

**Minutes of the meeting of the East Claydon Parish Council  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Present:** Councillors Graham Wylie (Chair), Peter Wright, Brian Cable, Martin Paul, Paul Lupton, Lynne Stacey (Clerk) and nine members of the public.

**Apologies:**– Esther Turnbull, Clive Preston and District Councillor John Chilver.

Action

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

These were agreed and signed as a true record.

**2. Planning Applications**

Henry Gurney (HG) from the Claydon Estate attended the meeting to discuss both applications below.

**Bernwood Farm, Botolph Claydon**

HG advised that the one way access to the properties will need to be properly considered and the access will be resurfaced probably with tarmac. The caravan will be moved and soft landscaping will go in. There will be more detail available when a positive reaction to the scheme has been received. It is hoped the development will represent an improvement in aesthetics for the residents. The Right of Way footway will still be maintained. A resident of Weir Lane expressed concern for the foundations of their property if construction traffic accessed the site via Weir Lane. It was agreed another survey on the ecology will need to be undertaken.

The Parish Council agreed not to oppose the application but requested the following points were considered:

Strict controls should be put in place during construction to mitigate the disturbance to local residents. Weir Lane is contained within a conservation area and as such any refurbishment to the access road – Weir Lane – should be completed in materials sympathetic with the local area. Reassurance that the one way traffic entrance to the development is not too narrow for emergency vehicles. A reassurance that the development will not affect the viability of Bernwood Farm as a working farm and that the rights of the farmer are seen to be considered and protected.

**Land at North of Sandhill Road, East Claydon**

PL declared an interest.

A number of residents submitted an identical letter to the Parish Council opposing the application, although none attended the meeting. HG advised that the application was for a change of use to residential with the Estate then hoping to be able to proceed using the permitted development ruling. A resident advised HG that the barn had originally been built as a milking parlour but that it is now used as stables. HG confirmed there had been a change of curtilage. This is because under permitted development rules there can only be a certain amount of curtilage, therefore, the building footprint will remain the same but the garden will be smaller. HG confirmed the house will be the same height and footprint as the existing barn and the current structure of the barn will be used with the addition of windows and doors and some changes to materials e.g. tiling. The conversion will have to comply with building regulations. HG explained that the Estate has to be self-sufficient therefore there is a need to consider the conversion of redundant buildings in order that they can generate a return.

The Parish Council agreed not to oppose the application but requested the following points were considered:

The proposed development is outside the development curtilage of the village and the Council would not like this to be seen as the beginning of further expansion of the village

The conversion must result in a building of no greater elevation than the existing stable blocks with

the Parish Council expecting this aspect to be rigorously enforced by AVDC

**3. Village Hall Redevelopment Plans**

A more detailed survey of the building is now required. Quotes will be sought from quantity surveyors. An application for funding needs to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to the New Homes Bonus Fund.

GW

**4. Speedwatch**

Locations have now been agreed with the PCSO. Two people from the volunteer team have now been trained and a risk assessment has been completed. The other members of the team now need to be trained and some dates agreed for traffic monitoring.

**5. Resident concerns regarding speeding at junction of St Marys Road and Sandhill Road.**

BC will arrange to meet with TfB to see if anything can be done to widen this junction where the dead tree is located. It was noted that the MVAS has been moved to Sandhill Road to try to reduce traffic speeds entering the village from this direction.

BC

**6. Update from TfB HGV Meeting**

TfB used the meeting to update Parishes on their HGV policy. TfB stated they would not support individual villages in the implementation of weight restrictions as it was felt this just serves to push the problem elsewhere. TfB would however, be prepared to approach individual hauliers with regard to speeding issues and SatNav problems. Issues of driver behaviour can be referred to the police. It was noted that at the recent meeting between Parish Councillors and HS2 Ltd that there was an undertaking to give proper consideration to preventing HS2 construction traffic, expected to be 800 lorries a day, from using the route through East and Botolph Claydon.

**7. Devolution of Services (Grass Cutting)**

A contract that is now considered acceptable to all parties has finally been issued by BCC. It was unanimously agreed to sign this contract. It was queried whether the new contractor should be cutting the grass on Weir Lane. It was found that this should be being cut – GW will speak to RTM Landscapes to ensure this area is included.

GW

**8. Litter/Dog Mess – PC duties and next steps**

It was agreed the weekly and monthly checks on the play area should include clearing litter and dog mess. PW will read document LTN 16 from NALC to establish whether the remit of the Parish Council goes any further than this.

PW

**9. Phone Box and Tidying of this corner of Botolph Claydon**

BT have agreed to switch off the supply of electricity to the telephone kiosk that the Parish Council have adopted. However, this it is likely to take 4-6 months for the work to be scheduled. MP has found an electrician who can cap off the electricity supply.

**10. Clock refurbishment**

All works to the clock are now complete and all grant money has now been received and banked.

**11. Village Design Statement**

The completed document has now been put out to consultation with the Parish Council. Any feedback has tried to be incorporated and the VDS working group felt it would shortly be in a position to publish. PW has done some work towards preparing a document that can be viewed on the website.

It was suggested that it may be possible to produce a PDF of the VDS which could be submitted to AVDC rather than going to the expense of printing using Blurb. The VDS will not be finally ready for publishing until late August. The PC requested that they see and approve a final version before printing. AVDC will need to approve the VDS.

MP

## 12. Finances and Accounts for Payment

### Payments out

Smiths of Derby	Clock Renovation	£8774.40
AVDC	Dog Bin Emptying	£398.64
AVDC	Repayment of Loan	£2016.00
CRPE	Annual Subscription	£36.00
E.ON	Street Lamp electricity	£5.43
Smiths of Derby Ltd	Clock Renovation	£5924.40
BMKALC	Subscription	£63.40
Community Impact Bucks	Subscription	£50.00
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting	£379.99
JB Architects	VH Redesign plans	£918.40
Mary Lupton	Clip Frames HS2 maps	£28.00
Came and Company	Insurance	£723.63
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting	£379.99
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Bucks Playing Fields Assoc.	Subscription	£20.00
E.ON	Street Lamp electricity	£13.76
Lynne Stacey	Clerk Salary	£TBA
HMRC	Tax	£TBA

## 13. Next Meeting Date

Scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 8pm.

## 14. Any other Business

The big climbing frame in the play area needs repainting – **GW** to obtain quotes.

There has been a request to investigate a conservation area for East Claydon – this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**BC** and **GW** will liaise regarding the zip wire in the Play Area and the whereabouts of the tool for tightening the bolts.

It was also noted that the bin in the play area has been uprooted – **GW** to organise repair.

The Councillors were advised of a training seminar on planning on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

School have asked for a contribution to their bike shed – it was agreed this is not in the PC remit to provide money for such items.

**PL** will discuss the village email database with Gareth with a view to notifying residents of the availability of PC minutes and agendas on the village website.

GW

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BC/GW

GW

PL