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MINUTES

CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 9th September 2024, 7:30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road, Claydon, IP6 0DF

**PRESENT**: Cllrs: S Heald, P Avis, C Cutler, S Wells

RFO: D Patel

**CHAIRPERSON**: Cllr C Studd

**Opening**

Chair thanked the Clerk and RFO for their hard work with preparing for the audit.

**01 – Apologies for absences**

Cllr S Price – Apologies accepted.

**02 – Co-option of new Parish Councillors**

Cllr Cutler has proposed that Stuart Heald become a new Parish Councillor and Cllr Avis seconded.

**03 – Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests**

No declaration of interest.

**04 – Minutes**

Minutes from 13th of May – Accepted with spelling mistake corrected.

Minutes from 15th of July Planning and Finance meeting – Accepted with changes that in the future the wording of the reports section will be changed from no report given to no report expected.

**05 - Public Forum**

No members of the public

**06 – Reports**

SCC – Report received from Cllr Chambers.

Following the report being received, more discussion took place, which included the district Cllrs, regarding the SACKERS fire, lithium batteries are believed to be the cause and Cllr Chambers has met with them to talk about how to prevent further fires. The Needham site has been partially closed, Parish Cllrs raised their concerns and questions about why that site is partially closing, specifically in the metal department. Following reports, Cllr Wells raised that District Cllrs could be more involved with the incidents at SACKERS, especially with regards to encouraging more inspections. District Cllrs also added to discussion.

District Cllrs – Report received from Cllr Penny and Cllr Whitehead.

Cllr Penny explained the plan to implement new waste bins from 2026, more information available on this link: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/increased-bin-collections-set-to-herald-recycling-revolution>

Police forum – Nothing to report.

Port One- Cllr Avis fed back about Port One meeting and the suggestion to joining a parish alliance that would work between Port One and the communities. Cllr Heald suggested that Highways should be invited to the meetings too as the roads and the Claydon Roundabout is over capacity already. He also raised concerns about the PC and challenging Port One over planning proposals in the future.

**07 – Claydon pre-school**

Cllr Wells has been liaising with the solicitors. The pre-school is operating on an assumed lease, Cllr Wells believes that any reviews or revisions cannot be time led as it may lead to unsatisfactory results for all parties involved. Suffolk County Council has plans to invest money to expand the pre-school services and hours. A max capacity of 24 children, 2 sessions, 5 days a week, potential extra sessions between 8am and 6pm. They are currently allowed to do this for 2 sessions a week. However, former planning permission says that they shouldn’t expand the site at the building would dominate the site instead of the land. Cllr Wells asked the council what they would like to prioritise for discussion with the pre-school. Cllr Wells was asked to meet with the pre-school to discuss their future plans to bring back to the PC.

**08 – Planning matters**

Notification of planning application to change the use of land at Sackers. – A meeting is being held at the Gt.Blakenham recreation grounds on the 24th of September at 7:00pm.

DC/24/02335 Land Between A14 And Old Norwich Road, Old Norwich Road, Whitton, Suffolk - Bus stops. – It has been noticed by Councillors that the dwellings are already occupied despite the bus shelters not being built.

**09 – Correspondence**

* Bollard at bus gate – PC were notified that a Resident had liaised with Cllr David Goldsmith to have a bollard installed at the bus gate. This was completed. District Cllr Chambers explained that this had already been planned.
* Lorry traffic on Station road – Station Road should not be on the advisory lorry route as the weight limit will be breached. Volunteers will be asked for to start a lorry watch group. This will be overseen by Cllr Heald. Clerk to put this in the Intouch and on Facebook.
* Painting of Barham and Claydon village sign – Council has agreed to have the village sign re-painted.
* Grant request from Claydon football club – Granted. In the future, if further grants are requested, Councillors would like it noted that, before they give any further money, they would like to see that Claydon and Whitton residents are involved and benefitting.
* Proposed national planning reforms – Cllr Cutler asked Cllrs to be aware of the changes and introduction of grey belt land. Also it will become more difficult to challenge house development planning.
* Port one – Discussed in Reports section.
* Complaint of overgrown hedges on York Crescent/Lancaster Way – All complaints have been reported . Cllr Cutler suggested that NSK Landscapes is contacted to do a general tidy up of the villages both Claydon and Whitton rural. Cllr Avis will contact.

**10 – Policy review**

Review of Financial regulations – Postponed until next meeting.

**11 – Projects**

Update of allotment land – Clerk has contacted Mid-Suffolk regarding ownership of the land and is waiting for a response to open conversations.

Double yellow lines – Double yellow lines on Church Lane were discussed and agreed. More discussion needed about other areas of the village.

SID’s device – Delegated authority has been given to Cllr Cutler to pick and purchase the device.

**12 – Finance report**

External audit report – The external audit report has not yet been received.

**13 – Street cleaning route review**

Postponed until next meeting.

**14 – Items for next meeting**

October meeting date agreed for the 14th of October 2024 at 7:30pm

Recreation ground projects

Lorry Watch

Meeting ended at 9:58pm