will be available in advance from our Parish Clerk, Parish Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle, 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX, telephone: 01473 687384 (answer machine available), or e-mail [claywhit@btinternet.com](mailto:claywhit@btinternet.com)

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