



## Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – June 2019

**Local Elections** – At the recent local council elections all former parish councillors who stood for re-election were returned unopposed. However there are still a number of vacancies on the council which we would like filled as soon as possible. As elections are held only every four years new councillors can be ‘co-opted’ onto the council to serve until the date of the next local elections. Parish councillors can be affiliated to a particular political party or none and anyway, because parish councillors work together solely to serve and make a difference in their local community, this is usually of little importance. The diverse nature of the work for which the parish council is responsible, ensures that there is something to interest everyone who is a councillor. Therefore, if you have never considered being a parish councillor or have been put off by recent national and/or local political events you are encouraged to reconsider because your community needs you! Previous experience is not necessary and the only qualification that is required is a desire to make the local community a better place in which to live and work. You will be made to feel very welcome by our existing members who will be more than willing to help you in your early days as a councillor. Please contact our Parish Clerk or speak to any parish councillor if you would like more information with no obligation.

**Keeping in Touch** - We want to keep members of our community up to date with news and events that will affect us locally. One of the ways in which we do this is to update our website and twitter feeds regularly. If you would like a free link to our email or Twitter news feed please go to our News page, <http://claydonandbarham.onesuffolk.net/news/> for a preview of what’s available and instructions on how to sign-up. The website also contains details of planning applications, minutes of Council meetings and other information relating to the work of the Parish Council as well as bus timetables and news of village organisations.

The Parish Council is always pleased to welcome members of the community to Parish Council meetings and their input, via the public forum at the start of each meeting. This is greatly appreciated and makes the parish council aware of, and able to target areas of concern within Claydon and Whitton Rural. Written comments or suggestions from residents are also welcome at any time. Please send these, including your name and address, to our Parish Clerk, Mrs C. Greenan, 129 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2AX. Telephone/text 07887459989. email [claywhit@btinternet.com](mailto:claywhit@btinternet.com)

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