



CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 20th September 2021, 7.30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, 8 Norwich Road, Claydon, IP6 0DF

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

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr C Studd

IN ATTENDANCE: C Greenan (clerk), County Cllr C Chambers (from item 09-21-08)

09-21-01. Opening

Cllr Studd opened the meeting and thanked Cllr Wells for the work that he had done on the noticeboard in Whitton. He also thanked the clerk and Cllr Cornish for the work that they had done on the Standing Orders.

09-21-02. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

09-21-03. Apologies for absence

District Cllr Passmore.

09-21-04. Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests.

Cllr Cornish declared a non-pecuniary interest in an item of correspondence in 09-21-07 regarding Barham Picnic Site.

09-21-05. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st March 2021

The minutes were approved and were signed as a correct record.

09-21-06. Report on actions from previous minutes

- a. Cllr Field submitting request for a Gipping Valley ANPR camera
Cllr Field was succeeded by Cllr Chambers, who was unable to attend the meeting. Councillors agreed to request further information on this from Cllr Chambers at the next meeting.

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- b. Cllr Field to work on obtaining a road sign for the Recreation Ground.
Councillors agreed to request further information on this from Cllr Chambers at the next meeting.
- c. Councillors to monitor construction traffic use of Old Ipswich Road
Cllr Wells had carried out a visit in partnership with Mid Suffolk District Council Enforcement. The contractor had cleared the paths so that they can be used. The cycle route remains dangerous, particularly for the large amount of young people using the route to get to school.
- d. Ask views of residents in In Touch and on website / social media regarding security in the village
This will appear in the October edition of In Touch.
- e. RGMC to investigate alternative security measures, such as security lights and security cameras on the Recreation Ground.
Possibly funding routes have been considered, but the RGMC is still uncertain about how much setting up a system will cost. Parish Councillors noted that they would be willing to consider this as part of the precept if costs were prepared in advance of the next meeting.

09-21-07. Correspondence

- a. Texts from resident regarding continued speeding on Station Road
- b. Email from resident regarding speeding on Church Lane
- c. Emails from residents regarding speeding in the village
Items a, b and c were considered together. The clerk was asked to email Cllr Passmore to highlight speeding issues in Claydon and to request assistance. Councillors asked for speeding to appear on the next agenda.
- d. Email from resident regarding parking during school run (circulated)
Councillors are aware of the issue of parking during the school run and considered any solutions that may be useful.

Councillors reported that the Recreation Ground Car Park is very full during school run times and that another car park would again be filled easily.

The schools have communicated the need for considerate parking to people on the school run, but remain concerned about safety issues around parking.

The clerk has again requested parking enforcement officers to visit the village at school run times to issue tickets to those parking illegally.

The clerk was asked to email The Crown to ask if cars could park in their car park during the school run.

Councillors discussed whether a one way route around York Crescent would be helpful and voted in the majority for the clerk to investigate this option with Suffolk County Council.

It was also noted that a traffic monitoring camera has been placed on a telegraph pole near to the Community Centre. Councillors agreed to ask Cllr Chambers for any information about this camera.

- e. Letter from MSDC regarding Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Operator, Vehicle and Driver Policy Consultation and Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles (Revision) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/business/licensing/licensing-news>
Councillors had no comments to add to the consultation.
- f. Email from resident regarding oil spill in Claydon
Councillors noted the unfortunate circumstances, but felt that by reporting this to the police, they had exhausted their powers.
- g. Email from resident regarding fly tipping in Old Norwich Road
Councillors noted the fly tipping. The fly tips have been reported and are normally quickly cleared, but there appears to be a growing problem in this area.
- h. Email from Barham Picnic Site Community Project regarding funding contributions
Councillors welcomed the work to be completed on Barham Picnic Site. They agreed to wait until the community project was more established with a bank account before considering a funding grant request.

09-21-08. Questions on Written Reports

- a. County Councillor Chris Chambers

Cllr Chambers reported on SCC's COP 26 events, including those that would highlight areas that businesses can contribute towards and a new Solar Together Suffolk round relaunched.

There is a new Chief Fire Officer.

He reported on the meeting he, Cllrs Whitehead and Passmore had had with MP Dan Poulter regarding Claydon and Barham Surgery and future health provision in Claydon and surrounding areas, especially given the growth in population from new houses. There will be a further meeting in November.

He reported on the conclusion of the review by Lincolnshire County Council into Special Educational Needs provision in Suffolk, which condemned Suffolk County Council for failing many families. An action plan has been created and a new Assistant Director has been appointed.

Responding to issues with Old Ipswich / Old Norwich Road, Cllr Chambers reported that he had been told that hedges had been cut by the contractor, that improvements were unlikely in the short term, there may be the opportunity to reinstate the gate to prevent unauthorised traffic from breaching the barrier. He confirmed that he would continue pressing for improvements in this area.

Cllr Wells contributed on the work that he had been undertaking to resolve issues in this area. He outlined three issues with Old Ipswich / Old Norwich Road: speeding, unauthorised vehicles using the bus lane and development plans.

Development plans: the traffic management plan submitted by the developer to MSDC was that the curb would be removed and the road would be used for construction traffic. The contractor reported that they hadn't done it as Suffolk Highways had requested that this was not done. Cllrs Whitehead and Wells visited the site with the MSDC Enforcement Officer who stated that the curbs needed to be removed at least. Cllr Wells has noticed that only two curbs had been removed. The Enforcement Officer would be back on site on 23rd September to ensure compliance by 29th September, or formal enforcement action would take place.

Speeding: The speed limit changes from 30 to 60 to 30 to 60mph again. Buses are going at speed along this stretch of road. In one example, Cllr Wells was chatting to some horse riders as a bus went past, did not slow for the horses, one horse reared and there could have been an accident. Cllr Wells has made an official complaint. Councillors believe that this stretch of road should not be a 60mph as there will be a dramatic increase in traffic alongside all the children and others cycling, walking and horse riding on this road. There is a 30mph speed limit for construction traffic.

Unauthorised breaches of the bus gate: Increasingly, construction traffic has been breaching the traffic order. The contractor asked for evidence and Cllr Wells has taken photos of some breaches when he has been in the area. Others are also breaching the gate. On 15th September, there were 25 breaches between 16:14 and 18:06. These were a mixture of construction traffic, taxis, private hire ambulances, mopeds and refuse vehicles. The only vehicles allowed to pass the gate are buses, cyclists and emergency vehicles using their blue lights. Cllr Wells will produce a report to send to Highways, the police and the site supervisor. At the moment, this is a police enforcement issue but a white paper currently going through parliament may enable local authorities to enforce the bus gate.

- b. District Councillors John Whitehead and Tim Passmore

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

- c. Village Hall Management Committee

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

- d. Recreation Ground Management Committee

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

The RGMC thanked Claydon and Whitton Parish Council for donating the new container to the Recreation Ground. They were able to negotiate having the old container taken away in exchange for the haulier gaining its value in scrap metal.

The RGMC are continuing to organise a Jubilee Event for 5 June 2022 at the Recreation Ground, which will include a bar, a bouncy castle, and will include other community groups.

Cllr Studd thanked the RGMC for all their hard work on behalf of the village.

e. Community Centre

Cllr Cutler has been involved in visiting the Community Centre, understanding how it is running and helping out where she can. Her report is attached in the minute book.

09-21-09. Planning and amenities report

a. Draft minutes from meeting of Planning Committee 7th June 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. Border between Claydon and Whitton (rural) and Ipswich Borough Council

An Extraordinary Meeting to discuss these issues was proposed, seconded and universally approved. The clerk was asked to organise an EGM.

d. Valley Ridge and Viridor

Councillors discussed the differing merits of both of these applications.

e. Henley Gate Start on Site notification and Community Liaison Group invitation

Cllr Wells volunteered for the Community Liaison Group.

f. Claydon and Whitton Rural Neighbourhood Plan Landscape and Biodiversity Evaluation 2021 (previously circulated electronically and available from the clerk)

The report was noted and welcomed by councillors. A copy will be placed on the website.

- g. DC/21/04995 (Householder Application. Erection of single storey rear orangery) and DC/21/04996 (Application for Listed Building Consent. Erection of single storey rear orangery) for Mockbeggars Hall Paper Mill Lane Claydon Suffolk IP6 0AH.

Councillors recognised the amount of work that the owners of Mockbeggars Hall had undertaken to restore the property and supported their application.

09-21-10. To receive and note the finance report

- a. To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 25 August 2021:

- Community account: £88,201.12
- Business Premium Account 1: £917.28
- Business Premium Account 2: £818.60

The balance of accounts was noted and approved.

- b. To note and approve:

- the accounts awaiting payment
- the 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.

- c. Draft minutes from the Finance Committee 12th July 2021

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

09-21-11. Standing Orders

This item was delayed until the next meeting.

09-21-12. Speeding in Claydon

This item was delayed until the next meeting.

09-21-13. Grass Cutting at Entrance to Claydon

Councillors approved grass cutting work at the entrance to Claydon.

09-21-14. Items for next meeting

No items were added.

