

**EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held in the Village Hall  
at 8pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present:** Councillors Peter Wright (Chair), Martin Paul (MP), Paul Lupton (PL), Gary Baldwin (GB), Martin Hughes (MH), Wayne Marks (WM), Colin Kitchen (CK)

**Also present:** CC Angela Macpherson (AM), District Councillor John Chilver (JC), Carole Jackman (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**Apologies:** None.

**1. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Peter Wright presented his report (**Attachment 1**).

**Action: Cllr GB will add the report to Facebook.**

**3. County Council Report**

County Councillor Angela Macpherson's report, which she had circulated prior to the meeting, is at **Attachment 2**.

**Action: Cllr GB will add the report to Facebook.**

**4. District Councillor Report**

District Councillor John Chilver reported that Aylesbury Vale District Council's new Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has now been submitted for examination and should be adopted in 2019. He pointed out that there was nothing mentioned in the plan for a new local settlement.

**Action: Cllr GB will add the report to Facebook.**

**5. Financial Report**

A copy of the Clerk's Account Statement for year ending 31 March 2018 was available for inspection and is at **Attachment 3**.

**6. Any Other Business**

- a. A resident present thanked the Council for all the work they had done during the year and expressed her disappointment that more parishioners had not attended this meeting. It was agreed that the Council should try to get more volunteers involved.
- b. CC AM reported that HS2 was holding an open day on 6 June. CC AM agreed to ask for signage to be erected to make it clear who is carrying out local works: HS2, East West Rail or the Bicester to East Claydon ducting work.
- c. CC MH reported that he was unable to attend the next Local Area Forum to be held on 27 June.

**7. Close**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH OF EAST CLAYDON**  
**Chairman's Report 2018**

- The year has been busy. We have seen the Council lose Esther Turnbull, Brian Cable, Clive Preston and welcomed Wayne Marks, Martin Hughes and Colin Kitchen in their place.
- We have continued to run the devolved services, grass cutting and have added weed killing of footpath edges and included the cutting in front of the village gates
- Roads and pathways remain an ongoing issue with Transport for Bucks with real problems with potholes on all our roads
- We have had to remain updated on the proposals to Local Government and the debate about whether this should be a single Bucks County Council Unitary authority or two split north and south of the county
- There remain the ongoing issues over the HS2 and East West rail programmes.  
With work already started on investigations, everybody should view the video overfly of the route from Birmingham to London which demonstrates the scale of the project:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bkoGvw9kbA>.
- The impact that the rail head at Steeple Claydon will have on our village is being monitored
- The potential growth and development of major 10,000 housing developments at Verney Junction and the 700 acres of the Verney estate land at Calvert are all being monitored.
- The AVDC final Local Plan is nearing completion.
- Speeding in the village has continued to be a major concern and the Parish Council has now purchased a "Sentinel" speed camera and is being run by Bill Hughes and his team. It is much easier to use and is already identifying speeding motorists and has a direct reporting process to the police. Bill is looking for additional volunteers to maintain a regular activity.
- We have entered the Best Kept Village competition again this year.
- The Litter Pick was held in April, but not as well supported as in the past.
- The biggest item however is the Village Hall Restoration project. We had a very successful Public consultation. We have now made our submission to WREN with all our quotations and await their approval to progress.
- We hope to get started on the roof and brickwork in June/July.
- The window replacement will follow.
- The upgrading of the heating and plumbing and the upgrade of the toilet facility will continue together with the modernisation of the electrics to modern safe standards.
- Finally, the making good and redecoration of the hall and the modernisation and redesign of the Mushroom will be undertaken.
- All this work is being managed and monitored by a small sub-committee. We may require local volunteers to assist in the redecoration at the end of the project, depending on finances.

## Buckinghamshire County Councillor's Annual Report

### County Council Budget

A revenue budget for day-to-day spending of c£336m and capital spending of £122.6m has been agreed for this financial year. A 2.99% increase in standard council tax, along with a 3% Social Care precept, will also apply this year and equates to approximately £1.40 per week for a Band D property.

In addition to the County Council budget, BCC passes £310m directly to schools from central government. Approximately 65% of the total budget is spent on adult and children's social care.

### Adult Services and public health

This year our teams visited 42 care homes across the county and vaccinated 213 staff and 120 residents from flu, some of whom are the most vulnerable in our community.

By working closely with clients, their families and one of our Supported Living providers, we have helped 4 people with learning disabilities to move from 24-hour care and support to living independently.

More than 7,500 people have been supported with assistive technology, helping them stay at home independently for longer.

Community Links Officers working with the Local Area Forums have supported 29 sustainable local projects for vulnerable people.

Active Bucks : Two new programmes will be set up over the next 18 months by our public health team as part of this initiative, one to target older adults aged 65-plus and another to focus on encouraging men and the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities to be more active more regularly. Information can be found on the Active Bucks website.

### Children's Services

An OFSTED report published earlier this year found children's services remain 'inadequate'. Work is ongoing regarding improvement. Our adoption services however have been recognised by OFSTED as good.

The Youth Offending Service was praised by the Achievement for All/Association of Youth Offending Team Managers in recognition of achieving positive outcomes for young people with Special Education Needs.

The proposals consulted on last year for the Early Help Service for Families were not as specific as residents would have liked, so more detailed proposals will be put forward and a revised consultation will follow soon. Therefore, BCC will not be implementing the Cabinet decision on 8th January in relation to restructuring the new service.

