

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council was held in Claydon Village Hall on Monday 12 March 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Avis, G Cornish, N Gutteridge, G James, S Price, G Risbridger, CJ Studd, A Thomas, J Whitehead, J Field (County Councillor), J Caston (District Councillor) and eight members of the public.

1. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR
Stuart Price was co-opted onto the parish council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. PUBLIC FORUM
Concern was raised at the amount of new properties being built and it was explained that we have always commented on infrastructure and parishioners need to comment individually to MSDC.
Extra traffic generated by the proposed Ely road development is also worrying.
It was not considered acceptable to have a housing development of 74 properties with little publicity. Cllr Caston will investigate this himself with MSDC.
Amy Read will be taking over from John Tuppen as the new webmaster. She is training at the moment.
3. APOLOGIES
Cllr Barber had apologised due to ill health. This reason for absence was accepted.
4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.
5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - (a) Local Historian
Trevor Messenger has offered to take over the position of Local Historian (which he was responsible for whilst he was a parish councillor). He is going to set up an email address which will be displayed on Twitter and the Website. He requested that anything which would be of interest for the archives be forwarded to him.
 - (b) Roadside Conservation Area
Fenella Blastland (former parish councillor) who has moved out of Claydon, has volunteered to look after the Roadside Conservation Area alongside Suffolk County Council. We would like to record our thanks to Fenella for still showing a very keen interest in Claydon and the work she is doing to help to keep it looking tidy. A letter of thanks has been sent.
 - (c) Neighbourhood Plan
Discussions had taken place with Planning Direct to ascertain what it would cost to have a Neighbourhood Plan. A further meeting between Claydon, Barham and Great Blakenham parish councils will take place in the near future.
 - (d) Buckingham Palace Garden Party
Cllr Studd and his wife have been selected to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 31 May 2018.
7. PLANNING & AMENITIES REPORT
 - (a) Draft minutes of meeting held 27 November 2017
These had been distributed to all parish councillors and a copy appended in the minute book.
 - (b) SnOasis Parish Alliance
Cllr Studd stated that we are awaiting a date for a meeting of all parishes involved with MSDC.

- (c) Planning Applications
DC/18/00808 – Loft Conversion. 22 Hereford Drive
The parish council had no objections to this application.

DC/18/00338 – Erection of single storey rear extension. 1 York Crescent
The parish council had no objections to this application.

DC/18/00671 – Change of use of garage to form barbers shop. 6 Lancaster Way,
The parish council objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. Parking problems due to the close proximity to Claydon Primary School.
2. Turning a garage of a residential dwelling into a business would set a precedent.

DC/18/00831 – TPO Order No. 41 – Lift crown of 1 Beech Tree. 6 Drury Road
The parish council had no objections to this application.

DC/18/00861 – O/L Planning Application (with means of access to be considered).
Erection of up to 74 dwellings, public open space and supporting site infrastructure including access. Land to East of Ely Road

The parish council objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. Ely Road will be the only entrance to the development of 74 dwellings and it does get restricted by cars. We are also very concerned regarding the siting of the traffic calming measures and would like to see these within the new development and not on the current road. Actually we don't understand why these are required.
2. If the application for 300 dwellings at the bottom of Barham Church Lane goes ahead this, together with Ely Road for 74 dwellings, plus other small developments in Barham, traffic movements through Claydon village will increase dramatically. At present there are approximately 1600 properties in Claydon and Barham so all these developments represent a 30% increase. It is impossible to add infrastructure as the vast majority of traffic goes through filter roads on the estate down to the main road through the village and out to the A14 Junction 52 or off main village road to Great Blakenham.
3. We are very concerned that there will be three storey properties on this development which is out of character for the area, especially so close to properties on Ely Road.
4. There are environmental concerns but this will be covered more fully in other reports.

However, other than the items raised above, the parish council feel if development is required in Claydon and Barham this is the preferred option.

- (d) **17/00505/BWK** – Erection of glass and metal cover to swimming pool.
Taimoshan, Church Lane.
Site visit carried out and enquiry closed as the structure benefits from consent under Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (2015). The resident did not require planning permission for this swimming pool cover.

8. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Draft minutes of meeting held 29 January 2018

These had been distributed to all parish councillors and a copy appended in the minute book.

- (b) Neighbourhood Watch

Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association has asked the parish council to consider making a single one-off donation of £50.00 to their association as a contribution to help them sustain the support of neighbourhood watch across the county. Previously, Suffolk Constabulary were responsible for Neighbour Watch in Suffolk, but following the local policing review in 2016, the complete ownership was handed over to this association. As we are not sure what we would gain by paying £50.00 it was agreed to ask if someone could attend our May meeting to explain this in more detail.

9. QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN REPORTS

- (a) County Councillor

A copy of Cllr Field's report is appended in the minute book.

- (b) District Councillor

A copy of Cllrs Caston's and Whitehead's report is appended in the minute book.

- (c) Village Hall
A copy of Geoff Rogers' report is appended in the minute book.
- (d) Recreation Ground
Nothing further to report.

10. ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meetings are being held on 16 April 2018 (7 pm Claydon / 8 pm Whitton) and the following two items will be added to the agenda in an endeavour to encourage parishioners to attend:

- (a) How can we stop any future development in the local area?
- (b) What are your views on the lack of policing and the increased crime in the area?

11. COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr James volunteered to be the parish council representative on the Community Centre committee.

Cllr Avis had produced a report which had been distributed to all parish councillors. Cllr Whitehead made comment on the fact that the report states that on the leaving date of the café business owners they contacted the local press and implied that they were asked to leave, which was not the case. Cllr Avis reported that they chose to leave and in the evening they had created a mob to descend and cause a riot outside and inside the Community Centre. Cllr Whitehead felt that this report was an exaggeration of the facts and asked that his comments be minuted.

12. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE MINUTES

Parish Clerk

The Chairman reported that Charmaine Greenan had been appointed as the new parish clerk with effect from 1 July 2018. She will attend all meetings prior to her official appointment alongside Suzanne.

Webmaster

The Chairman thanked John Tuppen for all the hard work he has done in setting up the local website and running it for many years on a voluntary basis. He has done an excellent job and will be handing over to Amy Read on a gradual basis.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman