



# CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8 December 2025, 7pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road,  
Claydon, IP6 0DF

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: C Cutler, S Price, G Cornish, S Heald, P Avis  
RFO: D Patel

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr C Studd

### 01 – Apologies for absences

Apologies from Cllr S Wells have been accepted?????

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

No declaration of interest.

### 03 – Minutes

5 October 2025 Parish Council minutes – Accepted & approved – signed by Chairman

### 04 - Public Forum

- Two members of the public attended regarding traffic issues on Old Norwich Road. No traffic calming on the Ridley Orchard estate but this has not yet been adopted by SCC Highways and is the responsibility of Bellway Homes. No give way signage at junction to main road.
- Issue with bus gate raised as multiple users are using illegally. Cllr chambers confirmed that Ipswich Borough Council are taking over the enforcement process and will be erecting a camera on the existing post. This will be done as soon as possible and is being pursued by Cllr Chambers.

### 05 – Reports

- SCC - <https://www.chrischambers.uk/helpcentre>
- **Recreation ground** – see projects section 10
  - Grass maintenance – additional three cuts of play area added to contract, this will mean a monthly cut in-line with the main field
  - Fencing
  - Accounts –
- **Community centre**
  - Grant application in progress to support the large grant request from SUEZ– 12.5% of grant paid upfront by PC £4,948, this will release the remainder of the grant
  - Quote requested for the removal of trees on the footway, roots are causing the footway to become raised in places & a safety concern

- **Village hall**

- Works have now been completed – curtains replaced and looking amazing, wall repairs & resin flooring. There is some damage to the flooring which the VH committee are reviewing as part of the maintenance programme
- Proposal to replace the plastic chairs

## **06 – Claydon pre-school**

- No further update

## **07 – Planning matters**

- None

## **08 – Correspondence**

- Land behind Community centre – Clerk to expedite with Trust Board of Claydon High School
- River Gipping – to be discussed at later date
- Unitary Council – email update from BMSDC, Suffolk's five district and borough councils have submitted our business case for the creation of **three unitary councils** to the government. This was endorsed across in council meetings across the county.
- Grant request, Community Centre – See reports section
- Resident email re traffic Old Norwich Road – see public forum
- Bus Gate – email to SCC Highways and Enforcement re issues with the bus gate not being closed and open for all traffic. This is not the purpose of the gate, enforcement needs to be in place
- Joint Neighbourhood Plan – a plan will be completed with the five parishes of Barham, Bramford, Claydon, Great Blakenham and Little Blakenham. Two consultants will be supporting the process, there will be community events and engagement to work with our parishes so do please get involved. More information to follow
- Back Lane clearing of vegetation – quote received from NSK £444 inc VAT – approved by PC
- Bin Station Road has been replaced
- Hedge Cutting – issue with on Lancaster Way, letter to be issued. Email to Highways to request tree near bus stop to be cut back
- Share Your Views – Churches – forward email to Church contact

## **09 – Lorry and speed management**

Issue with lorries coming through village, Councillor to have a site visit to discuss with Bretts

## **10 – Recreation ground projects – see section 5**

## **11 – Projects**

- Update of allotment land – Mid-Suffolk have completed their land evaluation and the land is subject to flooding. Cllr Penny has put forward a suggestion that some of the land is reserved for conservation and flood defences. It has been decided by the PC that the land will not be purchased from MSDC due to the flooding issues. Alternative land is being sought
- SID's – Highways reviewing
- Claydon Closed Churchyard – No further movement regarding transfer of ownership to the Parish Council until 2026
- Bus shelter – Old Ipswich Road

- insurance claim offer received and accepted – approved by all
- new shelter to be supplied by SCC, site meeting with Passenger Transport to review location. It is hoped it will be in place by end November 25
- Whitton Resident Letter – to be printed and delivered before next meeting

## **12 – Street cleaning review**

- Rubbish Collections – new contract is working well & areas have been cleaned up as part of collections

## **13 – Finance**

- Accounts – Report provided
- PC agreed to pay RFO & previous clerk weekly admin fee of £6pw from 7/7/25
- CIL update – to be reviewed in January 26
- Change of Bank – currently being reviewed

## **14 – Items for next meeting**

Meeting closed at 21:20

Future Meetings – PC agreed to move to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month