### Highways/Transport for Bucks

Despite challenging weather conditions Transport for Bucks kept the highways network running for residents and businesses through this winter's major snow events, gritting 1405km of the road using our fleet of gritters.

In addition to the £20m budget for highways across the County a £2.78m programme to repair the county's worst pothole 'farms' is to be launched. The County Council has received £1.78m in Department for Transport repair grants, and Council has just agreed to release a further £1m to be added to this sum from its reserves. This will fund a 'plane and patch' scheme to resurface stretches of road with multiple defects. The plane and patch teams will target the worst-hit roads across the county, using local knowledge from Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) local area technicians. While this programme is active, Transport for Buckinghamshire repair teams will continue with the County's £2m programme repairing individual potholes, and make more use of their high-velocity Jet Patcher, which speeds repair rates.

A new 'Fix My Street' reporting tool is now available online that's easier to use and more comprehensive for residents.

### Future Growth

A bid to the Government by Buckinghamshire County Council for £204 million to support growth in and around Aylesbury has passed its first hurdle. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced that bids from a further 44 areas including Buckinghamshire, will go forward for a potential share of the £4.1bn national Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF). They will now ask all successful areas to put together detailed business plans for further consideration.

Officers will now be working in collaboration with Homes England, the Local Enterprise Partnerships in Buckinghamshire Thames Valley and South East Midlands, and Aylesbury Vale District Council to take this work forward. The County Council bid for funding, to support Aylesbury's growth as a Garden Town, covers infrastructure projects such as link roads to form an orbital route around Aylesbury, improvements to public

transport links to the town centre, and new secondary and primary schools. Funding could also pay for new recycling centres, new power lines, broadband improvements, flood alleviation and open spaces for leisure and recreation.

### **Ox/Cam Expressway**

The county council has submitted a response to Highways England and the DfT to the recent stakeholder engagement asking local authorities for their 'preferred corridor' for the future Expressway road. This will provide a dual carriageway (at minimum) link across the Oxford Cambridge Arc and is likely to cut through the north of the County. At this stage it is difficult to form a complete picture with limited information from MHCLG regarding the location of future significant housing development and new settlements. However the county's preference at time of writing is for the more southerly route which will link through Haddenham, provide ring roads around congested Aylesbury, and Wing and onto the M1 south of Milton Keynes.

The county has expressed disappointment at the lack of public consultation at this stage and understands this will take effect once the DfT/HE have announced the preferred corridor later this summer. It is then that the actual route for the road will be consulted on.

### **Minerals and Waste**

In Bucks we reused, recycled or composted more than 57% of household waste. We also diverted 95% of total residential waste away from landfill sites.

The Energy from Waste Plant generates approximately 200,000 megawatt hours per annum of electricity enough to power more than 40,000 homes.

More than 2 million visits are made annually to our Household Waste Recycling Centres with a 99% customer satisfaction rating.

Fly-tipping convictions reached a record high of 72 this year. In total over 660 convictions against fly-tippers have been secured

A 20-year forward plan for the future of mineral prospecting and waste in Bucks is to be submitted to MHCLG to ensure a steady and adequate supply of aggregates, and forecast future waste management needs. It's intended to review the plan every five years

### **Modernising local government**

The Secretary of State for local communities, Sajid Javid, has issued a 'minded-to' decision for a single unitary authority in Buckinghamshire. This will be a totally new council that will abolish the county council and all four districts. However the four district councils in the county believe establishing two unitary authorities, one in the south of Bucks and the other in the north, would serve residents better. Further representations on the matter have been invited by the Secretary of State by the 25th May 2018 before any definitive decision is made.

### **Mobile Libraries**

An official report on the future of this service is due to be published shortly

### **Modern Slavery victim support pilot**

The County Council's Community Safety Team working with its partners will raise awareness, offer support and help those affected by exploitation, or thought to be at risk of modern day slavery to regain control of their lives.

**Angela Macpherson**  
**Grendon Underwood Division**  
**Buckinghamshire County Council.**

**East Claydon Parish Council**  
**Statement of Accounts as at 31 March 2018**

	31st March 2017	31st March 2018
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept	£16,000.00	£19,000.00
Other receipts	£4,150.13	£1,953.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,150.13</b>	<b>£20,953.53</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
VAT payments	£1,273.32	£1,857.31
Lighting	£34.22	£111.23
Clerk Salary	£2,205.10	£2,306.97
Insurance	£717.25	£748.30
Playground	£2,618.07	£1,256.33
Waste (dog bin)	£345.76	£414.00
Subscriptions	£278.48	£375.59
Grass cutting and ground services	£3,799.92	£3,799.92
Tree work and ground maintenance	£595.00	£1,410.00
Village hall clock refurbishment\repair	£250.00	£0.00
Village hall development expenses	£0.00	£12,296.15
Website development and hosting	£180.00	£180.00
Defibrillator	£53.00	£225.00
External audit	£200.00	£100.00
Election expenses	£0.00	£0.00
miscellaneous	£23.43	£3,197.13
Other	£1,184.94	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,758.49</b>	<b>£28,277.93</b>
Excess of income over expenditure	£6,391.64	-£7,324.40
Brought forward	£6,040.00	£22,233.41
Petty Cash	£9.00	£9.00
<b>Parish Council Funds</b>	<b>£12,440.64</b>	<b>£14,918.01</b>