

Minutes of the meeting of the East Claydon Parish Council

Thursday 14th January 2016

Present: Councillors Graham Wylie (Chair), Peter Wright, Brian Cable, Clive Preston, Paul Lupton, Esther Turnbull, Lynne Stacey (Clerk) and five members of the public.

1. Apologies:– Martin Paul, District Councillor Chilver, County Councillor Macpherson

2. Public participation

A member of the public was interested in the progress of improving the safety at the triangle off of St Marys Road – details of the discussion are recorded in section 6 below. Two parishioners wanted to understand the Parish Council views on the planning application currently under review regarding 26 Sandhill Road. Councillor Cable declared an interest as his property shares a boundary with the property in question. It was commented that the Parish Council are unable to see any reasonable planning terms under which to object. The householders who live adjacent to the property felt the plans for the new garage did not reflect the actual boundary dimensions and would make parking for them difficult as it was a shared drive. It was agreed the Council would submit a no objections comment with an added comment noting the concerns of the householders.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

There was a lengthy discussion about the wording of the Superfast Broadband minute and it was agreed that the minute reference to this issue of broadband supply would remain but there would be a slight rewording of the sentence. November 2015 minutes will be recirculated to the Parish Council for approval prior to being inserted onto the website, with these minutes now being approved at the March meeting. The Clerk advised that under the Transparency code, the Parish Council have one month in which to get draft minutes onto the website. In future, minutes would be circulated for Councillors to comment on, prior to being posted on the website. The Clerk will now take over responsibility of posting the minutes now that she has received training in the process.

4. Village Hall Redevelopment Plans

This project is currently on hold.

5. Speedwatch

Speedwatch has now commenced in the village with a team of volunteers operating the device. The presence of people in high visibility jackets and the warning signs has acted as a deterrent and prompted drivers to drive within the speed limit, so few speeding drivers have been identified. There was one incident of aggressive verbal behaviour from a driver who thought he had been caught speeding. Ray Kite will be asked to insert a review of the project into the next edition of the Claydon News. Thanks were extended to all volunteers from the Parish Council.

6. Update on junction of St Marys Road and Sandhill Road.

Further to the County Councillor's intervention in this issue, the Parish Council have been offered a meeting with the Area Schemes Delivery team to look at options. ET and PL will arrange to meet with this team. It was commented that the signage at this junction still needs tidying. A

resident felt that if the laurel hedge bordering the Pump House was cut back, then visibility would be improved. PW has yet to arrange a meeting with the Local Area Technician.

7. Phone Box and Tidying of this corner of Botolph Claydon

One of the estate agent signs that had been positioned on this patch of land was promptly removed following the request by the Clerk. However, the Michael Graham sign has yet to be removed. Michael Graham have confirmed they know the Parish Council will now remove the sign and place it within the property owner's boundary – MP and GW to organise. PL and ET will agree the best position for the salt bin and PL will organise for it to be moved.

8. Village Website

Everyone is delighted with the new website which is now fully operational.

9. Play Area Annual Inspection

There has been a delay in Playdale coming out to perform the annual play area inspection due to staff shortages. An alternative supplier will be sought if Playdale are unable to resolve their problems.

10. Queens 90th Birthday

There will be a meeting on 3rd February at 8pm in the Village Hall to discuss what can be organised for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. It was agreed the Council would support the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend of 4-6th March. CP will register on the CFTQ website and will organise the event to include a BBQ and cup of soup at his house for all volunteers after the tidy. It was noted Thursday 21st is the date for countrywide beacon lighting. The PC do have a beacon from previous celebrations, however, there would need to be a fundraising initiative if fireworks are to be included in the celebrations.

11. Village Design Statement

The changes to the VDS requested by the Parish Council have now been made including the inclusion of the new website address. Sue Polhill from the VS team will now take it to AVDC planning department for approval. It is understood Buckingham library would like a copy. Gerry English, editor of the document, will check out whether Blurb own any copyright to this material. If it is copyright free, then PL will create a PDF of the booklet by scanning in order that it can be put on to the website. It was felt that the project has now moved on and it would not be appropriate to provide copies for all householders. A member of the public suggested that instead the money precepted for the VDS could now go towards a conservation area review of the villages. It was agreed that once the VDS is approved by AVDC, then the possibility of a conservation review could be revisited.

12. Superfast Broadband

It is understood that AV Broadband, supplier of fibre broadband, cannot move very quickly as they are currently doing a trial that is part funded by AVDC. However, East Claydon is seen as the next geographic area. GW has spoken to Paul Firth from Village Networks who advised that they are doing an upgrade which will produce 25 Meg speeds. East Claydon do not have line of sight but Paul Firth did not think this would be a problem but would look into this issue. Village

Networks confirmed to GW that they would be unable to match the speed of fibre.

13. Finances and Accounts for Payment

Payments out

RTM Landscapes Devolved Services Grass Cutting £379.99

Winslow Community Bus Donation £100.00

Winslow and Bucks CAB Donation £100.00

AVDC Dog Bin Emptying and sanitisation £408.00

Stretton Services Website hosting £54.00

Stretton Services Website creation £600.00

E.ON Street Lamp Electricity £8.35

Lynne Stacey Clerk Salary £363.10

HMRC Tax £14.40

E.ON Street Light Maintenance £43.20

14. Next Meeting Date

Scheduled for Thursday 17th March 2016 at 8pm.

15. Any other Business

Impact Assessment documents concerning HS2 have been received and will be circulated amongst the Councillors.

It was noted the footpaths between the play area and Church Walk are getting narrow. It was felt RTM need to spray this area and then see if further work is needed. ET will talk with RTM with a view to them scheduling this work after the third week of April.

The green by the church has a lot of dead branches on it which makes it difficult to cut. This area will be added to the 'Clean for the Queen' schedule.

The trees on Sandhill road may need some attention – ET will ask RTM to have a look.

There is a huge branch in the Spinney area that is growing across the play area. It appears to be alive but looks dangerous. CP and GW will have a look and may remove if required.

East West Rail is still going ahead but the delay is believed to be reduced to only 2 years.

It was requested that an update on planning is added to the agenda.