09-21-15. Dates of next meetings:

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- Finance Committee: 4th October 2021
- Parish Council: 18th October 2021
- Planning Committee: 1st November 2021

The meeting closed at 21:30

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Mid Suffolk District Councillors' Report - September 2021

Devolution developments

It has recently become clear that central government is now prepared to look favourably upon local devolution deals without the prior need for the establishment of large, single unitary councils or the election of local mayors. The Government wrote to councils in July 2021 setting out its ambition to make available to county areas the kind of devolved powers currently enjoyed by larger cities and urban areas. Your local district councillors welcome this new development and are pleased to report that the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) representing the County, five district/borough councils and the Police & Crime Commissioner have written to the MHCLG Secretary of State welcoming early discussions on a possible devolution deal for Suffolk. SPSL have clearly demonstrated by constructively working together over several years that Suffolk has the credibility as a place where Government will find strong and ambitious delivery partners for the levelling up agenda.

Gateway 14 gets the planning 'green light'

After what has seemed to have been an interminable wait, Mid Suffolk's Development Control Committee was presented with the hybrid planning application for the enlarged Gateway 14 development site to the east of Stowmarket at their meeting on 18th August. After a thorough debate, the application was passed by 6 votes to 2, enjoying cross-party support for this important employment site. This 156-acre business, innovation and logistics park, is poised to be the largest of its kind in East Anglia and will offer up to 2.36 million square feet of floor space to let or for sale. Work will commence very shortly on the infrastructure delivery and bespoke units on the site are expected to have a typical delivery time of nine months. The whole project will be delivered over the next 10 to 15 years and is anticipated to create a significant financial return to the council as well as a substantial 'Gross Value Added' contribution to our local economy. The site will also come within the Freeport East designation offering a range of custom duty and tax benefits to occupiers as well as Business Rates retention for the council.

A comprehensive marketing website for this unique development has now been created – at www.gateway14.com – which includes an excellent short video and downloadable brochure for anyone who wishes to know more about Gateway 14.

Show-homes now open on former council HQ site at Needham Market

At the end of August, the first show-homes were open on the Phase One of the development of the council's former HQ site in Needham Market. Phase One covers the area previously taken by the 'overflow' car park to the west of Hurstlea Road and will include houses, apartments and a large convenience store. This site is being marketed under the name 'Chambers Green' and again there is a website www.chambersgreen.co.uk for further details. Phase Two will cover that part of the site previously occupied by the council buildings, including the listed and retained Hurstlea House. The newer parts of the site, with offices dating from the '60s and '70s will shortly be demolished to make way for new houses to be built.

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Viridor and Valley Ridge

The landfill site at Great Blakenham, operated by Viridor, has recently applied to Suffolk County Council for permission to extend its lifetime as an active site receiving landfill. The site is adjacent to the proposed large Valley Ridge ski and leisure development. The owners of the latter feel that an operational landfill site will not be compatible with their proposed development and have indicated that they intend to put all their plans on hold and will ultimately not go ahead with their £500million project should Viridor get their proposed extension. Mid Suffolk District Council are statutory consultees on the Viridor application and believe that Valley Ridge is serious in its intentions and have requested that the Secretary of State call in the Viridor application for the decision to be taken at government rather than at local level.

Localities Grants 2021/22

We have been pleased to see a healthy interest and uptake for our Localities Grants this year from local groups and organisations but there still remains money available for grant funding. Please contact either of your local district councillors for either an initial discussion or for an application form. We are financing all these local projects on a 50/50 basis by pooling our two pots of money.

Policing Update (TP)

The new building of the joint police and fire station in Stowmarket has now started and should be completed by the end of May next year. This is the first completely new facility in the programme of estate improvement with Suffolk Fire and Rescue. We hope other blue light services will use the facility and also Highways England to help keep the traffic flowing on the A14.

The new Suffolk Police and Crime Plan is now drafted and following consultation with stake holders it will be out for public comment around the middle of October.

Local police recruitment is progressing well so Suffolk officer numbers should be around 1,330 by the end of March 2022.

Suffolk Constabulary are always looking for more volunteers, especially Special Constables so if you know anyone who is interested please encourage them to find out more.

Tim Passmore & John Whitehead
(our contact details are on parish noticeboards and on the MSDC's website)

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VILLAGE HALL REPORT FOR CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

The summer months are always quiet as far as bookings for the hall is concerned and this year the continuing uncertainty surrounding our emergence from the covid crisis has made this more so. The 'structured' sessions provided by Slimming World and the Gipping School of Dance have continued successfully. More informal bookings for parties have been declined during this period. A four-session (structured) Bible study booking has been moved to October, when hopefully things will be 'calmer'.

Recent bookings are as follows: BMM have now come back to the hall and had their script read-through on 1 September and are holding regular Wednesday evening rehearsals for the pantomime in January 2022. Young Families start on 23 September and the first Sunshine Service is on 30 September.

We have had a recent flurry of requests for children's parties on 6 November, 4 December and 15 January (2022) all with local postcodes and I am minded to 'allow' all of these with the usual covid caveats. Jackie Markwell's family party on 28 December is already in the book as a familiar local event. A request for a 50th party for 80 people on 11 December is something I will investigate further and may decline.

We have read the latest ACRE guidelines for village halls and I have just now posted the following advice in the display cabinet outside the hall and inside as well:

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Please use the hand sanitiser when you come into the hall and at other times.

Open the windows to improve ventilation.

There is a one-way route. Use it if you wish.

Respect social distancing when you can.

Wear a mask if you feel you should.

Don't come to the hall if you feel you have Covid.

Gordon, our 'Maintenance Officer' has done sterling work looking after the fabric of the building and this weekend work starts on the new loft hatch and improved access to the clock tower. To quote from Gordon's internal report:

'A completely new, slightly longer, hatch is being installed at the opposite end to where the existing one is now. Existing ladder, to save on costs, will be used, plus extra steps above it, making easier access for workers. A new strip light is being installed to give increased visibility in the loft. For safety, the old loft hatch will be secured from within the loft.'

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We thank Claydon PC for their generous contribution to the cost of this work.

I think this reflects the main recent activities in the hall . Do let me know if you would like further information about any aspect of our 'work', which we continue to enjoy on behalf of our local community.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee,
17 September 2021

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Claydon and Barham Recreation Ground Committee
CB.RecreationGround@outlook.com

Chairman: P. Avis

REPORT for PARISH COUNCIL

September 2021

The Pavilion has had all the showers replaced, plus the non-working extractor fans have been replaced. Previously the inside was decorated by the Probation Service Volunteers. All the items that were stored inside the Pavilion have been removed and relocated in the new container. Today we are having a 'deep clean' of the inside.

Football pitch has had more topsoil spread and grass seed to improve the quality of the grass. New goal sockets inserted to allow the pitch to be repositioned sideways in the future, this allows the goal grass to survive over the season.

The Media response mainly via Facebook from residents is gratifying and sometimes instant. There is support from the residents and we hope this can be expanded.

The old rusty container has been removed. The ground has been levelled and extended to accept a longer (40ft) container. We would like to thank Claydon Parish Council in generously purchasing the new longer container, which has been installed. All the football equipment and ground maintenance tools have been installed into the capacious container, The new doors on the container have a padlock protection box, hopefully this will deter local interest to gain access. We need to connect the water pipe inside the container for security, an estimate for this is approximately £100 for the necessary parts

We have had several meetings to identify how we can upgrade the 'Play Equipment', there has excellent background analysis to identify the area and how to re-arrange. We have obtained three quotes for the improvement area and the Team are preparing the necessary forms to request donations from the grant process of local and national companies. During the process we have considered splitting the improvement into stages, 1) refurbishment of the existing equipment 2) the new enhanced play area. We feel that in the next few weeks we will have enough funds pledged to embark on the first phase and refurbish the original play equipment, some of which have been in the village for many years, not necessarily in the same location.

There is also an inspection from the RoSPA this month of both the Play Area and the Adult Gym.

A local philanthropist, Dan Farthing, has approached us to re-instate the BMX cycle track. This has been put on hold until the replacement container has been installed. We are now waiting for Dan to liaise with us to implement the BMX track.

ClayMusicMakers have donated funds to allow us to purchase two steel bench seats, which we have and will instal ASAP, we need to dig and trench and put in a concrete base. The site will be overlooking the football pitch.

I would like to thank all the active members of the committee for their willingness to make things happen. We have many more plans to improve the recreation ground. Peter A.

Account For Payment	Cheque / SO / DD / BACS	VAT £	Total £
C Greenan Expenses	BACS	-	170.38
Accounts Paid 2 July 2021 – 10 September 2021	Cheque / SO / DD / BACS	VAT £	Total £
23.07 Vertas	BACS	???	493.52
23.07 A Worby	BACS	-	302.94
26.07 Vodafone	DD	???	16.20
30.07 M Worby	BACS	-	870.17
02.08 SCC Pensions	BACS	-	301.05
02.08 C Greenan	BACS	-	985.08
06.08 ICO	DD	-	35.00
20.08 SCC Pensions	BACS	-	301.05
20.08 A Worby	BACS	-	302.94
25.08 Vodafone	DD	???	16.20
27.08 M Worby	BACS	-	392.04
27.08 C Greenan	BACS	-	985.08
31.08 This and That Lorry	BACS	???	3,288.00

Further accounts may be paid that reach the clerk before the date of the meeting

Receipts 2 July 2021 – 10 September 2021	Amount £
02.08 Mansion House Publishing	300
02.08 MSDC Street Cleansing Grant	1,158.30
01.09 Mansion House Publishing	300
03.09 Prettys RGMC Car Park	25,000

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