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CLAYDON AND WHITTON RXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 23rd June 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, S Wells

 RFO:

**CHAIRPERSON**: Cllr C Studd

**Opening**

**01 – Apologies for absences**

RFO Patel was not expected to attend.

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

No declaration of interest.

**03 – Public forum**

No members of the public.

**04 – Port-one**

* Neighbouring meeting feedback:

Cllr Cutler and Cllr Cornish gave an update following a meeting with other local parishes about planning proposals at Port One. They summarised that after discussions with other councillors it had been jointly decided to call a meeting that included all the local parishes, local district councillors, planning department and anyone else who should be present to discuss the impacts that the Port One development is going to have both positively and negatively.

* Press release:

Cllr Cornish opened the discussion by addressing the proposed press release from Port One. She noted that the draft does not represent the views of the full parish council and that the meeting had been convened specifically to discuss the contents of the press release, which had been forwarded to the council for comment prior to its publication.

Representatives from Port One explained that the initial section of the release originated from Little Blakenham Parish Council and that the intent of the press release was to inform the public about upcoming plans and activities undertaken by Port One in support of the local parishes.

Cllr Wells asked whether the document circulated to the council was the complete press release or only an excerpt. Port One confirmed that it was part of a larger document. Cllr Wells stressed that it was not possible to provide informed comments without reviewing the full release in context.

Port One representatives clarified that their intention in issuing a press release was to proactively communicate with the public before the planning application process escalates. Cllr Wells reiterated that the section attributed to the parish councils would form a significant part of a lengthy release and could be interpreted as full endorsement, which is not the council’s position.

The Council continued its discussion of the press release. District Cllr Penny expressed concern that the draft reads as an endorsement of all Port One’s future proposals. He suggested that the parish council should not support or be included in the release and should instead issue its own independent statement.

District Cllr Chambers queried the proposed changes to the Claydon roundabout and surrounding junctions that were referenced by Port One. He stated that Suffolk County Council (SCC) appeared to be unaware of any such plans.

Port One confirmed that the infrastructure models were developed by TPA, a Cambridge-based consultancy. These include proposed works at junctions 52 and 55. However, Cllr Chambers noted that junction 55 is not scheduled for any imminent upgrades and remains a long-term project.

Following further discussion, Cllr Wells proposed that the section referring to Claydon Parish Council be removed from the Port One press release, and that the council prepare and issue its own statement at a later date. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cornish and unanimously agreed by the council.

Port One representatives were advised that the Parish council should not be included in their press release. It was agreed that Cllr Wells would prepare a separate statement on behalf of the council. Cllr Wells formally proposed this course of action, Cllr Cutler seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

In conclusion, the council reaffirmed its decision to request removal of any reference to Claydon Parish Council from the Port One press release and to issue a separate, council-authored statement at an appropriate time. This decision was proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Cutler, and supported unanimously by the council.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm