



CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
10 March 2026, 7.30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road,
Claydon, IP6 0DF

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Studd, C Cutler, S Wells, S Heald, P Avis, G Cornish, S Price
County Cllr Chambers, District Cllr Penny, District Cllr Whitehead

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr C Studd

01 – Apologies for absences

02 – Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests

No declaration of interest.

03 – Minutes

Parish Council minutes 9 February 2026 – Accepted & approved – signed by Chairman

04 - Public Forum

- A Ridleys Orchard resident attended. Bellway Homes were contacted about traffic speed and signage, but no changes have been made yet. The road is not adopted as the site remains incomplete. Cllr Penny will approach Bellway and Cllr Chambers will ensure signage is ready for installation upon site completion.

05 – Reports

- SCC - <https://www.chrischambers.uk/helpcentre>
 - Cllr Chambers – in attendance
 - Cllr Heald asked if the County Council have an opinion on the whitepaper for EHCP changes which come into effect in 2035. No comments as yet.
 - Investigate 20mph zones for Station Road / Main Road / Church Lane.
- BMSDC
 - Cllr Penny asked everyone to work together, incorporating residents, council and fellow villages to improve the way of village life.
 - Allotment land – see projects section 11
 - Food waste bins being delivered week of 6/4/26. A description of foods to be put in the bin will be provided, videos will also be available to watch.
 - Blue bin will be specifically for cardboard and paper – no cross contamination
 - Green bin is for everything else recyclable – including glass and some plastic film.
 - Cllr Heald raised concerns over nappies in black bins and collection every 3 weeks. Cllr Penny requested residents to complain directly to BMSDC.
- **Recreation ground –**
 - Gates on site – quote received £2,296.42 (ex VAT) - approved by PC

- Bench repair – quote received £304.05 (ex VAT) - approved by PC
 - Fun Day on Monday 4 May 2026 – recreation ground committee are putting together a plan and will be providing detail. If you would like to be involved please contact the recreation ground committee or email the Clerk – clerk@claydonandwhitton-pc.gov.uk and they will be forwarded.
 - RoSPA completed cycle track report, this will now be added to the annual inspection by MSDC. Copy to be forwarded to Cllr representative for Recreation Ground
- **Community centre**
 - Asbestos survey to be completed – Clerk to arrange as soon as possible.
- **Village hall**
 - Floor restoration works to be booked in.
 - Discussion re paying for hire of village hall by PC for meetings. Cllr Whitehead suggested contacting SALC for guidance, or increase grant to include use of hall. To be included in April meeting.
- **Port One**
 - Meeting at Community Centre for residents to attend an information session on the Port One development and current outline planning application on the BMSDC Planning Portal. The event will run from 9-12 Saturday 14 March, with refreshments provided from the Cosy Café.
 - Cllr Avis & Clerk– whole session / Cllr Cutler 9-11 / Cllr Heald 10:30-12

06 – Claydon pre-school

07 – Planning matters

- DC/25/05114 - Port One – discussed as part of Section 5 – Reports: Outline planning permission (with layout, scale, appearance and landscaping being reserved) for the extension of Port One Logistics Park, to include up to 195,000 sqm of commercial floorspace comprising logistics warehousing with ancillary offices; offices and vertical farms; up to 115,000 sqm of depots and container storage; a solar farm, cafe and substations; new vehicle and HGV access from the south, the improvement of the existing access from the B1113 and a means of emergency access only from Circular Road; associated earthworks to create development platforms and bunds to boundaries; new landscaping and recreation areas; creation of nature reserve and the burying of overhead powerlines underground; together with a full sustainable drainage scheme and the provision of private treatment plant(s).
 - Port One – concerns were expressed regarding the scale of the project and insufficient road infrastructure. Buildings are already under construction. There has been no consultation with SCC to date. Cllr Chambers addressing the issue, especially in relation to Port One not meeting their Section 106 requirements. The consultation period has been extended to 23 February 2026. Drop-in sessions held by Port One for local parishes to attend. Claydon was 13 January and attended by a Councillor and the Parish Clerk. Questions asked regarding access routes, road infrastructure, biodiversity, funding available to local parishes and for consultations & meetings to be held on a regular basis between Port One, Parish Council representatives, SCC & National Highways.

08 – Correspondence –

- Bus shelter is scheduled for installation w/c 6/4/26, this will be a welcome sight for residents.
- Report of rats near Crown bus stop by resident passed to the pest control company. This was investigated but they were unable to find any signs of vermin.
- Residents email regarding excessive litter at the junction of A14 J52 with roundabout and access to Claydon has been referred to Cllr Chambers. This is an ongoing problem.

- Cllr Chambers to respond to resident complaint regarding traffic, lorries, speeding & parking in various locations.

09 – Projects

- Allotment Land – is planning a requirement if the land is flooded and is being transformed into a natural habitat with specialised planting? Clerk has approached BMSDC planning and is awaiting a response.
- Joint Neighbourhood Plan – Three remaining parishes, being Claydon & Whitton Rural, Bramford and Little Blakenham attended a meeting. The group, known as Lower Gipping Valley are to make a decision as to whether to continue. Claydon & Whitton are keen to pursue. If you feel you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk.

10– Finance

- Accounts to 28.2.26 submitted and approved.
- Policies – These were deferred to next meeting as Clerk unable to attend.
- Use of tablets by Councillors discussed, Clerk provided a paper with 2 options. Councillors require more time to consider so this will be discussed at a later meeting.

11– Items for next meeting

- Good Neighbourhood Scheme Grant
- Village Hall payment – PC
- Grant request for gazebo for Recreation Ground
- Slade – does not look finished

Meeting closed 21:15

Next meeting: Monday 13 April 2026 at 7.30pm Claydon & Barham Village Hall