

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Claydon & Whitton Parish Council was held in offices of SALC, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon on Monday 16 November 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present: TJ Messenger (Chairman), Mrs C Lay, D Mallitt, Mrs M Moore, J Rose, Mrs F Swan, JRG Williams, G Wood, PCSO C Howard, J Field (County Councillor), M Redbond (District Councillor) and two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES
B Fotheringham (unwell), S Heald (work) and CJ Studd (work)
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 13 October 2009 were approved and signed.
3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None
4. POSSIBLE CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR
Mr Messenger proposed that we co-opt John Whitehead onto the parish council with effect from 16 November 2009. This was seconded by Mr Mallitt and unanimously agreed. Mr Whitehead signed the Declaration of Acceptance and the clerk will inform MSDC of our additional councillor.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
 - (a) The Highways Agency had confirmed that they own the land at the junction of Newell Rise and Old Ipswich Road but do not control or maintain the Old Ipswich Road as it is not a trunk road and therefore falls within the jurisdiction of the local authority.
 - (b) SCC had informed us that they will shortly be carrying out an environmental study in Great Blakenham and surrounding area to assess the current air quality levels surrounding the Highways Depot. This is standard practice before making a planning application for a proposed development such as a waste plant and is an important part of the planning evaluation. The clerk will obtain details of the position of the monitoring equipment and also ask for a copy of the results.
6. PLANNING & AMENITIES REPORT
Mr Mallitt reported that the Hearing into the appeal being made by Simon Holland regarding the "Use of land for the stationing of 5 holiday units (caravans), construction of access and parking, landscaping and installation of private treatment plant", Land to south east of Mockbeggars Hall, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon, is being held on 15 December starting at 10 am. Mr Mallitt will be speaking on behalf of the parish council and Mr Redbond will also be asked to speak.
7. FINANCE REPORT
Precept 2010/2011
The finance committee had recommended the sum of £31,650 as funding required but as we have until the 31 January to advise MSDC, it was agreed to wait to confirm this at the January meeting in case any further funding has to be considered.
Barclays Business Accounts
Mr Wood advised our accounts will become Business Saver Accounts and he will advise us if and when we can get better rates elsewhere.

Clerk's Salary & Mileage Allowance

Mr Messenger proposed that the parish council pays the recommended increase on Scale Band 16 and the increase from 58.7p per mile to 60.01p per mile allowance as recommended by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services back-dated to 1 April 2009. This was seconded by Mr JRG Williams and unanimously agreed.

Standing Orders

Item 5.7 – By resolution from time to time, the Clerk may authorise expenditure on behalf of the Council to a maximum of £500. Mr Wood proposed that this be amended to £2,000 with immediate effect. This was seconded by Mr Messenger and unanimously agreed.

Mr Wood proposed that a new item be added to the Standing Orders under “6 – Salaries and other Staff Payments” indicating that the Chairman’s Allowance be increased each year in line with the National Average Earnings Index. This was seconded by Mr JRG Williams and unanimously agreed.

The Standing Orders will be amended accordingly and a new copy sent to all parish councillors. A copy signed by the Chairman will also be appended in the minute book.

Annual Return

The clerk confirmed that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 had been carried out by BDO Stoy Haward with no issues arising. The notice of conclusion of audit had been display on the notice board for the statutory 14 days and the return approved and accepted by the parish council.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

HGV Signs

Barham Parish Council are putting a sum of money towards one new set of signs.

Mr Messenger proposed that we advise SCC that we would be willing to part-fund the additional set of signs. This was seconded by Mr Wood. There were two abstentions and the remaining parish councillors agreed with this proposal.

Footpath No 1

We have asked the East Area Rights of Way Office if this footpath can be directed towards the roundabout thereby avoiding the need to cross the A14 and it has now been suggested by a resident that this incorporates a cycle route, which it was agreed was a good idea. This suggestion will be put forward to the Rights of Way Office.

National Cycle Route 51

Mr Mallitt pointed out that when the National Cycle Route was agreed SCC promised a 30 mph roundel sign banded on the road as you come off the roundabout approach road into Claydon from Junction 52. A reminder letter will be sent to SCC. They will also be asked whether there has been any progress on the improvement to the cycle route in Old Ipswich Road.

9. QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN REPORTS

Police

Circulated and a copy appended in the minute book. It was agreed to request a place on the new Tasking Group and Mr Wood would be willing to stand as representative for Claydon, Barham and Great Blakenham.

Chairman

Circulated and a copy appended in the minute book. Mr Whitehead volunteered to serve on the new Youth Support Committee and will attend the meeting on 2 December at 7.30 pm in the Library of the High School.

County Councillor

Circulated and a copy appended in the minute book. Mr Field confirmed that the Recreation Ground could keep the £700 left over from the locality budget funding of £3,000 for the BMX Track providing it is used for the youngsters. The clerk will let Kevin Kitchen know.

District Councillor

Circulated and a copy appended in the minute book.

Village Hall

Minutes of meeting held on 21 July were circulated and a copy appended in the minute book.

The chairman closed the meeting to allow John Tuppen to speak.

Mr Tuppen explained that the £400 which was sent back to Barham Parish Council until needed was due to the fact that they wished Barham to make a purchase on their behalf and claim back the VAT.

The chairman reconvened the meeting.

Recreation Ground

Minutes of meeting held 16 September circulated and a copy appended in the minute book.

10. BUS TIME TABLE

Mrs Moore reported that First Bus changed the times of their buses through Claydon after the time table was printed. A revised time table is being printed and should be distributed at the beginning of December. The layout has been changed and there is now space for advertising which she has sold for £50 to the Greyhound Public House. It was agreed that a letter be sent to First Bus complaining about the alterations to the time table as their buses now run one minute before Galloway, with a copy to SCC and the Traffic Commissioners.

11. WHITTON RURAL NOTICE BOARD

The Chairman stated that the Whitton Rural notice board had been vandalised three times during the last six months.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow Mr Morgans to speak.

Mr Morgans had spoken to Tom Warne who would be willing to make a new sturdy notice board at a reasonable cost. Mr Warne would be asked for a quotation and in the meantime the clerk would continue to send all Whitton Rural notices out to individual addresses. Mr Morgans and Mr Mallitt would visit Mr Warne to discuss the type of notice board required. The clerk would contact SCC to see what the situation is regarding the CCTV cameras. What are they capable of and does anyone ever look to see what has been recorded.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

12. PCSO

Sgt. Colin Curtis will be asked if our PCSO can concentrate on (a) parking with two wheels on the pavement (b) parking on double yellow lines and (c) parking on the zig zags. It would also be useful to have a copy of Cat's time table and how often she actually walks through the village.

13. SNOASIS

Mr Williams gave an up-date on the current situation.

14. CLAYDON & BARHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

The AGM is being held on 17 November in the Community Hall when a new Chairman will be appointed.

15. SUCH BUSINESS THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE MINUTES

Mr Messenger asked for two parish councillors to have a word with John Tuppen as he has recently been on a web training course and needs to talk about this.

16. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

None

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman