



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – August 2017

Antisocial Behaviour – Unfortunately from time to time the Parish Council has to deal with the effects of antisocial behaviour in the village. This is often petty vandalism and can include, for example, damage to community facilities such as litter bins being smashed which then have to be replaced. Also there are ongoing problems such as dog fouling on footpaths and other public areas. As a result it is often necessary to spend considerable amounts of the Parish Council budget to make good damage or meet the costs of cleaning up. One recent incident which is typical of what often happens involved the brick bus shelter opposite the fish & chip shop. An employee of the Parish Council was asked to clear the vegetation around the shelter and whilst doing so he noticed that the inside was in need of repainting which he then did. Just after this work was completed a group of youths were seen entering the bus shelter. After they had left it was discovered that the fresh paintwork had been daubed with graffiti. The Parish Council feels very strongly that any kind of mindless vandalism should not be tolerated and culprits must be brought to account for their actions whenever possible. It is therefore asking all members of the community to report any acts of antisocial behaviour that they see either to the police, by dialling 101, a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk giving any details which may help to identify those responsible. Also the Parish Council is continuing to negotiate with the Suffolk Constabulary to obtain the services of a dedicated Police Community Support Officer as it believes that there is past evidence to suggest that this would reduce the incidence of such problems.

Village Conservation Area – Just recently work has been undertaken to trim trees and clear pathways in the conservation area so that it is now safe for members of the public to walk through. It is hoped that further work will be done in the near future to clear undergrowth to increase public access.

Vacancies for new Parish Councillors – A reminder that there are still vacancies for Parish Councillors. Please contact the Parish Clerk, with no obligation, if you are interested.

The Parish Council is always interested to receive comments from residents. Opportunity is given at every Parish Council meeting for members of the public to speak about matters either on the agenda or that are of particular concern to them. Alternatively these can be sent in writing with your name and address to our Parish Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle, 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX. Telephone: 01473 687384 (answer machine available) or by e-mail: claywhit@btinternet.com

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