



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – October 2017

Parish Councillors – We currently have four vacancies for Parish Councillors that we would like to fill urgently. 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 representing the views of the communities of Claydon and Whitton Rural on planning applications, which is particularly important at the current time due to the increased interest of developers to build houses in or around the village, and dealing with all issues relating to highways and other services provided by Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. In addition the Parish Council itself provides services, such as street cleaning, and gives support where possible to organisations and activities held within the village. Also, 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 have a few hours to spare and care for your local community and environment and would like to be involved in its present and future shape, please consider becoming a parish councillor. If you are interested please contact our Parish Clerk for further details without obligation.

Road Closures – There are still a number of road closures and restrictions affecting Claydon and the surrounding area which will continue for the foreseeable future. The latest notifications of pending works are posted regularly on our website for residents' information.

We congratulate our Chairman, Chris Studd and his wife Judy, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this month.

Meetings in October- The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd October 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 or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX.

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