**CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL**   
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MINUTES

CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10th March 2025, 7:30pm held at Claydon and Barham Village Hall, Norwich Road, Claydon, IP6 0DF

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

RFO: D Patel

**CHAIRPERSON**: Cllr C Studd

**Opening**

**01 – Apologies for absences**

Apologies accepted for Cllr Wells

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 3rd of February – Accepted.

**04 - Public Forum**

Member of the public 01 has raised a complaint about the large pothole on the area leading to Quoits field – Due to large amounts of foot traffic from the pub, football coaches, lorry that collects bottles from bottle bank and chemist customers the pothole in Quoits field is getting larger. The Chemist is concerned about pavement as blind, nearsighted, elderly and children etc may have an accident. The pavement is local authority and the v shape/square behind it also. Green king owned it originally, but the deeds say that the residents oversee it, but more cars are using it then residents. Clerk to contact manager of the Greyhound pub to discuss options.

**05 – Reports**

* SCC – Not expected this month.
* District – All district/boroughs have votes for a 2 or 3 tier local government re-brand. Report received.
* Police forum – Cllr Wells has been unable to attend due to illness.
* Recreation ground – The work on the new cycle track has started, area near track to be cleared.
* A Quad bike has been reported for antisocial behaviour. Cllr Studd brings up the idea of purchasing a gate for the recreation ground.
* Cllr Avis talks about submitting a grant to improve the football ground.
* Community centre – member numbers are up, and events are booked. Cllr Studd has contacted SCC about purchasing land behind the community centre and turning it into a carpark. CIL money to be used to potentially purchase it if SCC are willing to sell it to us.
* Village hall – Potential for flooring under the carpet to be dealt with by village hall. Village hall are considering asking the Parish council for money for new curtains on stage and retiling of front hall.

**06 – Claydon pre-school**

Cllr Cutler explained that she had forwarded questions about the lease to SCC legal and was waiting a response.

**07 – Planning matters**

DC/25/00424 Land Off Paper Mill Lane, Claydon - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) in respect of changes to restriction to HGV numbers – The Parish Council is neutral on this matter, with the only question being who’s going to police/confirm how it is used and the concerns about the junction, including tarmac/roads eroding faster.

DC/25/00153 – Tree cutting, Morgan Court – Agreed – Accepted.

DC/24/05494 Land West Of, Thurleston Lane – Accepted with restriction to amount that can be occupied. – Accepted.

**08 – Correspondence**

* Claydon Church – The Parish Council will not be taking over the church in April instead it will be given over in January 2026.
* Pedestrian crossing – Co-op - Deliveries and traffic going too fast and causing a danger to the public, however, the parking is a police and county issue so members of the public should contact them with their concerns.
* Taylor Wimpey meeting – Cllr Heald – The operating hours Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm and they are currently landscaping the basins. The illegal dumping of topsoil was made aware to them.
* VE Day 80 commemorative piece - 2 male soldier statues to be purchased. Flag to be purchased also.
* Highways meeting – Cllr Studd met with Mr. White from Highways, about the parking and potholes. SID device to be potentially placed on station road going the opposite direction.
* Bus shelter complaint – Old Ipswich Road – residents have complained about the state of the bus shelter up Old Ipswich Road, clerk to investigate options to either replace or repair it.
* Quoits Field Potholes

**09 – Lorry and speed management**

2 members of the public are interested however, if no more members of the public are interested, then lorry watch would not be able to go ahead, instead, letters will be sent to various companies and trading standards.

**10 – Projects**

* Update of allotment land - No update yet, District Cllr Penny to keep in contact with the people who are dealing with it at SCC.
* Double yellow lines – Clerk to email County Cllr Chambers about response from January.
* SID’s Device – Clerk and Cllr Cutler in contact with relevant departments and are discussing places to put a new SID’s device.
* Recreation Ground – Earth cycle track – Discussed in Reports.
* Car park for community centre – Cllr Studd is investigating the possibility of creating a car park for the community centre.

**11 – Finance**

* Accounts report – Spreadsheet of accounts accepted
* CIL update – Accepted.

**12 – Street cleaning review**

Street cleaning contract to be put out to tender on July 1st. Open for companies to bid/offer quotes.

**13 – Internal review preparation**

* Risk assessment - agreed
* Asset register – Recreation ground play equipment to be added to asset register with note that the Recreation ground insure the equipment themselves.

**14 – Items for next meeting**

Recreation ground transfer of accounts

Names to be changed on account.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm