



CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

CLAYDON AND WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 26 October 2020, 7.30pm held Via Zoom

PRESENT: Cllrs P Avis, G Cornish, S Price, J Whitehead, S Wells (from item 4)

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr C Studd

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr J Field, District Cllr Tim Passmore, C Greenan (clerk) and three members of the public

10-20-01. Opening

Councillor Studd opened the meeting.

10-20-02. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to contribute.

10-20-03. Apologies for absence

Cllr Cutler apologised for personal reasons. This absence was accepted.

10-20-04. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Steven Wells was co-opted onto the Parish Council as the representative for Whitton rural.

10-20-05. Declaration of interest and local non-pecuniary interests.

None

10-20-06. To receive the minutes of the meeting held 14th September 2020

The minutes were approved and will be signed as a correct record.

10-20-07. Report on Actions From Previous Minutes

- a. Clerk to make contact with Barham and Great Blakenham clerks for update and potential meeting with Cllr Passmore

So signed by the Chairman _____ Date _____

Clerk has made contact with the other clerks and has not heard back yet. Great Blakenham have a meeting booked with Cllr Passmore, so will feedback after that.

b. Posts in Recreation Ground Car Park

An email was sent by Cllr Whitehead to the contact at Concertus as Councillors were increasingly impatient with the sub-standard bollards and the delay in dealing with these. Both the clerk and the councillors who met with Concertus have expressed their safety concerns with these bollards. The clerk was asked to forward these emails to Cllr Field.

Councillors felt that they may need to take legal action if this situation continues.

If no response is received from Concertus within the next couple of weeks, then the Recreation Ground Management Committee should send another email ensuring that Concertus are aware of their liability in relation to the bollards.

c. Dog bin on The Slade

The clerk now has a mapped location and will follow this up with Mid Suffolk District Council.

d. Clerk to contact Cllr Passmore regarding school traffic issues

The clerk received an email stating that the police would attend if they have any time to do this. Cllr Passmore highlighted that a PCSO would be helpful in dealing with these issues.

Cllr Passmore provided an update on policing, which is attached in the District Councillors' report in the minute book.

The chair closed the meeting so that a member of the public could speak on the issue of speeding.

The member of the public highlighted that they had seen a dustbin lorry driving too fast on Station Road and the district councillors agreed to investigate this.

They raised the issue of cars racing along Station Road and general issues with speeding. They were particularly concerned that young people and families use Station Road as a route to school and felt that if the situation continued, there could be a serious accident. They felt strongly that speed enforcement cameras should be in the area.

Cllr Passmore requested that the clerk write an email with further details from the member of the public.

There was some discussion regarding a vehicle activated sign, as that would provide Cllr Passmore with extra data on the true state of speeding in Claydon.

The clerk was asked to investigate getting SID on Station Road.

Cllr Studd opened the meeting again.

A Councillor highlighted issues at Walnut Tree Farm as a resident had reported drug taking and anti-social behaviour. Cllr Passmore asked the clerk to send an email with further details.

- e. Clerk to organise work in conservation area

The clerk has contacted the contractor, but has not received a reply so this will be followed up.

- f. Unnumbered street light.

The issue with the street light is ongoing as it continues to remain on all day. The clerk will follow up on this again.

10-20-08. Correspondence

- a. River Gipping Trust support for new bridge and footpath at Baylham

The clerk was asked to highlight local sources of funds and to send an email of support for the project.

- b. Two resident emails regarding dog fouling in Claydon.

The clerk was asked to note this in the In Touch submission.

- c. Thank you letters for donations from:

- a. Cruse Bereavement Care
- b. Headway Suffolk
- c. Suffolk Accident Rescue
- d. Earl Haig Poppy Fund

These thank you letters were noted.

Cllr Studd outlined the plans for Remembrance Sunday, which would be outside. Cllr Studd will also attend the village hall to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day.

