

Minutes of the meeting of Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council

Held in the Church Room, Claydon on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs D. Hill (Chairman), A. Hoggins, R. Jones, C. Mutch, M. Simmons, County Councillor George Reynolds, District Councillor Ken Atack & 2 members of the parish.

Clerk to Council

Louise Aston

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 January, have been circulated and were agreed as a true and accurate record. It was agreed that minutes would be kept brief and not verbatim.

3. Disclosures of Interests

There were none.

4. Matters Arising and Not on Agenda

Sadly Mrs La Fontaine passed away aged 103, she will be greatly missed and had lived in the village for over 40 years.

Alan Bricknell is recovering well, and Queenie Stringer celebrated her 90th birthday.

The Clerk has made contact with the Recycling Officer at Cherwell and a suitable location, and whether this is viable for the parish is being looked into.

5. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

(a) Blue Brick Path

The path will be sprayed when the weather allows, OCC will be coming back to the parish council with a quote for the clearing of the residue which should be covered by the Area Stewardship Fund.

(b) Home Farm Verge

The bollards have now been put into the correct place. However the farmer opposite is now widening his gateway by 3 feet.

(c) Village Trees

The Chairman had received a schedule of works to be undertaken by OCC as soon as weather permits. List of trees has been received; however they were all in their Latin names and had taken some time to decipher. It was acknowledge that birds will be nesting soon, as yet no dates have been given by OCC. The Chairman agreed to distribute the schedule to Councillors.

(d) Road Surfaces & Pot Holes

OCC keep stating they are coming out to inspect the roads but no-one appears. The pot holes at Clattercote have been filled, but the one on the Mollington Road has re-appeared. Boddington PC have put a major complaint in as the road has subsided near the canal bridge.

(e) A423 Road Signs

Road signs is on the list of jobs to be done with OCC, Councillor Reynolds will see what he can do. The Chairman is due to meet with OCC on 15 March.

(f) Temporary Road Closure & Speed Restrictions A361/Williamscot

Road repairs at Williamscote side roads, along with some resurfacing of the A361. Roads will be closed or have traffic lights during this work.

6. Cherwell District Council (CDC)

(a) Planning

- Butlins Farm – Replacement of windows had been granted and no objections were raised by the parish council.
- Greenacre – Demolition of flat roof single garage and erection of pitched roof double garage had been granted, the parish council asked for some conditions to be added regarding the trees.

(b) Parish Members Allowances 2013/14

Councillors agreed that no allowances would be claimed during 2013/14, with the exception of mileage to any training that may be undertaken and this would be paid at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile.

7. Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC)

EDF Energy Renewables have applied for permission to erect 9 wind turbines on land at Stoneton and Wormleighton. The turbines would be seen from the Oxford Canal in Claydon. The parish council have sent a letter of objection to SDC, Robert Adams has also sent a letter of objection. Thanks were given to all parish councils and District Councillor Atack for all their hard work in compiling the objections.

8. Transport Needs

a) Survey

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) have sent the parish council their report, although it doesn't tell us anything new it does provide evidence and this is now documented. This will help our cause when our bus service is due for review in May 2016. Claydon had a 65% return rate, and thanks were given to all who took the time to complete.

b) Bus Shelter

People have to wait for the bus come rain or shine, whether they be school children or elderly. A suitable location needs to be found in the village, and should ideally be central to the villagers. Main Street seems like the ideal location; however consideration needs to be given to:

- Location
- Type of shelter (wooden, clear plastic, brick)
- Any grant assistance available
- In keeping with the village

Councillors Jones and Hoggins agreed to review the situation.

9. Allotments

Annual rent payments are due from allotment holders, renewal notices are being delivered and payments should be given to the Clerk or Councillor Simmons. Plots 3 needs to be tided and plot 9 needs to be cleared before 31 March as this is being handed over to Mrs Ives. Consideration is being given by Councillors regarding identification markers for each plot.

10. Correspondence

- OALC have sent out the list of courses, no councillors wish to receive any training at the moment.
- Email has been received from OCC regarding safety at level crossings regarding footpaths, Network Rail have appointed a third party to visit Claydon crossing. The Chairman will respond, he will also be contacting the Office of Rail Regulations regarding the train operators.
- Parish magazine printers is running a competition for the best village newsletter/magazine, it is free to enter.
- Battery and electrical recycling is coming to Claydon, CDC will be providing all households with a pink bag (similar to the glass bottle bag some households may have), a leaflet will be dropped through the door in due course.
- Cluster Care wrote to the parish council regarding a grant this year from the parish council. The Chairman has replied that no grant has been allowed for the financial year.
- Cropredy Post Office consultation is open currently, The Red Lion has offered the use of its venue to house the post office.
- External Auditors (BDO) have informed the parish council that we are due for audit in July 2013, parish councils assets to be updated.
- Spring Clean with CDC – the free use of litter picking equipment for any parish council that would like to take part. Councillor Jones agreed to coordinate this event.

11. Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Will take place on Tuesday 14 May 2013 at 7pm in the Church Room

- a) All annual reports from village organisations are due to the Clerk by 19 April 2013.
- b) The new format will be for all reports from village organisations to be distributed with the meeting agenda, and organisations will not be required to present their report at the meeting, but to answer any questions that may arise from parishioners.
- c) This year the parish council has arranged for the County and District Councillors, Linda Watson from ORCC and a spokesperson from OCC highways to come and speak on their areas and answer any questions parishioners may have.

12. Finance

a) Financial Statement Income & Expenditure 2012/13

The current position of the parish council is attached at appendix 1

b) Payments

Councillors agreed to make the following payments:

Clerks salary	£204.00
HMRC	£51.00
OALC	£133.07

Hire of Church Room (2012) £59.50

Councillors agreed to raise cheques for the grants for the PCC and PFMC that were approved at the previous meeting. These will be paid to the relevant organisations after 1 April 2013.

c) HMRC Real Time begins from April 2013, this is a new way that the clerk's pay must be recorded. Who is going to administer it is yet to be decided.

13. AOB

- Phone box has been fixed, please can residents if passing just lift receiver now and then to keep it in working order.
- Steps down from the churchyard are a bit dangerous, as they can't be seen from the churchyard path. The Chairman agreed to check the situation and if necessary contact the PCC.
- Asset of Community Value (ACV) councillors agreed to carry on with this in regards to the Church Room.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 May 2013 Immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting in the Church Room, Claydon

Chairman Signature:

Date: