

Amended Minutes as agreed on 13 July 2010

CLAYDON WITH CLATTERCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the
Church Room, Claydon at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors R.Adams, D.Hill (Chairman), A.Hoggins, R.Jones & C.Mutch.

In Attendance: County Councillor G.Reynolds & District Councillor K.Ataek (part of the meeting).

1. There were no apologies.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting subject to an amendment to Minute 8 (ii). The Chairman had contacted The Courier Team to thank them for their offer to distribute the Parish Council minutes but the Parish Council had declined as there was no evidence of demand and therefore the cost was not justified
3. Election of Officers:
The Chairman and Vice Chairman were willing to stand again. As there were no other nominations Councillors Hill and Mutch were unanimously confirmed as Chairman & Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:
 - a) Blue Plaque Project:
Cllr Adams reported that the inscription on the plaque was agreed and 19th June set for the installation date. (Please note that the date is now Saturday 25 September). The cost of the plaque is £320 and the work required on the gable end wall of the Church Room £788. Grants are being sought to cover the costs. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should underwrite these costs to a total of £1100 as required. He stated the project had been going on for some considerable time and needed to be concluded. Cllr Adams seconded the proposal and the Council resolved that the project should proceed. Cllr Mutch abstained. Mr Greg Klaes who was present at the meeting offered some Hornton stone to replace some of the stone required for the Church Room wall. Cllr Adams thanked Mr Klaes and said he would liaise with the builder.
It was further agreed that upto £100 would be allowed towards expenses for any refreshments required for the various guests who were being invited to the event.
 - b) Hidden Britain Project:
The Clerk reported that the project was still ongoing. It was hoped that funding would be available to assist with the plaque and a leaflet to be produced re the Knibb family.
 - c) Vehicle Activated Sign:
The sign was due to be installed in Claydon during w/c 24 May. Oxfordshire County Council had confirmed that the sign will now be in place for three weeks on each occasion.
 - d) Blue Brick Path:
Cllr Mutch reported that he had attended a site meeting with Andy Leigh to ensure that Oxfordshire Highways understood where the path needed to be treated and improved.

e) Allotments:

The Clerk informed the Council that the new Tenancy Agreements were in the process of being sent to all the allotment holders. It would be accompanied by a letter regarding rubbish which has accumulated surrounding one or two allotments.

It was noted that if an accident occurs due to such rubbish the Parish Council could be held liable. The Council's insurance would not cover any such accident if the Council had not made a reasonable attempt to remove such rubbish.

The Council agreed to ask allotment holders to remove any rubbish from their plots by the end of June. Arrangements would subsequently be made to clear any remaining rubbish.

f) High Speed Rail Link:

The Chairman reported that Cherwell DC had responded positively on behalf of the parishes affected by the proposed HS2 route and the Exceptional Hardship Scheme. He said that Cllr Attack was directly involved with the HS2 developments and their implications for Cherwell District. It had previously been agreed that the Parish Council would attend a meeting of local Parish Councils affected by the HS2 route when arranged, otherwise no further action would be taken at this stage. Any responses to the Exceptional Hardship Scheme are required by 20th May. Cllr Adams reported that views to the west of the village would be spoilt by the rail line and that we should support Lower Boddington.

6. Correspondence:

a) Local Bus Service:

The operations manager at Geoff Amos Coaches had sent a letter outlining the position regarding the service for Claydon and pointing out that they had devised a new timetable which required support by the three County Councils involved. Apparently they had all been in agreement with the proposals until they had to agree to the subsidies. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the three authorities concerned and request that they reconsider their decisions.

b) CDC Food Bags:

The Council had received a proposal from Cherwell DC regarding a scheme for the Parish Council to sell compostable kitchen caddy liners for the recently introduced kitchen caddies. It was agreed not to participate in the scheme.

c) ORCC:

It was agreed not to join the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council at a cost of £30 per annum

d) Planning Procedures:

Information had been received from CDC regarding their new planning procedures. Details had been circulated to Councillors.

7. Local Authorities Members Allowances:

Councillors agreed that member's allowances would not be paid other than travelling expenses when appropriate.

8. Parish Liaison Meeting:

No Councillors are able to attend the Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting on 9 June 2010. The Clerk will be attending and report back any items relevant to Claydon.

9. Finance:

a) Bank update:

The new bank accounts are progressing after a number of errors and delays in setting up the account, all caused by the bank.

b) Year End Accounts:

There were no queries concerning the year end accounts and it was agreed to appoint John Hicks as the Internal Auditor. John's fee for the audit is £40.00.

10. Planning:

a) Point to Point Farm, Mollington:

There are still ongoing negotiations with Cherwell DC. It is anticipated there will be a new application to position an additional barn further down the hill. It is understood that any planning consent given by Cherwell will include moving the existing barn to the new site.

b) Land Adjacent to Otter Hollow:

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Atack had recently walked along this part of the canal and found a considerable improvement in the majority of the "leisure" sites. Cllr Atack stated that Cherwell DC were in the process of issuing 6 enforcement notices and that British Waterways were taking action regarding the site with excavations for an inlet as this required planning permission. The sites would continue to be monitored and it is understood that Cherwell DC and British Waterways have been referred to the 1776 Oxford Canal Act.

c) Manor Farm Barn:

An application for a Lawful Development Certificate had not been submitted by the extended deadline of 30th April. Cherwell DC had not as yet determined what action was to be taken.

11. Public Time:

a) A423

It was suggested that the Parish Council should contact Oxfordshire Highways again regarding the need for an accident black spot sign on the A423 turning to Claydon and enquire about progress concerning the 50mph speed limit on the highway.

b) Section 137 Payments:

Cllr Hoggins made the point that we had made a donation under Section 137 to the Cluster Care Group but not to the Claydon Painting Group who provided an equally important role in the community.

c) Stray Dogs:

It was reported that there are still stray dogs roaming around the village. It was agreed that the dog warden should be contacted again about the situation.

d) VAT:

A PFMC member asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to reclaim the VAT on items hired for their Summer Event in July. The Clerk informed the PFMC that this could be done providing the invoices were made out to the Parish Council.

Signed..... Date.....