



## CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES

#### CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1 March 2021, 7.30pm held Via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Avis, G Cornish, C Cutler, S Price, J Whitehead, S Wells

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr C Studd

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Greenan (clerk), Cllrs Passmore (District) and Field (County)

**03-21-01. Opening**

Councillor Studd opened the meeting.

**03-21-02. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**03-21-03. Apologies for absence**

None

**03-21-04. Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests.**

None

**03-21-05. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Both sets of minutes were approved and will be signed as a correct record.

**03-21-06. Report on actions from previous minutes**

- a. Clerk to follow up on dog bin on the Slade with MSDC

MSDC had declined a bin on the Slade as there is a maximum distance that operatives are expected to walk with a full bag from the bin.

If the Exeter Road development is approved, it was noted that the developer could be asked to place a bin on the corner of the footpath near the Slade.

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So signed by the Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

However, the clerk was asked to check again with MSDC as councillors reported that the operative currently drives over the Recreation Ground.

- b. Speed Indicator Devices and Speedwatch group to be placed on a future agenda

New speedwatch applications are not open at present, and it was agreed to insert this on a future agenda.

- c. Clerk to email Cllr Passmore regarding dangerous parking on verges on Thornhill Road and anti-social behaviour / drug abuse on Claydon and Barham Recreation Ground

Cllr Passmore has informed the local police about this issue, who will visit, and the clerk has forwarded on number plates and vehicle descriptions of those causing obstructions.

Cllr Passmore also outlined some of the work that the police are undertaking to tackle drug taking and anti-social behaviour.

- d. Clerk to contact the Sicon Foundation to request trees on the Slade and Recreation Ground

The Sicon Foundation have requested a visit and this will be organised.

- e. Clerk to promote census engagement as appropriate.

The clerk has agreed to promote this on social media.

- f. Clerk to check on the status of the Community Centre staff member

Staff member is still furloughed.

The committee are hoping to open outside in April. They have still not had an AGM as they are unable to organise this online with all members.

- g. Clerk to submit precept to MSDC

The precept was submitted and confirmed.

- h. Clerk to email Cllr Field regarding a sign for Claydon and Barham Recreation Ground

Cllr Field will now work on achieving a road sign.

- i. Clerk to report Junction 52 lights again to Highways England

This has been reported. The Clerk and Councillors have a meeting with Highways England on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the lights will be discussed at this meeting.

- j. Clerk to liaise with Great Blakenham Parish Council regarding the A14 underpass on Station Road

The decoration of the underpass is progressing now that the graffiti is covered, although it is not clear which organisation painted over the offensive writing.

The clerk agreed to look into a street artist to work with young people at Claydon High School, potentially with Suffolk Artlink.

- k. Clerk to arrange payment for computer equipment for disadvantaged families in Claydon and Whitton to Claydon High School

This payment was arranged and has been paid.

**03-21-07. Correspondence**

- a. Emails and Facebook messages regarding dog fouling

Councillors noted these messages and the clerk updated on the work that she has been doing with neighbouring parish councils and Mid Suffolk District Council. MSDC have offered some signs and stickers and the clerk was requested to obtain these for placement on lamp posts and other locations.

- b. Email from resident regarding DK9 Security Patrols

DK9 provided a presentation to the Parish Council before the meeting and councillors will consider the points raised.

- c. Email from resident regarding Highways England work between Claydon and Copdock

Cllr Field responded to the resident that low noise surface would not be fitted between Claydon and Copdock for the foreseeable future, although this has been laid between Needham Market and Claydon.

- d. Email from Cllr Passmore regarding police enforcement on Old Ipswich Road

Councillors noted the email.

- e. Letter of thanks from Claydon High School for donation towards computer equipment

Councillors noted the letter.

- f. Email from resident regarding a request for a grit bin close to the public footpath outside 27 and 29 York Crescent, Claydon

Councillors noted the issue and the process for applying for a grit bin. Councillors felt that if they provided a grit bin in this location, they would then need to provide bins in all other paths in the village. They also noted that there may not be a position to place a grit bin.

