

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council was held on Monday 1 November 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Claydon

Present: G Wood (Chairman), TJ Messenger (Vice-Chairman), B Fotheringham, S Heald, D Hudson, D Mallitt, Mrs M Moore, J Rose, CJ Studd, J Whitehead, JRG Williams, J Field (County Councillor – part meeting), M Touman (District Councillor – part meeting) and three members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Swan (family commitment) and the council accepted this reason for absence. M Redbond (District Councillor) and PCSO C Howard also sent their apologies.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2010 were approved and signed.

3. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Items of correspondence were read out.

A letter had been received from MSDC regarding the Abolition of the “Standards Board Regime”. It is not known what will replace this system and the Standards Committee of MSDC is concerned over the implications of councillor conduct being unregulated. It was felt that a letter should be sent stating the need for some regulations to prevent clerks from being bullied.

5. **PLANNING & AMENITIES REPORT**

Dealt with at Planning Meeting held before this meeting.

6. **FINANCE REPORT**

The clerk reported that the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2010 had been signed off by the auditors. This had been advertised on the notice board.

7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mr Heald agreed to draft a letter to SCC, Atkins and the Highway Agency stressing our disappointment at traffic being diverted through Claydon village and pointing out that this should not happen again in the future.

8. **QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN REPORTS**

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow members of the public to speak on the police item.

The residents of 6 Greyhound Cottages, Ipswich Road, reported on the problems they are experiencing with vehicles parking outside nos. 4, 6 and 8 Greyhound Cottages. A report and photos were submitted to the parish council. They were advised to send photographic evidence together with registration numbers, dates and times of illegal parking. They will be provided with Sgt. Colin Curtis's email address. A supply of HGV Incident Record forms for them to complete and return to SCC will also be sent. It was suggested that maybe bollards or flower boxes could be put in place to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement and this will be investigated further. Suffolk Preservation Society will be informed of this problem as Greyhound Cottages are Grade II Listed.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

Police

Copy of police report appended in the minute book.

Chairman

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

County Councillor

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

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. The Chairman is liaising with Alan Baldry and Came & Company to see whether we can claim anything off the parish council insurance for the damage caused on the recreation ground.

Youth Committee

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

Employment Seminar

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

Shared Responsibilities

Mrs Swan will present a report to the planning meeting on 15 November.

Parish Liaison Meeting – 7 October 2010

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

Village Green and Common Land Seminar

Copy of report appended in the minute book.

9. POLICING IN CLAYDON & WHITTON, BARHAM AND GREAT BLAKENHAM
All parish councillors had received a copy of a letter sent to Mr Simon Ash, Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary, regarding the lack of policing in Claydon and whether we continue to jointly fund a PCSO for 2011/12. A copy of this letter is appended in the minute book.
10. SPECIAL PARISH LIAISON MEETING
This meeting is being held on Thursday 25 November and Mr Wood and Mr Messenger volunteered to attend on behalf of the parish council.
11. “NO PARKING” SIGNS / POSSIBLE LANDSCAPING OF GREEN
The “No Parking” signs will be erected over the next two weeks and SCC and the Police will be informed once these are in place.
Regarding landscaping Growing Places have a scheme to plant the whole area with slow growing, low maintenance shrubs. Mr Heald suggested we get local businesses to subsidise this planting. An item will be placed on the agenda for the planning meeting taking place on 15 November so that this can be discussed fully.

12. GRIT BINS
10 yellow grit bins will be ordered. One extra bin will be delivered free of charge. We have been advised by SCC that no licence is required and Mr Messenger will mark on the map supplied by SCC where these bins are to be placed together with a list of volunteer grit spreaders. Once these details have been forwarded to SCC and the bins received these will be installed and filled.
13. TRAFFIC SURVEY
Mr Moore had produced a Claydon Traffic Survey which it was felt should be sent to the Tasking Panel and our PCSO so that they are fully aware of the situation. It was agreed that chevron parking needed discussing and a working party was formed consisting of Mr Wood, Mr Fotheringham and Mr Williams.
14. NEWS LETTER
It was unanimously agreed that the quarterly news letter should continue for another year and other organisations should be encouraged to contribute editorial.
15. PCSO
A copy of the recommendations by Claydon & Whitton's PCSO Working Party had been distributed to all parish councillors. It was unanimously agreed that we should continue to fund a PCSO and Mr Hudson felt that we should hold 3 monthly tasking meetings and the PCSO should be given specific tasks which we wish to be carried out. It was agreed that this report should now be circulated to Barham and Gt Blakenham Parish Councils.
16. SNOASIS
Mrs Moore had produced a full report on the site meeting she attended on 22 September. This had been distributed to all parish councillors and a copy appended in the minute book.
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 Moore reported that the main bus timetable displays (Claydon Crown and The Greyhound) needed updating and the clerk would contact SCC.
 - (b) Mr Messenger reminded everyone that a coffee morning was being held on Thursday 11 November commencing at 9.30 am (Remembrance Day) and this would also be advertised on the Notice Board.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman