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MINUTES

CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 3rd February 2025, 7:30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road, Claydon, IP6 0DF

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

RFO: D Patel

**CHAIRPERSON**: Cllr C Studd

**Opening**

**01 – Apologies for absences**

Apologies accepted for Cllr Wells and Cllr Price

Cllr Wells has been given a leave of absence until further notice.

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

No declaration of interest.

**03 – Minutes**

Minutes from 7th of January – Accepted.

**04 - Public Forum**

Members of the Public 01 and 02 raise a complaint about the dangerous all-day parking on Old Ipswich Road on/near the blind bend, including using the turn of Orchard drive to do dangerous U-turns. The Parish Clerk has been asked to contact J. White from Highways about extending the traffic regulation order, or any other ways to help. Preferably, can J. White have a meeting with us at 2:45pm on a school day, to emphasise the importance.

**05 – Co-option of Parish Councillor**

Gail Cornish was co-opted onto the parish council. Cllr Cutler proposed, Cllr Heald seconded.

**06 – Reports**

SCC - Cllr Chambers gave an overview about devolution.

District - Cllr Penny and Cllr Whitehead gave their own comments with Cllr Penny wanting to emphasize that he would hope that the parish council would have more say. The PC wants to state that nothing more can be said until we are consulted.

8.10pm Clerk had to leave due to illness. Cllr Cutler continued with minute taking.

District Cllr Penny gave his report, emphasizing that sport and leisure in Stowmarket has had a funding boost and 737 homes need to be built in Mid Suffolk in order to meet deadlines. Further details on his report.

East Suffolk planning alliance- no update

Recreation ground- no fun day this year as the football pitch requires maintenance. There will be a May fun day next year. It was note that RFO has had to return invoice to Vertas due to incorrect paperwork.

Village Hall- Have received a letter of authority from Port One about the solar panels that are to be fitted to the roof.

**07 – Claydon pre-school**

Cllr Wells was liaising with the preschool and the legal department at SCC. Due to absence, Cllr Cutler will contact the relevant parties in the hope to get the lease negotiated.

**08 – Planning matters**

DC/25/00153 – Tree cutting, Morgan Court - The PC would like the question asked if it is necessary to trim the tree rather than cut it down.

DC/25/00119 – Alisdair Place, building updates - Improvements have started

**09 – Correspondence**

* Claydon Lane SIDs device- Cllr Cutler advise that the location chosen was refused by Highways. A new location is being sought.
* Anti-social parking on Ipswich Road complaint

Discussed in public forum

* Barham and Claydon Good Neighbourhood scheme grant request

Granted, Cllr Avis proposed, Cllr Cutler seconded.

* Ely Road Development

A traffic management plan was requested. Cllr Heald with liaise

* Parking at St Peter’s Court

Cllr Penny spoke to the care home as this is where a majority of the parking issues arise.

It was also note that the TRO is in progress.

* VE Day 80 commemorative piece

It was agreed that the village should purchase a commemorative piece. The catalogue will be circulated for the next meeting.

* CPRE membership renewal £36

Agreed to renew. Cllr Avis proposed, Cllr Cutler seconded

**10 – Lorry and speed management**

Cllr Heald addressed Cllr Chambers, Cllr Penny and Cllr Whitehead in regard to the diversion route put in place through Claydon. Why was a C class road being used for non-urgent work? Why wasn’t the PC given more time to be contacted and the matter discussed? Cllr Chambers was going to feedback to Highways.

**11 – Recreation ground**

NSK have been given the go ahead to make the cycle track at the recreation ground. This will be funded from CIL money.

The council wanted to thank NSK for their landscaping services around the village.

RFO requests that all purchases/services for the recreation ground are to be put onto a grant form.

**12 – Projects**

Allotment land update- Cllr Penny is going to return to Mid Suffolk to encourage a result with the offer that the PC will pay the legal fees.

Double Yellow lines- Currently waiting on TRO result

SIDs device- Already discussed

Claydon Church- Cllr Cutler to speak to church contact to get an update.

**13 – Finance**

Internal and external auditors to be agreed: Auditors agreed. Internal audit will be SALC, External auditors will be PK Littlejohn

Accounts received and updates given.

Agreed that funding for NSK landscaping will be from the CIL

**14 – Set date for AGM**

AGM date set for 12th May this will precede a APM

**15 – Street cleaning review**

Cllr Cornish will take over the review, reschedule and contract creation.

Meeting closed at 9.34pm