

PARISH OF CLAYDON WITH CLATTERCOTE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notes of the meeting held in the Church Room, Claydon on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7pm.

Cllr Ingram, Cllr Jones, Cllr Purdey, Cllr Denham, 1 member of the public, parish clerk.

1. **Welcome and apologies** – The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. **To approve the minutes of the APM held on 8th May 2018** - Agreed.
3. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

We have had seven planning applications this past year, three of which have been approved - two for Corner Cottage and one for Top Lock. Refusals by Cherwell were for Scots Pine Tree, Haybridge Meadow and of course two for Proposed Marina (the first did not go to committee).

Proposed Marina (extraordinary meeting July 2nd 2018 and extraordinary meeting 2nd April 2019). The Parish Council objected strongly against this, and recommended that villagers also registered their objections with Cherwell District Council,

When the second application was submitted we managed to obtain an extension to the closing date, until 1st May. I would personally like to thank all villagers who took the opportunity to place their objections concerning the Proposed Marina development. We all know we in the village do not need or want it.

Dog Lane is hopefully going to be registered as Public Right of Way. (It may take a while though) The Two Grit Bins have been installed, one in Manor Park and one on Main Street, opposite Bignolds Close. Our thanks were conveyed to John and Jane Taggart for filling them with salt from stock held at Anne Hoggins property.

The fence at the playing field, between Thames Water and tree line, has been replaced by T.W. A defibrillator has been purchased through a grant from National Lottery and installed outside the Church Rooms. Very many thanks to Clive Mutch for all his hard work in obtaining quotes, also to Kirsty for getting grant sorted and finally to Chrissy Ames for time and detail in training over 20 people from the village in CPR and use of the defibrillator.

Welcome to our two new Councillors Gary Denham and Mark Ames, I am sure they will bring good ideas to the workings of the Parish Council.

Many thanks to George Reynolds, County Councillor, and Phil Chapman, District Councillor for their help and assistance throughout the past year, on various issues.

Last but by no means least, I would like to thank Anne Hoggins for her long service to the Parish Council (16years).

4. **Reports from local groups/organisations and District/County Councillors**

Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) Report for the Village Meeting May 2019

There are currently active 4 members of the PFMC:

Pamela Putt (Chair)
Emma Gallagher (Secretary)
Garry Putt

Mike Smith (Treasurer)

This has remained stable for the last 12 months, but we are always trying to increase numbers on the committee.

Accounts

The Playing Field Committee accounts are produced annually to 31st March and will be published later in the year. Therefore, we are not currently in a position to provide official 2018 -19 figures in this report. When they are approved by the Trustee a copy can be obtained from Mike Smith (Treasurer) on request, as can any prior year accounts.

Fundraising Events and use of the Playing Field

The fundraising has continued throughout 2018 -19. The PFMC would like to extend their thanks to the sub-committee and people in the village who regularly help at our events, they donate their time freely and the playing field would not be able to continue without their help.

The events are aimed at the whole village. The PFMC has done their best to organize village wide events and would like to see more village participation otherwise we run the risk of having less events in future years.

For 2019-20 our events are yet to be formalized but we intend to continue with a mixture of activities that will be fun for villagers to attend as well as raising for the play area. So far we have run an afternoon tea and games event which raised nearly £300. We are considering a cocktail & beers night, a prosecco & profiteroles tasting evening, a horse racing evening, a car boot event and much more. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to run an event.

We are considering running a summer event in 2020, but it takes considerable planning and work to make it happen. If anyone would be interested in running a stall (for any village group), then we would love to hear from you. If we can agree a date by November 2019, we could then put in a request for a Battle of Britain flyby for our event which would make it very special.

We received nearly £300 in a grant from Waitrose and £200 in match funding from Royal Mail. We have applied to Tesco and hope to be on their podium later this year.

Our focus is to fund raise for a new slide.

Maintenance & updates

We have had the safety matting underneath the see-saw and the swing area replaced which has made the area more accessible during poor weather.

We have had the slide removed as it had become unsafe and rotten, but with over 30 years' service we feel that it had done well and our focus for 2019/20 is fundraising to replace the slide. The see-saw has been rubbed down and repainted. The swings need the same treatment. We have started repainting the fences, but this is a long job.

We have replaced the baby seats on the swings and the bushes and chains – please ask your bigger children NOT to stand on the baby seats as this puts force on the seats which leads to them breaking.

Future Development

We would love to have the funds to add new equipment, but currently our focus is on replacing the slide. Quotes are c£6k as being a mound slide it has to be carefully fitted. We hope that the new slide will also last 30 years and make this investment worthwhile for many generations to come.

Final Notes

Unfortunately, we have noticed that a number of dog walkers are not clearing up after their dogs which does then spoil the enjoyment of the field for other users. We have now made sure that the poo-bag dispenser is full, please take the time to monitor your dog and clear up after them before leaving the park.

The PFMC hopes all villagers continue to enjoy the use of the Playing Field.

If anyone is interested in running or helping out at events and wants to be included in PFMC communication, please let me know. In particular we are looking for people who are:

- Able to help with maintenance such as painting
- Able to apply for match funding for any of our events
- Able to help with getting raffle prizes (sending out letters and chasing them up)
- Interested in helping to project manage the summer 2020 event
- Interested in running a stall at the summer event
- Able to provide a porta-loo at a good rate for events on the field (i.e. as cheap as possible, ideally free)
- Able to make some signs reminding dog walkers to clean up after their dogs
- Able to help with publicizing events

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CLAYDON WITH CLATTCOTE NEWSLETTER REPORT TO THE 2019 VILLAGE MEETING

Newsletters are normally produced bi-monthly but extra issues are produced if something which needs publicity occurs, and issues may be missed if there is no news to report. Sometimes main issues include extra interest supplements. News is the main focus of the Newsletter with content which is related to the village and villagers.

The editor is still looking for someone to report on *Parish Council News* in order to give an outsider's view. Anyone interested can contact Jenny Jones on 690510 or clayclatnews@btinternet.com.

The above contact can also be used for the submission of any relevant articles.

This year there have been 5 main issues and one supplement.

The readership of the Newsletter is widened by electronic copies being sent to non-villagers, including ex-villagers who have moved away.

Electronic copies are also sent to some villagers who have opted to do without the paper copy. Other villagers have opted to access the Newsletter via the Village website rather than receive a

paper copy. These methods have the advantage of showing most photographs in colour, and of helping the environment.

The above contact can also be used if anyone wishes to switch to an electronic version only.

Thanks to the contributors and to Paul Gallaher for including the current and previous issues on the Village Website.

CLAYDON TRUST

Report to the Village Meeting 2019

At the end of the year (December 2018) the balance of the account was £1045.

No grants were awarded during the year.

Further development on the suggestion of merging the Claydon Poor's Land Trust with the Claydon Trust is expected in 2019.

Trustees co-opted during 2018, Edward Dudley, David Knight and Don Siviter are due for election at this meeting.

Church Room Report Annual Parish Meeting 2019.

The room is no longer used by the Art Group, probably due to a reduction in numbers attending from Claydon. The loss of income from this group has been replaced by a music group managed by a resident of Claydon.

It is now used regularly by six organisations, including the Parish Council.

We would welcome additional use by anyone from the village following a wide range of interests.

Average annual running costs are £1100. The main costs being Insurance and electricity. We also pay for inspections by the diocese and fire safety.

A defibrillator has been installed and is regularly inspected to ensure that it is kept ready for use.

We rely on funds generated from regular users for day to day expenses but future maintenance could be very expensive. My aim now is to build up a contingency fund in readiness for remedial building work to the wall at the Main Street end.

The committee has been reduced to two members, Clive Mutch and Keith Hamilton. Clive performing the duties of caretaker, treasurer and regular checks on the defib. The aim originally was to form a committee of representatives from the user groups and a Parochial Church Council representative but the field is open to anyone who wants to play a part in the operation of this building.

Clive & Keith.

5. Question from parishioners to the representatives of village organisations

A parishioner stated that speeding is always an issue in the village and they wondered if there are any options to install a VAS as they believe other villages such as Swalcliffe have clubbed together to get a camera that takes registration numbers and then the police send them letters.

It was agreed that Edward Dudley, David Knight and Don Siviter should be elected as the Trustees of the Claydon Trust.

Meeting closed @ 7:24pm.