

**EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors via a conference call  
At 7.30 pm on Thursday 17 December 2020**

(In accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) come into force on 4 April 2020)

**Councillors Present:** Peter Wright (Chair), Martin Paul (MP), Gary Baldwin (BW), Gareth Williams (GW) Colin Kitchen (CK) and Martin Hughes (MH)

**Also present:** Carole Jackman (Clerk) and 2 parishioners

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Christopher Utley and CC’s Angela Macpherson and John Chilver.
2. **Members Interests:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2020**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 were agreed by those present and will be signed by the Chairman at the next ‘proper’ meeting.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.

**OPEN FORUM**

Chair welcomed the members of the public who were present to discuss the problems they had encountered with the developer of Hinton Close who had so far refused to complete the soft landscaping which is part of the planning approval for the site. The residents explained the processes they had been through, but the developer and original owner of the site had not responded to any correspondence. The parishioners were present to:

- Make the Parish Council aware that the developer was in breach of the planning conditions.
- Request support of the Parish Council in relation to the formal complaint they intend making to the Planning Enforcement Department at Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area).

Chair explained that he also had been in touch with the developer regarding the hedge and had been told that it would be planted when his landscaper was no longer affected by COVID. Chair had not received a response from the developer to his email 16 November.

Councillors agreed to support the parishioners with their formal complaint.

Following a question from Chair regarding the management of the site, the resident explained that once all the properties had been sold the management of the site would pass to residents.

**Action: Resident to copy his formal complaint to the Parish Council. Cllr MP will endeavour to speak to the original owner of the site to seek his support.**

The Parishioners left the meeting at 19.59.

5. **Planning (Appendix 1: 2020 applications and decisions)**

5.1 **Planning Applications**

20/04254/APP | Single storey side and front extension with extended porch alterations to front of garage, render finish to front elevation (amendment to application 20/00694/APP | 20 Sandhill Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LZ

**Decision:** No objection.

**Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area).**

## 5.2 School Car Park

No updates were available. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until April 2021

**Action: Clerk to remove from the Agenda and bring back in April.**

## 5.3 Hinton Hedge

This item was discussed under Open Forum above.

## 6. Finance and Accounts

### 6.1 Accounts

Clerk had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting (see appendix 2) and Councillors approved them.

### 6.2 2020-21 Budget

Councillors approved the budget and agreed that the Precept would remain unchanged at £20,000. *[Note: this will show as a decrease of 1.86%]*

### 6.3 Account Signatories

Cllrs GW and CU were waiting confirmation from TSB.

## 7. Village Hall

It was noted that:

- Work to the area at the back of hall was complete.
- The Dance Academy is the only organisation using the hall on a regular basis; it is not open to the public.
- The Mushroom has no plans to open soon.
- The hirer who has the old snooker room is prepared to put on an exhibition.
- Cllr GB had responded to a request for information regarding disabled access.

## 8. Playground

The installation of some adult exercise equipment was discussed.

**Action: Cllrs GB and CK to follow up.**

## 9. Roads and Pathways

### 9.1 Thames Water

It was noted that Thames Water had had to return to the area in St Marys Road as the original meter work they had carried out had failed and there was a major leak that will have to be repaired.

### 9.2 HGVs

Cllr GB reported that he had received complaints regarding the frequency and speed of the tippers driving along Orchard Way.

Chair reported that he had 'spent hours' on the phone with EWR/HS2 and Buckinghamshire Council trying to prevent their vehicles using the village and enforce the ban on HGV's, but they all claim that it is not their vehicles, but they may be sub-contractors, Fusion etc. Some of them may be going to the building sites in Steeple.

It was noted that all the surrounding villages are experiencing similar problems.

Chair is looking into the Padbury road closure and is trying to prevent the diverted traffic using the village due to the safety implications at the Triangle, Winslow road and the 'school run'.

It was noted that the HS2/EWR Community Board sub-group is having very little influence in reducing the impact of HGVs on the local communities.

It was noted that the extensive damage to the verges will require the County Council to make expensive repairs in the future.

**Action: Cllr GB to put a note on Facebook encouraging residents to make complaints on Bucks Council's 'Fix My Street'.**

### 9.3 Triangle

It was suggested that the tree stump on the Triangle should be removed and replaced with a village sign. However, some village residents may still prefer to keep the tree.

Chair had applied to Bucks Council for a feasibility study on the safety surrounding the Triangle but noted that this would cost ~£5,000.

