

Claydon & Whitton Parish Council –May 2012

Annual General Meetings – The Annual General Meetings for Claydon and Whitton Rural Parish Councils took place in Claydon Village Hall on Monday 16th April. The Chairman of the Parish Council was able to report that the last municipal year had been busy and also one of change with five new Parish Councillors completing their first year in office.

The Parish Council had continued to represent the interest of residents and where possible improve the quality of life in the local environment. They had also worked with partner organisations to provide a variety of services and activities. Much of the work is ongoing but a number of specific issues were highlighted. Highways and Transport matters included the monitoring of HGV's through the village, the provision of designated parking spaces in the main street and illegal or inconsiderate parking. The Parish Council had also considered issues relating to local amenities that included street lighting, street cleansing, provision of grit bins, allotments, dog fouling and litter. The closure of the Community Household Waste site at Bramford was noted with regret. The Parish Council had also monitored a number of potential large developments which, although not situated in Claydon or Whitton Rural, could have an impact on the local area. These included the Energy from Waste facility being built at Great Blakenham, SnOasis, the Fisons Mill site at Bramford and the East Anglia Offshore Wind Project.

The Parish Council had also provided finance to share the services of a PCSO, Phil Brill, who has now been in post for approximately thirteen months. This had proven to be a very successful arrangement which enabled policing to be undertaken at a very local level and specific issues to be dealt with as they arose.

Reports were also received from village organizations. The Claydon & Barham Community Centre report highlighted the ongoing major improvements to the building and also new initiatives to expand and improve the activities and facilities that the centre is able to offer. The report from the Village Hall Committee also listed details of the considerable repairs and maintenance works that have been carried out during the last year. They had also hosted productions from a visiting theatre company. The Recreation Ground Committee is still in urgent need of new members following very poor responses to appeals for more people to join and help with the work of maintaining the recreation ground. The Parish Council is working with them to try and resolve this issue.

The next meeting of the Claydon and Whitton Parish Council will take place on Monday 14th May at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon village hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

If you have any matters that you would like Claydon and Whitton Parish Council to discuss please speak to one of our Councillors whose details are on our notice board on the Village Hall, or contact our Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle, telephone 01473 687384 (answer machine available), e-mail claywhit@btinternet.com or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX. *Please give your name and address with any communication as we are unable to take into account any anonymous views or correspondence.*

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