



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – May 2019

Annual Parish Meetings – The Annual Parish Meetings for Claydon & Whitton Rural will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham Village hall. These are arranged by the Parish Council on behalf of both parishes to give an opportunity for residents to have sufficient time to discuss, and put their views publically, on issues about which they are concerned. Your parish councillors will be present and would like to meet you, listen to what is said, give any updates or further information or take up matters on your behalf where appropriate. The meeting will also hear annual reports from the various village organisations and we hope that representatives from each one will be present to answer any questions. If you have anything to say about any aspect of village life we want to hear it. Please contact our Parish Clerk or come along to the meeting. Agendas will be available prior to the meeting from our Parish Clerk.

Claydon & Barham Recreation Ground – At the beginning of the year a request was received from the Chairman and Treasurer of the Recreation Ground Management Committee (RGMC) for the Parish Council to take responsibility for the management of the recreation ground due to lack of support from existing committee members. In response, a Recreation Ground Working Group (RGWG) of parish councillors was formed to determine whether the parish council could accept this extra responsibility, and if so, to recommend to full council how best this could be done. At a meeting of the RGWG it was agreed to recommend that the Recreation Ground Management Committee should continue to operate as a charity but ideally that at least three councillors each from Claydon & Barham parish councils should become permanent members. This would ensure that both Claydon & Barham parish councils maintained their interest in the management and use of the recreation ground, regular meetings could be held in which decisions on day-to-day matters could be made, plans for future developments discussed and also access to grants from outside bodies, which are not available to local councils, retained. It was also agreed that hirers and members from the community should be encouraged to join the reformed RGMC and another meeting would be arranged for all those interested to attend. These recommendations were agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2019.

Dog Fouling on Footpath – Sadly the parish council has been made aware of bags containing dog waste being left on the footpath/walkway and the greenspace beside the fence adjacent to 34 - 64 Edinburgh Gardens. Whilst it is accepted that at least the waste was bagged, there is absolutely no excuse for the owner not putting it into one of the many dog bins that are provided around the village or taking it home and placing it in their black bin. The small minority of dog owners in the village who do not clear up their dog waste are reminded that dog fouling is a criminal offence and if sufficient evidence exists, they will be prosecuted which, if successful, will result in a criminal record and a fine of up to £1,000.00

Meetings in May - The Parish Council's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 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

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