### 9.4 Maintenance

#### Flooding near the church

Chair and Cllr GB had met RTM to discuss the flooding near the church, however it was noted that there was no drainage to let the water escape.

The council approved the cost of removing the overgrown Ivy by the Mushroom tree and grind out the tree stumps of the dead trees. To repair the ground and install plastic gridding on the verge by the play area where cars park. Clear the footpath on Church way path and the pathway from the village hall to Botolph Farmhouse.

### 9.5 White Lining

Some white lining had not been completed.

**Action: Cllr GB to report on Fix My Street**

### 9.6 Tree Planting

Following a village survey, it was agreed to order the top four trees from the list:

- 1 x English Oak
- 1 x Silver Birch
- 1 x Wild Cherry
- 1 x Bird Cherry
- At a cost of £70 per tree

**Action: Clerk to order the trees**

## 10. Church Roof

No updates were available.

**Action: Clerk to remove from future agenda.**

Cllr MP reported that it was planned to hold Music in Quiet Places on 3 May, the proceeds going to the Church.

## 11. Coronavirus Issues Update

It was noted that Buckinghamshire had been moved into Tier 3 from 00.01 Saturday 19 December.

Cllr MP wished to record his thanks for the help and support he and his wife had received during his illness.

## 12. Parish Council Website

No updates were available.

## 13. Claydon Estate Commercial Shoots

Cllr GB reported that he had a meeting with the shoot owner in the New Year.

## 14. Community Boards

Chair had sat through 2 Community Board meetings and reported that they are completely dominated by County Councillors and a waste of time for the Parishes.

**15. EWR/HS2**

It was noted that a 'Calvert Box' had been formed comprising of representatives from Edgcott, Calvert Green, Twyford, Charndon and Steeple Claydon. The 'box' would have one representative on the HS2/EWR Community Board sub-group, which Chair thought was ineffective.

**16. Broadband**

A resident had asked for help in trying to get broad band installed, following the Gigaclear line being installed along the Winslow Road. Councillors were unable to help.

**17. Proposed New Prison in HMP Grendon / Springhill**

It was noted that traffic from the proposed new prison would impact East Claydon and Councillors agreed to object to the proposal.

**Action: Cllr GB to put a note on Facebook and the website.**

**18. General Correspondence**

All relevant email correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

**19. Any Other Business**

It was noted that the village gates need repainting.

**20. Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.52.

**Appendix 1**

**2020 Planning Applications**

Reference	Address	Status
20/00003/APP	29 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Approved
20/00271/ALB	Botolph Farmhouse Botolph Farm 46 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Consent Granted
20/00401/APP	1 St Marys Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2HR	Approved
20/00613/APP	4 Emerald Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NL	Approved
20/00677/APP	2 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Approved
20/00694/APP	20 Sandhill Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LZ	Approved
20/00750/APP	2 Church Way East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NB	Approved
20/01092/ALB	23 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Consent Granted
20/01252/APP	Botolph Farmhouse Botolph Farm 46 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Awaiting decision
20/01293/APP	23 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Approved
20/01388/APP	6 Church Way East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NB	Approved
20/01590/ALB	Melody Cottage 1-3 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Consent Granted
20/03187/APP	23 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Awaiting decision
20/03188/ALB	23 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Awaiting decision
20/03679/ALB	1 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Awaiting decision
20/04254/APP	20 Sandhill Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LZ	Awaiting decision

**Appendix 2**

**Payments and Receipts**

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
23/11/2020	Stretton Services	45	45.00		Inv 1464: Hosting 7 Dec 2020 - 6 Mar 2021
23/11/2020	ACE Services	46	2,640.00		Inv AC044/20: Elec installation power/lighting circuits
23/11/2020	Albany Carpet Contracts Ltd	47	5,661.65		Inv 35053: Flooring village hall
24/11/2020	Stretton Services	48	18.00		Inv 1465: IP address 8 Dec 2020 - 7 Mar 2021
01/12/2020	RTM	49	389.49		Inv 2571: devolved services grass cutting
17/12/2020	Bucks Council	50	436.22		Inv 503929: Dog Waste Service April 2020 - March 2021
17/12/2020	HMRC	51	138.20		Clerk PAYE - Oct to Dec (including back pay for Apr-June)
17/12/2020	C Jackman	52	553.61		Clerk salary - Oct to Dec (including back pay for Apr-June)