

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Amenities Committee

A meeting of the Planning & Amenities Committee was held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at the SALC offices, Hill View Business Park Claydon at 7.30 pm

Present: D Mallitt, JRG Williams (Vice Chairman), B Fotheringham, Mrs C Lay, TJ Messenger, J Rose, Mrs F Swan and G Wood

Absent: CJ Studd

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mrs M Moore (family commitment)
2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN TO PLANNING COMMITTEE
Mr Williams nominated Mr Mallitt as Chairman, this was seconded by Mrs Lay and unanimously agreed.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 were approved and signed.
4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None
5. PLANNING MATTERS
The following applications were discussed:-
2407/09 - Conversion of stables to form two holiday let units. Claydon Hall, Church Lane
The planning committee were not opposed to this application but are very keen that any further development is closely monitored in view of the increasing traffic which already uses Church Lane.
2670/09 - Erection of cart lodge. The Bungalow, The Slade, Claydon
The planning committee supported this application.
2584/09 - Erection of extension to office area and atrium to central courtyard. Erection of bin store. Claydon Court, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon
The planning committee supported this application.
Appeal – Land to south east of Mockbeggars Hall, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon
Use of land for stationing of 5 holiday units (caravans), construction of access and parking, landscaping and installation of private treatment plant
An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate but the planning committee did not feel that any further comments could be made following our detailed report sent on 23 June 2009.
6. PROPOSED BUSINESS PARK
Proposals are in the pipeline to develop a business park with a small number of affordable houses which will front onto Old Norwich Road but turning into Ipswich not Claydon. At the request of MSDC the developer is in the process of improving the layout. This land straddles Ipswich and Mid Suffolk and each council will deal with their area.
7. HGV RESTRICTION
The new proposals put forward by Tony Buckingham of SCC were not satisfactory and it was agreed that we would like the signs where we originally suggested in our letter to Jason Skilton dated 13 February 2009. Mr Messenger and Mr Mallitt agreed to meet officers of SCC if this would help to explain the situation more clearly.
8. INCINERATOR
Mr Williams suggested that he and Peter Welham (Gt Blakenham Parish Councillor) formulate a reply to SCC this could then be emailed to the clerk who would send it to all parish councillors for their comments. It was agreed that this was a good idea as Gt Blakenham will also be sending a response to SCC.

9. PARKING IN CLAYDON

An informal meeting had been held with Mr Field, Mr Redbond and Suffolk Police and a Byelaw for Good Rule & Government 22 (a) (b), Section 1 (1) Criminal Damage Act, was discussed. David Abbott, Enforcement Officer would send a letter to all offenders quoting this byelaw.

10. BUS STOP – EDINBURGH GARDENS

Philip Wright, Highways Engineer SCC, will be asked if he can meet a member of the parish council on site to explain exactly what is required.

11. VENUE AND FREQUENCY OF PLANNING MEETINGS

As we are experiencing problems in getting a venue for planning meetings, following the closure of the Old Chapel, it was agreed that these would be held at the offices of SALC on alternate months to our main meetings. SALC have agreed to this and will make a nominal charge of £10 per meeting. The next meeting would therefore be in December 2009 followed by January 2010 and so on. The clerk would inform all planning committee members once dates had been arranged.

12. IDEAS FOR NEXT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Mr Mallitt will be writing an article on planning for the next newsletter.

Mr Messenger will write an article about fly-posters.

Mr Wood suggested a short note about each parish councillor. Clerk to contact everyone for brief details.

13. SNOASIS

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

14. 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

None

15. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) The pharmacy in Station Road only illuminates the “green cross” sign when they are closed. It stays on all night and part of the weekend and will go off again when the shop re-opens. The clerk will clarify this.

(b) Mr Williams is concerned that the building work which has recommenced at Plummers Dell is close up to the fence of the road which carries HGV's to the business park. This is far too close to the road and we will keep an eye on the situation.

(c) SCC have been contacted regarding grass cutting on the Recreation Ground, especially the play area which we feel is left to grow far too long before cutting. The clerk will contact the Environmental Services Officer again to see what he considers the maximum height of the grass for a children's play area before it is cut.

(d) Our PCSO had been asked by residents at Alasdair Place why there is no zebra crossing near to Alasdair to enable them to cross the road. She will be advised that we did investigate this possibility some time ago but there is not enough room to put a crossing in Church Lane as it does not meet the criteria from a safety point of view.

(e) David Allerton of Mockbeggars Hall Farms has enquired about affordable housing in the area as he has a small piece of land in Old Ipswich Road. He will be advised to refer to MSDC who carried out the surveys.

(f) There is a planned LDF Infrastructure consultation on 4th November at 7 pm in the Council Chambers and the chairman felt that one of our parish councillors should attend.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman