



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – April 2019

Parish Council Elections – A reminder that local council elections, including parish councils, will take place on 2nd May 2019. All existing Claydon & Whitton parish councillors will have to stand for re-election and in addition there are four vacancies on the Council. If you are 18 years of age or older, live in Claydon or Whitton Rural and are on the electoral role you are eligible to serve as a parish councillor. This will give you an opportunity to make a real difference in your community by getting involved locally and ensuring that services provided are meeting the community's needs. If you can spare an average of around three hours per week, which includes bi-monthly council meetings, please give this matter your serious consideration. Please contact our parish clerk for further details.

Concerns Raised by the Community – The Parish Council is keen to be made aware of any issues of concern from members of the community via attendance at Parish Council meetings, through parish councillors or contact with our Parish Clerk. All are carefully considered and dealt with by the parish council or referred to the appropriate local authority, via district or county councillors, or direct to national authorities and organisations. Unfortunately it often takes a considerable amount of time and effort to get a response and the outcome is not always that which is desired. However, outstanding matters are pursued until they are resolved.

Burglary Awareness – Following an increase in burglaries in Northwest Ipswich and neighbouring villages, including Claydon, Suffolk police have asked that residents are made aware of the need to keep their homes and possessions secure. Key measures that should be taken include:

- Checking that all doors and windows are locked and secure at all times, even when you are at home.
- Not leaving keys in locks or within sight from outside.
- Engaging locks and removing keys from uPVC doors.
- Not leaving car keys on view – especially close to the front door.
- Making sure you have a secure rear perimeter fence, at least 1.8m high, and locking gates with a closed shackle padlock.
- Not leaving bins outside a gate that could be used to climb into the rear garden.
- Removing any item from the garden (ie bricks, tools etc) that could be used to force entry.
- If you have motion activated CCTV of any type (including a Ring doorbell) check all activations and report anything suspicious.

Further advice can be accessed via <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

Meetings in April - The next Parish Council Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 29th April 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 C. Greenan, 129 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2AX. Telephone/text 07887459989. email claywhit@btinternet.com

