

Claydon & Whitton Parish Council

Dear Residents

Welcome to our winter Newsletter and its attachments, we would welcome your comments on the information given in this and our contribution to the monthly In Touch magazine which has taken over from the Community News.

Energy from Waste Incinerator.

At the time of writing we are still waiting to see the planning application that is required to be submitted by SITA for this facility. SITA has held meetings over a large area of Suffolk and **everyone in Suffolk** will have a chance to personally comment on this application and **we urge you, as a local resident**, to submit your views as they may be different to those living in other parts of the County. The address for your comments will be advertised by the Suffolk County Council Planning Department once the plans have been registered. This Parish Council will be commenting on the plans and would be pleased to have a copy of your views in writing or by e-mail (contact details can be found overleaf).

Claydon needs you;

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to serve until May 2011 when all Parish Councillors come to the end of their four year period of office and will have to apply, together with any other qualifying resident, to be a Parish Councillor by putting their name forward for the 2011-2015 term of office. If you are interested in this current vacancy for a Councillor please contact our Clerk for further details. For those wanting to become involved in becoming a Parish Councillor either now or in May 2011 further details can be found on www.beacouncillor.org.uk/east or you can contact our Clerk and arrange to speak to one of our Parish Councillors. We are very lucky that training for Parish Councillors is readily available locally as our County Association (SALC) is based in Claydon at Hill View Business Park.

Concessionary Travel Changes.

From 1st April 2011 free travel on buses throughout Suffolk, using a concessionary bus pass will only be available between the hours of 9.30am and 11.00pm. All holders of these passes and voucher holders will receive a letter, in due course, explaining this and other changes. A web site www.suffolk.gov.uk/TransportAndStreets/PublicTransport/RecentNews/ConFareChanges.htm plus a help line will be set up on 0845 600 0659 if you are unsure of your situation. When this letter arrives please read it carefully in case it requires you to act on its contents.

HGVs and Lorry Watch Scheme

As there is a ban on HGVs travelling through our village Claydon Parish Council has been invited to take part in the pilot for a new Lorry Watch Scheme which will require local voluntary recorders of lorry movements. The aim of this scheme is to improve the quality of life for Suffolk residents, reduce the number of vehicles breaching the weight restriction orders and reduce the damage to Suffolk's roads, bridges and properties. Many of you living adjacent to the main roads in Claydon would welcome and agree with this aim. When full details of this scheme are available from Suffolk County Council please consider becoming a Voluntary Recorder.

Parking in the Main Street

Following numerous complaints about anti social and illegal parking in Claydon a meeting was held between Suffolk County Council Highways Department, the Police, our County Councillor and the Parish Council. It has been decided to cost a revised parking scheme. If approved the scheme will provide more parking spaces within the 30 minute waiting area and should stop illegal parking outside the Greyhound Cottages, the vibrations from which are damaging these listed buildings.

Organising an Event.

If you are running a temporary event either outside, in a local hall or licensed premises under the Licensing Act 2003 – section 100 you may require a Temporary Event Notice (TEN). The TEN is the authorisation required for the temporary carrying on of either the sale or supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment or late night refreshment, (or any combination of these Licensable Activities), at a premises that DO NOT hold an authorisation under the Licensing Act 2003 to conduct such activities. Please check whether or not your fund raising event needs this permission to ensure that the event does not have to be cancelled or stopped at the last moment. For further details contact the Licensing Section at Mid Suffolk District Council by e-mail licensing@midsuffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01449 724685.

Precept

At our meeting on 17th January we must agree our precept for 2011/12. The Finance Committee had hoped to maintain the status quo; however the restructuring and budget constraints of both the District and County Councils may mean there is a need to increase our reserves in anticipation of extra obligations on Parish Councils. This will be a hard decision for the Parish Council as we do not want to put our finances in an awkward situation in the future especially as we are budgeting on behalf of a newly elected Parish Council in May 2011.

Suffolk County Councils Proposed Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres

In order to help save £2.3m decisions will be made on 17th February 2011 about the proposal to close seven out of the county's 18 household waste recycling centres and reduce opening hours on the sites which remain. Please let us know what you think, with a copy to your County Councillor John Field john.field@suffolk.gov.uk, as we will be considering our view on 17th January. For more details visit <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/RubbishWasteAndRecycling/Listing.htm>.

Grit Bins & Grit Heaps

Many thanks to those who have been spreading the grit as needed; please let our Clerk know that you are doing this to ensure you are covered in Suffolk County Councils insurance. By volunteering you are under no obligation to do this on a regular or daily basis. It should be noted that this grit, supplied by SCC, is only for use on the public highway and public paths; **it is illegal to use the grit on private drives, paths or roads**, in law it is regarded as theft and prosecutions can be made.

The address for the Parish Council is Claydon & Whitton Parish Council, 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP2 9EX, E-mail claywhit@btinternet.com. Telephone 01473 687384.

Claydon & Whitton Parish Council meet bi-monthly normally on the second Monday in that month, the meeting dates to May 2011 are 17th January and 14th March and 9th May (the first meeting of the new Council). Our Finance Committee meet four times a year; Planning and General Purposes Committee meet as and when necessary. Residents are welcome at all Parish Council Meetings which are advertised with venue, time and an Agenda on our notice board on Claydon & Barham Village Hall. A full list of Councillors is also on our Notice Board and Web site.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Wood

Claydon & Whitton Parish Council Chairman