

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council was held in Claydon Village Hall on Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Avis, G Cornish, N Gutteridge, G James, D Mayes, S Price, C Studd (Chair), A Thomas, J Whitehead, J Caston (District Councillor) and four members of the public.

PART 1

1. PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public raised the issue of the excessive amount of traffic in the village, particularly on the estate around school drop off and collection times. The resident felt that the recent traffic survey that was commissioned by Barham Parish Council, while very good, could not consider the increasing amount of traffic to be expected when the primary school expands. The resident made it clear that at these times, it is impossible for residents to enter or leave the estate safely. The parish council responded that they have raised this issue on countless occasions, but have asked that residents continue to complain directly to Suffolk County Council Highways department as many voices may be heard better than just the Parish Council.

Another member of the public highlighted that the 7.5t weight limit sign on entering the village from the roundabout off the A14 does not appear to be there. Parish councillors agreed to check on the status of the sign and to inform the clerk if this needs reporting to Suffolk Highways.

Another member of the public raised the issue of Mid Suffolk District Council not putting up planning notices when they should, back dating notices when they do go up, putting notices on the wrong piece of land and not keeping the comments open on the website for the extended amount of time when they have not put up notices. The clerk was requested to keep making note of these occasions and to keep alerting the District Council to these issues. The clerk was also requested to alert residents to planning applications by placing information on the noticeboards. The clerk agreed to alert the Mid Suffolk District Councillors when complaints from residents were received about these issues.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Risbridger apologised due to work. This reason for absence was accepted.

Cllr Field apologised due to ill health.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Avis expressed an interest in item 6c.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Lorrywatch Trading Standards – Review of Suffolk County Council Trading Standards' Enforcement Policy

Councillors and residents were encouraged to alert the parish council when a lorry is seen in the village, ideally with a photo (the clerk is contactable via WhatsApp), but also with a date, time and name of the company.

- b) Suffolk View – Suffolk Preservation Society
It was suggested that the village historian, Trevor Messenger, may like to receive this magazine in future.
- c) Environment Agency – Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management
The correspondence was noted.

6. PLANNING & AMENITIES REPORT

- a) The decision report was received and is attached in the minute book.

A question was asked about the temporary road across the field for SCC/0155/17MS. Councillors were assured that the contractors will have to restore the field following it's use in the construction process.
- b) Planning Consultation request DC/18/03765
Change of use of land for the erection of B1 and B2 industrial / commercial units, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon
This development had been removed from a previous planning application following consultation, but now planning permission has been sought again. The same issues as before continue to exist with this development, particularly the concerns around traffic and the times that the units would be used. The Parish Council object to this application.
- c) Planning Consultation request DC/18/03768
Erection of part two storey rear / part single storey side extension, Back Lane, Claydon
It was felt that this might be over-development of a small lane and there were concerns about cars being able to turn around. There would need to be sufficient parking.
- d) Planning Consultation request DC/18/03846
Erection of one dwelling and detached garage, Church Lane, Claydon
The Parish Council had all of the same objections to this planning application as last time development on this piece of land was applied for. The issue of the lack of mains sewerage was also raised as the area of land was not big enough for a septic tank, nor for the lorry to empty the tank. The Parish Council object to this application.
- e) Planning Consultation requests DC/18/04346, 04349, 04370
New signage and internal decoration and refurbishment, Crown Inn, Ipswich Road, Claydon.
No objections to any of these requests.
- f) Planning Consultation request DC/18/04459
Erection of two storey rear extension, Edinburgh Gardens, Claydon
No objections to this request.
- g) Neighbourhood Plan
There has recently been a meeting for this, to which, unfortunately, the Parish Council could not send a representative. A further date is awaited and money has been allocated to this in the precept.

It was noted that the five year land supply has now been disputed and Mid Suffolk District Council are taking legal advice.
- h) SnOasis Parish Alliance

There have been no results to the reserved matters and these are now closed until further details can be obtained. Mid Suffolk District Council have not given a date by which these must be finalised as yet.

7. FINANCE REPORT

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 October 2018 were received and are attached in the minute book.

8. 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 Cllr Caston's and Whitehead's report is appended in the minute book.

c) Village Hall Management Committee

A copy of Geoff Rogers' report is appended in the minute book.

d) Recreation Ground Management Committee

There has been no meeting of the Recreation Ground Management Committee since the last Parish Council meeting.

e) Community Centre

Peter Avis updated the Parish Council that the Community Centre was available for residents to use and hoped that they would come for tea and cake.

9. RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The Parish Council is awaiting guidance from the solicitors. The clerk was requested to ensure that the Parish Council receives a response.

10. JOINT CLAYDON AND WHITTON AND BARHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Following discussion at the previous meeting, this was nominated, seconded and agreed.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Leaflets and further information regarding Neighbourhood Watch were distributed amongst councillors and the public.

12. NEW GRIT BIN PROCESS

Cllr Thomas updated the Parish Council on the new process for grit bins. The main difference is that Suffolk Highways will no longer restock piles of salt and not all salt piles will become yellow bins. The plan highlights where bins are going to be placed, but the Parish Council may wish to ensure that extra bins are provided, particularly on Church Lane. The cost of a bin would be between £150 and £450 depending on the type. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek funding for extra grit bins. Any application for a grit bin would need a signature from local residents to ensure that it is wanted and needed.

13. VILLAGE HALL CLOCK

The clerk reported on the recommendations for a new electric mechanism for the village hall clock given by a local horologist who had previously repaired the clock. The new mechanism would cost somewhere in the region of £1,500 and £2,000. This would be to avoid the need for dangerous maintenance of the clock. It was felt that further investigation of this would be helpful.

14. CLAYDON AND BARHAM WEBSITE

The clerk has investigated some training with Community Action Suffolk to be able to do more work on the website in the absence of a volunteer to take over as webmaster. It was estimated that this would take between an extra four to six hours each month for the clerk to undertake and the Parish Council agreed that this would be acceptable.

15. Such other business that in the opinion of the chair should be considered as a matter of urgency

There will be a meeting of the emergency planning group on 6th November, at which the current chair is planning to resign her position. It was proposed that in the absence of a volunteer, the list of contact names and numbers could be held by the chair and the clerk.

PART 2

Pension Scheme discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chair