

## **Minutes of the meeting of Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council held in the Church Room, Claydon on Tuesday 8 July 2014 at 8pm**

### **Present:**

Cllrs D. Hill, A. Hoggins, R. Jones, C. Mutch District Cllr Ken Atack, County Cllr George Reynolds and 11 members of the parish.

### **17. Apologies**

There were none.

### **18. Minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2014**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **19. Declaration of Interest – members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any item under consideration at this meeting.**

Cllr Hill declared an interest on the following agenda item:

7. Planning – Manor Farm Buildings, Non Statutory Interest, as a immediate neighbour who has submitted objection in personal capacity.

### **20. Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.**

The chairman gave apologies to Paul Gallagher for omitting Film Club from the agenda, it was discussed under correspondence.

### **21. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.**

The chairman reported that Claydon PCC had been written to regarding

- Claydon Church Room Management Committee
- Claydon Churchyard (wild flowers)

Both of these items were being considered at a PCC meeting that was taking place at the same time as the Parish Council. The chairman will report any decisions made on these at the next meeting.

- South Central Ambulance – clerk sent letters as request, to date no response has been received, parish clerk to follow up responses.

### **22. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

The chairman reported that pot holes are currently being fixed, in no particular order throughout Claydon. If any residents come across pot holes please report them directly to OCC by either calling **0845 310 11 11** or online at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/potholes> the more people who take the time to report them increases the chances of them being fixed more quickly.

### **23. Cherwell District Council**

#### Planning

3 Bignolds Close – permission granted

Manor Farm Buildings – Planning Officer has recommended permission is granted. If the application is approved this would go against previous reports by CDC and the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Mutch will be attending the Planning Committee on Thursday 10 July to speak in objection on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### Parish Liaison Meeting

The Chairman reported that a summary of the discussions had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Local Heritage Assets was discussed and CDC are looking for items to add to the list.

*Cllr Hill proposed that the History Society be asked to produce a list for Claydon and the Parish Council would submit it to CDC. **AGREED***

5 Members of the History Society were present and agreed to accept the project.

### Broadband

Claydon is not included in the 95% of Oxfordshire to receive upgrades. CDC is considering options for the parishes not included in the 95% and will be contacting the parishes concerned. Claydon uses the Farnborough exchange and it was agreed that it would be worth contacting Warwickshire County Council, but it was probable that Farnborough is in a similar situation as Claydon. Cllr Atack requested that Claydon kept him in the picture as to progress.

### **24. Bus Shelter**

Cllr Hoggins reported back on the visits she made to the immediate residents where she showed them a possible design. Cllr Hoggins had mixed responses, detailed below:

- 7 liked the design
- 3 disliked design as not inkeeping with surrounding properties/village green

Russ Jackson was present tonight and stated that “he is not against a bus shelter, however he is against that design as it is not inkeeping with the area or the pretty village green and will stand out”.

Mr Whitehead commented that a glass/plastic & metal bus shelter would look incongruous, keeping clean would be a challenge. Mr Whitehead has an amount of Horton stone and is willing to donate this to the project.

The Chairman reported that the parish precept could be increased to contribute towards the bus shelter next year.

The Chairman asked Cllrs Hoggins and Jones to obtain some quotes for a bus shelter made of stone or wood, dimensions would be needed for this.

### **25. Speedwatch**

Cllr Mutch reported that several sessions have been held to identify the speeding vehicles that are coming through Claydon, these were held on:

- 12 April – 1hr slot resulted in 9 vehicles travelling through village but none speeding
- 6 June – 1hr slot resulted in 6 vehicles travelling through village but none speeding
- 4 July – 3hr slot resulted in 9 vehicles travelling through village with one recorded at 33mph and a letter will be sent to the owner.

Cllr Mutch urged residents if out walking the dog or children to the bus please wear a high visibility vest, this has an instant impact on all drivers as they immediately reduce their speed.

The next speed watch date is in September once the children are back at school and will take place between 8am and 9am, if you would like to volunteer to assist please contact Cllr Mutch.

## 26. Allotments

The chairman reported back on the issue relating to livestock kept on the allotment gardens. After seeking legal advice from NALC the only animals allowed are hens and rabbits for domestic use only. The parish council wrote to all tenants and informed them of this, and the date to remove any livestock that did not comply. In hindsight the parish council made a hasty decision, looking into the matter further quite a few parish councils also allow cockerels.

The subject was debated at some length during the meeting with the parish council making the decision to amend Clause 8 to include the following:

*A tenant may keep one/two cockerels and other poultry with the prior permission of the parish council, this permission maybe withdrawn if the poultry are deemed to be neglected*  
**AGREED**

The parish council also decided to allow the turkeys to stay until christmas, and the allotment must be tided up. Mr Howlett will be re-issued with an amended tenancy agreement to sign as soon as possible

The chairman reported that the unused plots are in a very bad state, and these weeds are now spreading onto plots.

The parish council discussed the possibility of finding someone to strim the empty plots  
**AGREED**

## 27. Correspondence

### Film Club

Paul Gallagher talked about the film club he is starting for the village, which will start with showing films to children and open up to others if the demand is there. A premise and broadcasting licence is required and the cost is £93 plus VAT annually.

Paul is intending on it running as a membership club, with a fee payable. The club should be self-funding as approximatly 30 children are eagerly awaiting the first showing which will take place later this month. In principle the payment for a broadcasting licence £111.60 including VAT was agreed. This item will be put on the agenda for September.

## 28. Finance

### Statement 2014/15

Expenditure £2,741

Balance £3,081

### Payments

- Ronaldson for fixing wall £144
- Mr Boyle for fixing playing field gate £40
- Parish clerks salary £214
- PAYE for parish clerk £53.50
- John Hicks for internal audit £40

## 29. AOB

Cllr Hoggins mentioned trees were over hanging on the Cropredy Road, however not in Claydon parish. Clerk to contact Cropredy parish council.

Weeds have taken over blue brick path, email to be sent to OCC.

**30. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9 September 2014 – 7.30 in Church Room