

**EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
In East Claydon Village Hall  
At 8pm on Thursday 19 September 2019**

**Those Present:** Councillors Peter Wright (Chair), Colin Kitchen (CK), Gary Baldwin (GB). Gareth Williams (GW)

**Also present:** Public 5, Carole Jackman (Clerk)

**Action**

1. **Appointment of new Parish Councillor:** Chair welcomed Gareth Williams onto the Parish Council.

**Open Forum:** The following issues were raised:

- i) **Church Roof:** A resident present enquired if the Parish Council would make a contribution towards the cost of the repairs to the Church roof. It was pointed out that the Parish Council is limited in what it can contribute to the church but would try to support it and would research what legally it can donate. It was noted that residents had formed a Funding Committee and are investigating funding sources.

- ii) **Speed watch:** Due to the lack of support from the police, the speed watch team had dwindled to 3. It was noted that a white Citroen again had been caught travelling at 48mph passed the school.

**Action: Speed watch coordinator to send registration details to Cllr GB for him to follow up. Cllr GB**

Chair had recently attended an open forum organised by James Davies, Community & Engagement Inspector, Aylesbury Vale LPA, at which concern was expressed at the lack of support from the police on speed watch.

**Action: Chair to raise the issue again at the next Local Area Forum.**

**Chair**

It was noted that Clarkes lorries have been monitored exceeding the speed limit.

**Action: Speed watch coordinator to send details to Chair who will write to Clarkes.**

**Chair**

2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Martin Hughes (MH) and Martin Paul (MP), CC Angela Macpherson, DC John Chilvers.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2019**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2019 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Planning (2018-19 applications are at Appendix 1)**

6.1 **Applications**

**19/02398/APP** - New Farm Barn St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 6 dwellings and associated parking, residential amenity and landscaping.

16 to 20 people attended a site meeting organised by Chair at which concern was expressed regarding:

- access to the site and the fact that a report from the Highways Agency still had not been submitted;
- loss of trees;
- lack of parking for the number of houses proposed;
- lack of a footpath from the site into the village.

Once a decision by AVDC Planning has been made it was not clear what influence the Parish can put on the final developer to adhere to the approval.

**19/03005/APP:** Erection of garage to side elevation, New Farm 2 St Marys Road East Claydon

Decision: Council had no objection.

## 6.2 School Car Park

No updates were available. It was noted that parking is becoming a serious issue.

## 7. Playground

Cllrs GB reported that he had replaced the bolts in some of the equipment. No other repairs were required.

## 8. Village Speed Watch

Noted under Open Forum.

## 9. Devolved Services

It was agreed to accept the Bucks County Council Agreement for Devolved Services until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Action: Clerk to inform Bucks County Council**

**Clerk**

## 10. Roads / Pathways

### 10.1 White Lines

The white lining still had not been carried out. It was noted that it was on the Transport for Bucks (TfB) programme of works.

### 10.2 Footpath

It was noted that the repair on the footpath opposite the village hall had been inspected by TfB and was on its programme of works.

## 11. Grass / Tree / Hedge cutting

The cutting back of the overgrowth at the Triangle had not been carried out yet.

**Action: Clerk to follow up with contractor.**

**Clerk**

It was noted that the hedge on the Sandhill Road was overhanging the road and needed to be cut back.

**Action: Clerk to write to owner to ask for the hedge to be cut back.**

## 12. Bucks County Council (BCC) / Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire

There were no updates.

## 13. Finance and Accounts

13.1 **Finance Report:** Clerk presented the finance report (App 2) which was approved by Council.

13.2 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19**

PKF Littlejohn, the external auditor, had approved the 2018/19 accounts.

## 14. Village Hall

### 14.1 Fire Alarm

Cllr GB reported that:

- the fire alarm had been installed;
- new committee members had been appointed;
- new events have been planned;
- the hall is booked every evening;
- the Church gets the use of the hall free of charge.

He also reported, and Chair agreed, that he should go ahead to get a price for the work that is needed on the trees.

**Action: Cllr GB to get quotation for tree work.**

**Cllr GB**

It was noted that a new Chairman of the Mushroom had been appointed. It was suggested that the Mushroom needs to be more widely publicised and that weekly entertainment would be a good idea.

## 15. HS2 / East West Rail / Expressway

### 15.1 HS2

It was noted that the protest against HS2 at Calvert Green was well attended. Chair had attended a meeting in Middle Claydon where it was reported that because there had been a delay with HS2, EWR had been delayed due to the same contractors being used for both contracts in this locality.

### 15.2 East West Rail

No further updates were available.

### 15.3 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Chair presented a map, which he had put on Facebook, of the preferred corridor for the Expressway where one route comes very close to East Claydon. He emphasised how important it was to encourage everyone to be proactive in supporting the opposition.

It was noted that Bucks County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council had refused to sign Highways England non-disclosure agreement. It was also noted that AVDC had voted against the expressway following a Notice of Motion to opposing the expressway.

## 16. Mushroom Tree

It was noted that although the mushroom tree had been treated, it was still looking 'very sad' and unlikely to survive. It was reported that the repairs to the structure surrounding the tree had been completed.

**Action: Clerk to write to Claydon Estate for advice on future treatment of the tree.**

**Clerk**

## 17. Church Roof

See notes under Open Forum.

## 18. General Correspondence

The general correspondence had been circulated to Councillors by email.

## 19. Any Other Business

### 19.1 Clock

It was noted that the Clock is not working and in need of painting. It was agreed that Cllr CK should contact Smith of Derby as they had carried out the restoration.

**Action: Cllr CK to contact Smith of Derby.**

**Cllr CK**

### 19.2 Best Kept Village

Cllr GB agreed to have the 'Certificate of Merit' framed and hung in the village hall.

**Cllr GB**

## 20. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Meeting closed at 9pm

## APPENDIX 1

**Planning applications -2019 (at 19 September 2019)**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Status</b>
19/00514/APP	Monkomb Dairy Monkomb Farm Winslow Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LF	Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With
19/01591/ALB	Willow Cottage 44 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Consent Granted
19/01691/APP	23 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Approved
19/01692/ALB	23 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Consent Granted
19/02311/ALB	New Farm 2 St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Consent Granted
19/02398/APP	New Farm Barn St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Awaiting decision
19/02520/APP	Plot D New Farm 2 St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Awaiting decision
19/02920/APP	Midway House 2 St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Awaiting decision
19/02921/APP	New Farm 2 St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Awaiting decision
19/02930/APP	St Marys Church Church Way East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NB	Awaiting decision
19/03005/APP	New Farm 2 St Marys Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA	Awaiting decision

## APPENDIX 2

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS NOTED					
Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
28/08/2019	Blacksmith Munro (cct Katie Wright)	22	500.00		Inv 245: Gate
28/08/2019	Stretton Services	23	45.00		Inv 1183: website hosting
30/08/2019	No Expressway Group	24	72.00		No Expressway Group Posters
18/09/2019	ICO	DD	35.00		Data Protection
18/09/2019	Oakpark Alarms	25	216.00		Inv M:70632 - village hall fire alarm maintenance 1 Sept 2019 - 31 Aug 2020
18/09/2019	PKF Littlejohn	26	480.00		Inv SB20192167 - Limited assurance review yf ending 31 March 2019
18/09/2019	RTM	27	389.49		Inv 1887: devolved services grass cutting
18/09/2019	C Jackman	28	485.74		Clerk salary July-September 2019
18/09/2019	HMRC	29	121.40		Clerk PAYE July-September 2019