



CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1 September 2025, 7:30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich
Road, Claydon, IP6 0DF

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Cutler, S Price, G Cornish, S Wells, S Heald.
RFO: D Patel

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr C Studd

Opening

Introductions and welcome to Paula Mays – new Parish Clerk

01 – Apologies for absences

Apologies from Cllr Avis have been accepted

02 – Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests

No declaration of interest.

03 – Minutes

7 July 2025 Parish Council minutes – Accepted & approved – signed by Chairperson

04 - Public Forum

05 – Reports

- SCC –Accepted – see website for detailed update
<https://www.chrischambers.uk/helpcentre>
- **County Cllr Chris Chambers:**
 - Update regarding concerns about the Northern bypass. He advised that on 9th September 2025 there will be a meeting to discuss. Register interest to attend with Cllr Chris Chambers via the above link
- Cllrs requested an update on the ANPR for Old Ipswich Road, Bus Gate. ANPR is out to tender by SCC Procurement
- **District Cllr Dave Penny** – Explained how the 3-tier draft proposals have been accepted. See website. There will be Public engagement meetings – Hadleigh 8/9/25 / Coddensham 9/9/25 / Eye 10/9/25

- Borough Council are unlikely to meet housing needs – substantial piece of land has been offered in Akenham for development which would meet Henley Road. Significant increase in number of houses being built locally
 - Electrical recycling banks now installed
 - Grant applications being considered on a rotational basis. Cllr Penny asked if we can forward this information onto anyone who may need a grant
 - Advised us that he has had no response in regards to the children seen on the chalk hill ridge. He is still trying to locate landowner to make this land safe
- **Police forum** – No update
- **Recreation ground** – see projects section 10
 - Football pitch has stones which have largely been cleared. Topsoil put down and re-grassed
 - Cycle track now being used – children making good use. Inspection needs to be completed by ROSPA £420 + Vat to achieve sign off. Agreement this will be undertaken & costs included in original grant funding. Approved by council with one objection
 - Mid Suffolk will complete annual inspection in September 2025 of recreation ground
 - Grass maintenance working well and 3 families have complimented the council.
 - Obtained 4 quotes for fencing, being reviewed by Committee and will report back at next meeting – NSK £5k / Goddards £8k / Martlesham Fencing £10k / Suffolk Fencing £4.5k PC to fund this – in-principal agreement approved by council
 - Resurfacing Slade – possible footway installation, needed for Car park 5 weeks @ £200 p/w to allow lorries to park.
- **Community centre** –
 - Events well attended & numerous community events taking place
 - Café doing well
 - Grant application in progress to support the large grant request from SUEZ– in principal agreement by council
 - **Village hall** –
 - Regular hirers so actively used
 - Three grant applications in progress – wall / replacement of stage curtains / resin floor near kitchen to be replaced
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06 – Claydon pre-school

- Lease agreement –
 - Formal proposal to be received from the Pre-School outlining their additional requirements. To be reviewed by PC at next meeting

07 – Planning matters

- DC/25/03132 - Land to the East of, Ely Road, Claydon – Discharge of conditions
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- Ely Road development - Following complaints from residents. Councillor Cornish made contact with the site manager, who has taken action to ensure lorries follow the site traffic plan – turning right out of the estate and down Barham Church Lane. A Councillor will be attending a monthly liaison meeting, so please let us know of any concerns relating to the site and these will be raised.
- DC/25/02864 - Crown Inn – EV chargers – approved but with comment regarding power consumption.
- DC/25/02827 - Tree preservation – approved for Clerk under delegated powers

08 – Correspondence

- Land behind Community centre – Clerk to expedite with Trust Board of Claydon High School
- River Gipping – Cllr Avis – carried to next meeting
- Unitary Council – no update
- Grant request, Community Centre – See point
- Bus Shelter insurance claim response – in progress. Waiting on response regarding a new bus shelter.
- Resurfacing scheme - Cllr Heald – National Highways A14 proposed resurfacing J50 to J52 – part of wider scheme between J47a & J52. Speed calming measures have been offered and resurfacing due to the diversion through Claydon village.
- Fencing Cliff edge, Fir Tree Lane – District Councillor has contacted landowner & no response as yet. See comments under District councillor report
- Complaint from resident regarding the roundabout and it not being designed for the current vehicle usage. This is to be forwarded to SCC and Highways.
- Waste bin on station Road complaint – replacement bin will be installed

09 – Lorry and speed management

Nothing to update. Police Commercial are aware

10 – Recreation ground projects

- Gate access – Currently being costed - PC approved spend up to £600
- Fence quotes – See earlier comments in section 5

11 – Projects

- Update of allotment land – Mid-Suffolk have completed their land evaluation – carry forward to next meeting for discussion.

- SID's – site on Claydon Church Lane denied. Cllr Cornish has suggested approaching them about potential for a speed bump. Cllr Cutler has contacted Highways and they estimated £923 to have reducing lines on highway – agreed in principal by Council
- Claydon Closed Churchyard – No further movement regarding transfer of ownership to the Parish Council until 2026
- Bus shelter – Old Ipswich Road – Clerk to re-check ownership.
- Whitton Resident Letter – c/f to next meeting

12 – Street cleaning review

- Rubbish Collections – new contract is working well

Due to time constraints Cllr Cutler proposed extending meeting as per Standing Orders by 15 minutes. Seconded by Cllr Cornish, to complete agenda

13 – Finance

- Accounts – Report provided
- CIL update – agreed that the RoSPA inspection of the cycle track would be covered by CIL / Village Hall refurbishment as per item 5 – applied for £6,300

14 – Items for next meeting

- Tree pollarding – delegated duties to be discussed
- Overhanging trees Ipswich Road – SCC County Councillor to action
- Trees at Community Centre

Meeting closed at 21:41

Next meeting 6 October 2025 @ 19:30