

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council was held on Monday 17 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the SALC Offices, Hill View Business Park, Claydon

Present: G Wood (Chairman), TJ Messenger (Vice-Chairman), B Fotheringham, S Heald, D Hudson, D Mallitt, Mrs M Moore, J Rose, CJ Studd, Mrs F Swan, J Whitehead, JRG Williams, J Field (County Councillor), M Redbond (District Councillor) and one member of the public

1. APOLOGIES
PCSO C Howard sent her apologies (rest day).
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2010 were approved and signed.
3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Mr Mallitt declared an interest in the item on "Community Centre".
4. CORRESPONDENCE
The next meeting of Masons Landfill Liaison Group is being held on 10 February and Mr Messenger would attend on behalf of the parish council.
5. PLANNING & AMENITIES REPORT
Application No. 3531/10 – Proposed first floor side extension, 3 Chestnut Drive, Claydon
The parish council supported this application and felt it would improve the appearance of the property.
6. FINANCE REPORT
Mr Wood proposed that we precept for the sum of £35,150 for the year 2011/2012, as recommended by the finance committee. This was seconded by Mr Mallitt and unanimously agreed.
The next Finance Meeting would be held on Monday 7 March 2011 at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm.
7. HIGHWAY MATTERS
 - (a) It was agreed to purchase cast iron bollards to be sited along the pavement outside Greyhound Cottages to prevent vehicles from parking outside these Grade II listed properties.
 - (b) A request was made that SCC be asked to examine the pavement for possible resurfacing on the south side of Station Road between the Greyhound Public House and 11 Station Road as every time it rains large puddles form forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. It is particularly bad at the junction of Quoits Field and the pharmacy. Mr Field would follow this up.
 - (c) SCC will be asked to look at the listed wall of the Old Rectory, Church Lane as the highway is encroaching onto the wall and the verge has been reduced.
 - (d) Mr Heald was very concerned about another planned diversion from the A14 through the village.
8. QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN REPORTS
 - Police
Copy of report appended in the minute book.
 - Chairman
Copy of report appended in the minute book.

County Councillor

Report sent after the meeting, distributed to all parish councillors and a copy is appended in the minute book.

Concern was raised that there is no bus shelter in Ipswich Road, opposite the Crown Public House. Mr Field reported that as SCC's budget had been cut drastically it was unlikely that this request would be granted.

District Councillor

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

Village Hall

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

Recreation Ground

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

SALC Area Meeting – 18 November 2010

Mr Williams gave a report on this meeting.

Trunk Road Emergency off Network Diversion Routes

This was discussed under Item 7.

9. RESPONSE TO PARISH COUNCIL WINTER NEWSLETTER

A decision will be made on 17 February 2011 regarding possible closure of some recycling centres. A Planning & Amenities meeting is being held on Thursday 10 February at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre when this will be discussed along with the Lorry Watch Scheme.

10. NEW CLERK

Mrs Moore was concerned that, as a new clerk would need to be in place by May 2012, the position should be advertised and a suitable person appointed in September 2011 at the latest. It was also felt that premises may be required within the village. It was agreed that the Employment Panel (Mr Wood, Mr Heald and Mr Whitehead) should meet to discuss this further.

11. GRIT BINS

The new grit bins have proved very successful and several "thank you" emails had been received from residents. The clerk will request that all the bins be filled at the end of the Winter so that they cannot be moved about during the Summer months.

12. ROYAL WEDDING COMMEMORATIVE MUGS

Following discussion it was agreed that this was not practical at this economically difficult time.

13. BURY ROAD PARK AND RIDE

This site was officially closing on 31 January 2011.

14. THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Points of interest were noted.

15. PCSO

The Chairman reported that they were trying to get the Tasking Panel more streamlined and that he would attend the first few meetings himself, along with the other members of the working party.

16. SNOASIS

Mr Williams gave an update on the current situation.

17. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

None

18. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) Mrs Swan was concerned that no details of future meetings were being received from RAF Wattisham and the clerk will investigate.
- (b) Mr Messenger had received a lot of complaints about the non-delivery of "In Touch" and more help will be sought to deliver this magazine. More news items are also required.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman