



# CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9 February 2026, 7pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road,  
Claydon, IP6 0DF

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: C Studd, C Cutler, P Avis, S Wells;  
SCC Cllr Chambers, District Cllr Penny, District Cllr Whitehead

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr C Studd

### 01 – Apologies for absences

C Cutler, S Price – S Heald absent no notification

### 02 – Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests

No declaration of interest.

### 03 – Minutes

13 January 2026 Parish Council minutes – Accepted & approved – signed by Chairman

### 04 - Public Forum

Akenham PC in attendance – would like to be part of the JNP, Cllr Avis to request joining with the parishes already signed up.

### 05 – Reports

- SCC - <https://www.chrischambers.uk/helpcentre>
  - Cllr Chambers – in attendance
  - Bus stop will possibly be March 26 – to be confirmed
  - SCC have agreed a new scheme for 20mph zones. Applications are to be submitted following the guidelines. These are a TRO and therefore enforceable. Claydon to explore sites within Claydon & Whitton that have a speed limit below 32mph.
  - Potholes causing issues throughout Suffolk, will raise Church Lane, Claydon with Highways to request this is reviewed. Can more funding be put into this, highways have deteriorated with the persistent poor weather conditions.
  - Lorry management should be monitored by Valencia (landfill site), no parking on public highway. Cllr Chambers has discussed this with the management company.
- BMSDC
  - Allotment land – see projects section 11
  - I Increase for District Council budget predicted at 2.99%, this is to future proof income to continue to provide services.

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- 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.
- Cleaning of junction at J52 roundabout to Claydon, Cllr Penny to chase on behalf of PC as a special permit would have to be sourced to complete this. It is a BMSDC responsibility.
- **Recreation ground –**
  - No further issues with ‘motor cycles’
  - Gates on site – obtaining quotes
  - 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](mailto:clerk@claydonandwhitton-pc.gov.uk) and they will be forwarded. Some additional funding requested from the PC to support – PC agreed in principal, no figures provided at this point.
  - Slade has now been resurfaced.
  - RoSPA completed cycle track report, this will now be added to the annual inspection by MSDC.
- **Community centre**
  - Funding application successful, this is to be managed by the PC and is for roofing and external works. A full survey was requested from the Community Centre, which has been requested.
  - Works cannot be carried out until the relevant reports have been received.
  - Car parking is still be sought, discussions with Claydon High School MAT are ongoing. It is hoped that the centre will be able to use some of the school’s field.
  - AGM went well and no complaints received.
  - CC held a quiz which was popular and it is planned to hold monthly, booking permitted. This is to raise additional funds for improvements.
- **Village hall**
  - Port One have put 6 solar panels on roof – request to MSDC to offer potential funding for the additional solar panels and battery storage. PC to discuss at next meeting to decide on next steps for solar panels. No update on this.
  - Painting of village hall required, this will be paid for by the PC, estimate if £400 – agreed by PC

## 06 – Claydon pre-school

- Land registry updated to reflect correct details for proprietorship.

## 07 – Planning matters

- DC/26/00252 - Holden Timber Engineering Ltd, Papermill Business Park, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon IP6 0BE – Provision of electric vehicle charging hub and associated infrastructure, welfare unit and all other associated works. Approved by PC with no comments
- DC/26/00281 - The Hollies, 13 Norwich Road, Claydon, IP6 0DQ - Rebuild a small damaged section of the boundary wall using bricks salvaged from the original wall. Approved by PC with no comments.
- 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.
- Discussions on what this means for the area, the outline planning application is seriously lacking in information. For C&W the A14/J52 roundabout leading into Claydon is already congested, especially during school drop off/pick up times. There are no detailed plans that offer any solutions to this. Traffic flow to the development will potentially increase significantly. There is also a great deal of light pollution which some residents have questioned – are there measures that can be put in place to reduce this?
- It was agreed that a contribution would be made to the Port One Alliance for professional expertise and assistance with the Port One Development. Exact contribution still to be determined.
- It has been agreed to create a survey for C&W residents and villages local to Port One. ***A drop-in session is planned for Saturday 14 March between 9-12am. Please do come along and have a look at the outline planning proposal and discuss with both Councillors and other residents. Refreshments will be provided from the Cosy Cat Café.***

## 08 – Correspondence - none

## 09 – Projects

- Allotment Land – Locality funding has been received to purchase the allotment land. Quotes are being sought to drain the land and create a wildlife habitat for a section of the land and provide allotments for the other section. Additional grant funding is also being sourced to support the development of the land.
- 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

- NSK grass maintenance contract for review – 5 year contract with to 2-year review clause running from 1.4.26 to 3.3.31. Contract to be sent back to NSK for them to confirm the review clauses and acceptance of these. PC are not able to enter a 5-year contract with no review.
- Intouch – to be used periodically due to cost to PC for requesting updates be included in the magazine. It cannot be guaranteed that submissions for news FOC will be included. This needs to be discussed with InTouch as it was thought news from the PC would be included monthly on a FOC basis.

### **13 – Items for next meeting**

- Medical update from Cllr Chambers re Doctors surgery.
- Barham PC

Meeting closed 21:10

Next meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7.30pm Claydon & Barham Village Hall

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