



## Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – March 2017

**Parish Precept 2017/18** – the Council approved a precept (budget) of £43,515.00 for 2017/18, an increase of 1%. This will result in an annual charge of £56.26 for a council tax Band D property, equal to just 4p per month. Despite facing additional expenditure due to inflation, statutory pay increases, and changes to current services, such as

street lighting, wherever possible, savings were also identified that still allowed the Council to maintain current services and have sufficient funds to deal with unexpected items of expenditure when necessary. As usual, unlike other council tax charges, the parish precept will be spent entirely for the benefit of the local community.

**Objections to Planning Applications** – Members of the public are asked to ensure that all correspondence sent direct to Mid Suffolk District Council objecting to planning applications is copied to the Parish Clerk. This can then be sent with the formal response from the Parish Council to the relevant application.

**Recycling Bins in Claydon** – The Parish Council thanks Claydon High School PTA for their work to provide textile and paper recycling banks at the school near to the bus park. This will add to the recycling opportunities within the village and also raise funds for the school. Everyone is welcome to use them at any time except between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday during school term time. For more information on what can be recycled please go to <http://bit.ly/2k7X4Rb> or see our website. Members of the community are also reminded of the bottle recycling bank situated in the corner of the Greyhound public house car park nearest to Claydon pharmacy. However would those who recycle bottles please make sure that they are placed in the bottle bank and not left beside the pub's refuse bins.

**Closure of Norwich Road and Old Norwich Road** – Anglian Water were scheduled to begin work to replace the water main in Norwich Road and Old Norwich Road on 13<sup>th</sup> February. This work will be ongoing for 37 weeks and will include the closure of Norwich Road to traffic from its junction with the A140 to Barham Church Lane for 15 weeks. However, this will be done in two stages to allow access to the quarry and keep the bus route for the 113/114 service open. The diversion route will be via the A14. The estimated completion date for the work is 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Police and Parish Forum** – This will take place in Claydon & Barham village hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Its purpose is to give an opportunity for members of the community to raise any policing issues they have in our local area with the Local Safer Neighbourhood [police] Team and also to hear how policing is currently being carried out in Claydon and the surrounding area. Everyone is encouraged to come along.

**Meetings in March** - The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham village hall. 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](mailto:claywhit@btinternet.com) or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX.

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