- g. Emails from residents regarding a lack of grit in grit bins

Councillors acknowledged the issue, particularly as the grit bins were not full at the start of winter. The clerk continues to report these empty grit bins to Suffolk County Council, who have said that the bins will all be refilled.

Councillors recommended a diary note in October to check the status of the grit bins and report any that are not full to Suffolk County Council at that time.

**03-21-08. Questions on Written Reports**

- a. County Councillor John Field

Cllr Field's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

Councillors noted Cllr Field's length of service as a Parish Councillor and thanked him for his input over the years.

- b. District Councillors John Whitehead and Tim Passmore

Cllrs Passmore and Whitehead's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

Councillors asked about CIL money for the Whitton development being invested into ANPR cameras and drainage on Old Norwich Road. These may be an appropriate use of CIL money as infrastructure investment.

- c. Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

The VHMC also highlighted that the Claydon Village Hall sign requires painting and asked the clerk to request a quote.

- d. Recreation Ground Management Committee

Cllr Avis gave a verbal report. The new Vertas contract has been signed. Councillors are awaiting an update on the car park bollards. The Coffee Station is now using the car park twice a week to sell coffee. Unsociable behaviour continues on the Recreation Ground and councillors may need to consider CCTV. The spring seat needs to be replaced and the clerk was asked to organise ordering this seat.

- e. Community Centre

No report, but the chair had confirmed that the community centre is still closed, so there is no activity to report. The manager is still furloughed. The Community Centre hopes to open outside after April.

**03-21-09. Planning and amenities report**

- a. Draft minutes from meeting of Planning Committee 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The minutes were noted and are attached in the minute book.

- b. Decision Report

The decision report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

- c. To consider Ipswich Borough Council Planning Application: 21/00122/FPI3  
Council Depot, Whitton Church Lane  
Provision of eight modular dwellings and associated works.

The proposed dwellings do not meet suitable dwelling sizes. Housing standards state that a bedsit for a single person should be 37 square metres and the proposed dwellings are 26 square metres. A budget hotel bedroom would be between 36 and 38 square metres.

These dwellings are designed for homeless people, who frequently have multiple issues requiring support. This is the most northerly tip of Ipswich and the future residents will be far away from all the support services that they will require.

Hill Developments will give away 200 dwellings, although the cost of this is not clear from the paperwork. Cambridge have received a donation of 20 of these dwellings and then received a contract to build council houses.

The Ipswich Borough Council Public Open Space document states that North Ipswich has insufficient play facilities. The proposed development is located next to a BMX track and Whitton Leisure Centre, in an open space that should be protected. It is inappropriate for development.

Councillors noted that Claydon and Whitton Parish Council should have been consulted as the young people from the parish of Whitton use these play facilities.

There is no wheelchair access and the proposed dwellings will be unsuitable for physically disabled people due to access issues.

Councillors oppose this planning application. Cllr Wells was requested to pull together the objections to this proposal for the clerk to submit to Ipswich Borough Council.

**03-21-10. To receive and note the finance report**

a. To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 22 February 2021:

- Community account: £84,403.26
- Business Premium Account 1: £917.24
- Business Premium Account 2: £818.56

b. To note and approve:

- the accounts awaiting payment
- accounts paid since the last meeting
- the receipts allocated since the last meeting

The accounts awaiting payment, accounts paid and the receipts allocated were approved and are attached in the minute book.

**03-21-11. Village policing and security**

Cllr Wells was requested to research other security companies for the Parish Council to arrange a presentation.

Councillors noted the increases in police numbers planned for the next year.

**03-21-12. Report from meeting with Highways England regarding works on Junction 52 roundabout**

This meeting is now planned for next week.

**03-21-13. Items for next meeting**

None.

**03-21-14. Dates of next meetings:**

- Planning Committee: 8 March 2021
- Finance Committee: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Annual Parish Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: 17 May 2021

The meeting closed at 21:15