



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – April 2017

Planning Applications and Proposals for New Housing – Like many parish councils in Suffolk, the Parish Councils of Claydon & Whitton Rural, Barham and Great Blakenham, have received an unprecedented number of planning applications and enquiries from potential developers to build significant numbers of new houses in the area all of

which, if approved, will seriously impact on the schools, doctors and roads in Claydon. The alleged failure of Mid Suffolk District Council to meet Government requirements to identify sufficient land for the provision of new homes has encouraged developers to assume that planning permission is very likely to be given. Currently, in addition to the proposed 294 houses off Barham Church lane for which a planning application is awaited, applications have been submitted to build 23 dwellings on land at the rear of de Saumarez Drive, Norwich Road, Barham and 27 dwellings including 9 affordable homes on land between Norwich Road and Pesthouse Lane, Barham. Claydon Parish Council does not have a statutory right to be consulted on these applications but will nevertheless send comments as appropriate. Members of the local community are also encouraged to send comments and/or objections direct to Mid Suffolk District Council either on line or by post. All current planning applications can be accessed via our website which will provide full details of what is proposed.

Annual Parish Meetings - These will take place on Monday 10th April 2017 in Claydon & Barham village Hall. Claydon Parish Meeting will commence at 7.00 p.m. and be followed by the Whitton Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m. These meetings are arranged by the Parish Council on behalf of the electors in each parish so that they are able to hear annual reports from the Parish Council and village organisations and also discuss any issues which they feel affect the local community. Unlike Parish Council meetings, where the public have a limited opportunity to speak, these meetings are specifically for members of the community to attend and make their views on local issues known, so everyone is encouraged to come along. Agendas and reports will be available from the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings.

Better Broadband - The UK government is committed to providing every home and business across the country with access to a basic broadband service. If you can't get a broadband speed of at least 2Mb per second, you could qualify for a subsidised connection worth up to £350 to boost your internet speed. To find out if you are eligible for a subsidy visit basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk and if so fill out a simple application form. If you qualify, you will be emailed a unique code which can be used with selected service providers to get a subsidised broadband service.

Parish Council Meetings in April - The next Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the offices of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Hill View Business Park, Old Norwich Road IP6 0AJ. Members of the community are very welcome to attend and opportunity will be given at the beginning of the meeting for them to speak on items included on the agenda or other issues about which they have concerns. Agendas will be available prior to the meeting 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.

Please see also our website: <http://claydonandbarham.onesuffolk.net/> or visit our Twitter a/c: @claywhitpc for the very latest news and information about village life and other items of interest.