- d. Resident email regarding LGV training vehicles using Old Ipswich Road for driver training

Councillors discussed this issue. The business has already been contacted.

- e. Resident email regarding traveller ponies on Walnut Tree Farm and BMX track.

This had been investigated by Cllr Wells and updated under item 09-20-07 d.

Councillors discussed Ipswich Borough Council's ownership of Walnut Tree Farm. District and County Councillors agreed to follow up on this.

- f. Resident email regarding speeding in Claydon

This was discussed under item 09-20-07 d.

- g. Resident message regarding speeding through Station Road, requesting further signs and a 'smiley face'.

This was discussed under item 09-20-07 d.

- h. Good Neighbour Scheme email requesting payment of insurance this year (£140)

The treasurer is struggling to open a bank account for the Good Neighbour Scheme to follow on from the Covid response group, which operated from March.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to fund this and asked the clerk to organise the payment.

- i. MSDC email offering trees and hedgerows to be planted on Parish Council land.

Councillors discussed possible locations for new trees and hedgerows, particularly bordering the Recreation Ground and The Slade. The clerk was asked to express interest in this.

- j. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England regarding draft recommendations for division boundaries in Suffolk
<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18495>

Councillors noted the draft recommendations.

10-20-09. Questions on Written Reports

- a. County Councillor

Cllr Field's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

- b. District Councillors

Cllrs Passmore and Whitehead's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

- c. Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall Management Committee's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

- d. Recreation Ground Management Committee

The Recreation Ground Management Committee's report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

Cllr Studd had been approached by a resident to raise the issue of play equipment on the Recreation Ground.

The Recreation Ground Management Committee are working on replacing play equipment. They have consulted with residents and they will be raising money for this resource.

e. Community Centre

Cllr Studd closed the meeting so that the members of the Community Centre board were able to contribute to the discussion.

The Community Centre highlighted that they were doing well with volunteer bar staff. An AGM is being arranged for Community Centre members.

Councillors thanked the Community Centre for their report.

Cllr Studd re-opened the meeting.

10-20-10. Planning and Amenities Report

- a. The draft minutes were noted and are attached in the minute book.
- b. Decision Report
The Decision Report was noted and is attached in the minute book.

There is much interest in the Church Lane, Barham and Ely Road, Claydon applications. The Clerk as well as Councillors Whitehead and Passmore should hear as soon as it is decided that these applications will be discussed at the MSDC Planning Committee. There were some indications that this committee may occur in early December.

10-20-11. Finance Report

- a. Draft minutes from the Finance Committee 12 October 2020
The draft minutes were noted and are attached in the minute book.
- b. Balance of accounts as at 25 September 2020:
 - a. - Community account: £98,825.07
 - b. - Business Premium Account 1: £917.22
 - c. - Business Premium Account 2: £818.54
- c. To note and approve:
 - the accounts awaiting payment
 - accounts paid since the last meeting
 - the receipts allocated since the last meeting

These were noted and unanimously approved.

Councillors proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to automatically pay wages for the clerk, street cleaners, pension contributions and donations that have been agreed in the budget through the two signatures on the BACS payments.

10-20-12. To consider improvements required for the allotments

Councillors decided to defer this discussion until the New Year.

Councillors have investigated renting more land in the village for allotments, although have been unsuccessful to date.

10-20-13. To consider improvements to the noticeboard in Whitton

The clerk had shared photos of the noticeboard in Whitton and councillors agreed that this needs restoring or replacing.

Councillors noted that the new estate in Whitton will make it more useful for the noticeboard to be re-sited and replaced once the new houses have been built.

Councillors agreed that the noticeboard needs revarnishing and Cllr Wells volunteered to undertake this work.

10-20-14. Items for next meeting

None.

10-20-15. Dates of next meetings:

- Parish Council: 18 January 2021
- Finance Committee: 11 January 2021
- Planning Committee: 30 November 2020

The meeting closed at 21:30