

Minutes of the meeting of Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council

Held in the Church Room, Claydon on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs D. Hill (Chairman), A. Hoggins, R. Jones, C. Mutch, M. Simmons, District Councillor K. Atack & 11 members of the parish.

Clerk to Council

Louise Aston

1. Apologies

County Councillor George Reynolds

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2011, have been circulated and were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman reminded Councillors that it had been agreed at the previous meeting that proposed amendments should be circulated by Councillors to all members and clerk prior to the next meeting.

3. Disclosures of Interests

There were no declarations made.

4. Matters Arising and Not on Agenda

None.

5. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

(a) Blue Brick Path

The Chairman reported that OCC are aware of the path, and it is due to be fixed soon, however not likely to be during the winter months.

(b) Mollington Road

The Chairman reported that OCC had stated that they would attend to the path and clear it back to the original width. Councillor Mutch said that no action was likely during the winter months.

(c) Vehicle Activated Sign

The Chairman had nothing to report on this currently.

6. Warwickshire County Council

a) Railway bridge – Fenny Compton road

The Chairman reported that not much has been done to the temporary board on the bridge. It has now been painted green, but it is still only a temporary measure which the Parish Council will monitor.

7. Planning

(a) Manor Farm

The Chairman reported that the application had been approved by Cherwell District Council, and work has already started. Cherwell are keeping an eye on the work as it is a listed building.

(b) Clattercote Priory Farm (subsequently approved)

The Chairman reported this was for a weaner unit and the parish council has not objected to it.

(c) Shotteswell/Hanwell wind turbine

The Chairman reported that the application had been refused.

(d) Boddington wind turbine

The Chairman reported that Daventry District Council had approved the application.

(e) Cropredy marinas

The Chairman reported that both marina applications have been granted, but Cherwell have attached a lot of conditions.

(f) HS2

The Chairman stated that it had been given the “green light” by the Government, and that the parish had at a previous meeting agreed not to support Boddington Parish Council any further. The Chairman reported that Boddington Parish Council is now raising funds. Cherwell issued a statement saying they were disappointed with the outcome.

8. Thames Water

(a) 18 Bignolds Close

The Chairman reported that this had been resolved, and water is no longer running down the road.

(b) Sewers

The Chairman reported that this was an on-going issue and both he and the Clerk are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

9. Parish Allowance Scheme

The Council noted the report of the Parish Remuneration Panel and agreed not to adopt a Members Allowance Scheme.

Travelling expenses for approved council business or training would continue to be paid in line with the HMRC rates.

10. Review of trees and roads in Claydon

The Chairman had circulated a list of trees and roads that needed attention, and asked all Councillors to let him know by the end of the week of any additions. The Chairman stated OCC will need to decide what they will do, they also specify that pot holes must be at least 4cm deep before they will take action.

Councillor Simmons stated that a report should be drawn up stating which are urgent and which can wait until a later date for action.

Councillor Mutch stated that he is willing to remove the trees by the Leys but needs a pick-up to dispose of them.

11. Correspondence

a) Public Access – online web service

The Chairman reported that this is now up and running via Cherwell's website it is very clear what you do when in the system.

b) Thames Valley police

The Chairman reported that Banbury Station will be open from 8am to 11pm, 7 days a week from 10 February 2012.

c) ORCC trading & community bulk buying of rock salt

The council all agreed that there was no village interest.

d) The Poores Trust

The Chairman was pleased to report that Councillor Rob Jones had been appointed as the new trustee

e) County Connect bus service

The Chairman reported this service runs the same as dial-a-ride but is for all villagers whatever the age.

To use the service you must:

a) Register yourself

b) Pre-book your pick up, a minimum of 1 hour before travelling

f) Road Closure

The Chairman reported that OCC are closing Williamscoote to Cropredy road with effect from 6 February 2012, no re-opening date has yet been given.

13. Finance

a) Payments

The Chairman reported that a payment of £68 had been made to the clerk for her December employment this would bring her pay dates in line with HMRC reporting. Payments have been made to CDC for the uncontested election held in May 2011, and £59.50 for the hire of the church room.

b) Bank

The Chairman reported that Councillor Simmons is now a signatory for the parish council account.

c) Budget 2012/13 – Appendix 1

The Chairman gave a financial report of the current financial situation for Claydon parish council.

PCC – Grant given There was a lot of discussion over the upkeep of the graveyard, and who should maintain the ground. It was agreed that the Clerk

would write to the PCC regarding the current state of the graveyard as council agreed it was a PCC matter.

Insurance - £700 Councillor Mutch asked that some of the parish council assets were re-valued as he thought they had been over valued previously, this was agreed and will be arranged.

Cluster Care – £50 The Chairman reported that they had received a large amount from the Bourtons and £455 from a Christmas event, but feels that we should contribute a small amount to them as they are a local support to people in the village.

Diamond Jubilee - £250 The Chairman reported that a grant is to be given to the village by the parish council in support of celebrating this occasion. The Chairman asked for people to have a think and pull together to make it a “village day” with all organisations working together.

Playing Field - £1000 This item was discussed in length, however the playing field is the only piece of land the parish council owns in addition to the village green. The responsibility of upkeep therefore falls to the parish council if the current management committee ends. The playing field committee do an excellent job, in organising the RoSPA inspection, and the cutting of the grass. The committee has been busy planning maintenance works on the drainage and hedges, which will be paid for out of the funds they have raised.

d) Precept 2012/13 – Appendix 2

The precept was discussed in length with various options being discussed. However the outcome was a precept of £4,000 for the forthcoming financial year. This was voted on by council (3 members for and 2 against).

It was acknowledged that it is never easy trying to set the budget/precept and there are lots of groups in the village who all do good things.

14. Public Participation/Any Other Business

Councillor Jones suggested that a bus shelter be looked at again, as it would be a valuable asset to the villagers. This was supported by Jenny Jones the ideal place for it would be the village green! Councillor Jones also reported that fly tipping had taken place on Adrian Taylors ground on the Mollington Road.

Councillor Hoggins reported that bags of leaflets had been dumped again on Appletree Lane.

15. 2012 Parish Council Meeting Dates

The dates for the Parish Council meetings during 2012 were agreed. The next meeting will take place directly after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Next Meeting: 13 March 2012 at 7pm in the Church Room, Claydon straight after the Annual Parish Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE

This is also the date for the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7pm.

Chairman Signature:

Date: