



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – February 2017

Parish Councillors – During recent months there have been a number of changes to the membership of the Parish Council. A list of current councillors is shown below. However, there are still vacancies for councillors that we would like to fill as soon as possible. No formal qualifications are required but prospective councillors should live in

Claydon or Whitton Rural and must be prepared to attend bi-monthly Parish Council meetings. Although not obligatory, councillors are also encouraged to become members of the Finance and /or Planning and Amenities Committees or represent the council at meetings of village organisations and other outside bodies in which they may have a particular interest. New councillors are also required to attend a short training course that takes place at the offices of the Suffolk Association of Local Authorities at the Hill View Business Park in Old Norwich Road. Parish Councils are the third tier of local government but are non-political. The work of the Parish Council is almost exclusively related to matters within the Claydon and Whitton Rural areas. It has a statutory right to carry out certain functions which include, for example, being consulted by Mid Suffolk District Council on all planning applications made in respect of land and buildings within the parish boundaries. In addition it has input into the provision of highways and other services provided by Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. It is required to set an annual budget and precept (council tax) which is then used exclusively for the benefit of the parish. If you care for, and are interested in, the present and future shape of your community and local environment, and have a few hours to spare each month, why not consider becoming a parish councillor. Please contact our Parish Clerk for an informal chat or further details, with no obligation, if you are interested. Your current parish councillors are:

CHAIRMAN:

Cllr. Chris Studd, Valley View, Church Lane, Claydon IP6 0EG

Tel: 831816

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr. Gavin Wood, 56 Edinburgh Gardens, Claydon IP6 0DU

Tel: 832047

MEMBERS

Cllr Peter Avis, 5 Back Lane, Claydon, IP6 0EB

Tel: 831553

Cllr Gail Cornish, 4 Alasdair Place, Drury Road, Claydon IP6 0ET

Tel: 834035

Cllr. Anne Dunford, 30 Newell Rise, Claydon, IP6 0AQ

Tel. 831846

Cllr. Nigel Gutteridge, 54 Thornhill Road, Claydon, IP6 0DZ

Tel. 830072

Cllr. Mary Le-May, 813 Old Norwich Road, Ipswich, IP1 6LH

Tel. 462072

Cllr. Glenn Risbridger, Fieldview Cottage, 7 The Slade, Claydon, IP6 0EX

Tel. 832590

Cllr. John Whitehead, 9 Highfield Drive, Claydon, IP6 0EY

Tel: 833279

Cllr. John Williams, Tregona, Station Road. Claydon, IP6 0HT

Tel. 830698

Meetings in January - The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the offices of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Hill View Business Park, Old Norwich Road. 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.

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