

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM
At 7.30 pm on Thursday 18 March 2021**

(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 (GB), Gareth Williams (GW), Colin Kitchen (CK), Martin Hughes (MH) and Christopher Utley (CU)

Also present: County Councillors John Chilver (JC) and Angela Macpherson (AM), and Carole Jackman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies/Welcome:** CC AM had sent her apologies but was able to join the meeting.
2. **Members Interests:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2021**
The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021 were agreed by those present and will be signed by the Chairman at the next ‘proper’ meeting.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Planning (Appendix 1: 2020/21 applications and decisions)**
 - 5.1 **Planning Applications**
There were no new planning applications to consider.
 - 5.2 **Hinton Close**
It was noted that areas had been grassed and planted.

Cllr JC noted that Web chat is now available on Bucks Council’s website.

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 **Account Signatories**
Cllrs GW and CU are now able to log into on-line banking.
 - 6.3 **Purchase of new dog bin**
Councillors agreed to the supply and installation of a new dog bin from Bucks Council inside the gate at Splash Lane. Permission had been given from the Verney Estate for it to be installed on their land.
It was noted that dog owners still are not picking up their dog mess, especially along the path towards the Church.
Action: Chair to speak to an owner whose dog is allowed to ‘roam freely’.
7. **Village Hall**
 - 7.1 Chair noted that the garden looks nice following work carried out by ‘social distancing’ volunteers.
 - 7.2 Cllr GB reported that plans are in hand to hold an event on 10 July to celebrate coming out of lock down (subject to regulations at the time). A flyer will be delivered to every household in the village and the event will include music / food / and ‘socialising’.

7.3 Discussions are taking place between the Village Hall Committee and the Mushroom Committee regarding the renovation of the Mushroom.

8. Playground

Cllr GB reported that:

- His request for funding from the Community Board for exercise equipment had been refused. It was pointed out that match funding is required for a grant to be successful.
- He had reported the playground flooding on the Bucks County Fix My Street.

9. Roads and Pathways

9.1 Road Damage

Chair reported that the roads in the area are a disgrace, much of the damage being caused by the activities of HS2 and EWR. The activity of the Community Board HS2/EWR sub-group is beginning to have an effect. However, it was noted that one of the EWR representatives did not turn up to the recent meeting chaired by Greg Smith MP.

Chair noted that Cllrs AM and JC are doing some good work to help resolve issues, especially in helping to get the length of time of the Sandhill Road closure reduced.

Further discussion took place regarding:

- Recompense from HS2 and EWR for the damage they are doing.
- HGV's not following the correct construction routes.
- HGV's not displaying the correct identifiers.

Cllr AM reported that:

- Initially EWR had agreed that road repairs would be carried out at the end of the project but that she had recently visited Queen Catherine Road in Steeple Claydon and is trying to get some interim road repairs made.
- No one in EWR seems to have control of sub-contractors and has no plan of action to do so.
- EWR therefore is culpable at the moment.

Cllr CK asked who is responsible for the repairs on the road towards Verney Junction which has been destroyed and is only passable with extreme caution. He added that he reports the potholes most weekends and some get repaired.

Action: Cllr AM agreed to follow up whether it was the responsibility of Transport for Bucks (TfB) or EWR.

9.2 Road signage

Cllr GB reported that funding from the Community Board for a new speed sign had been refused because it was not being supplied by TfB's preferred supplier. He had pointed out that it had met TfB's guidelines and was cheaper.

Action: Cllr GB to send details to Cllr AM who will follow up with the Community Board.

9.3 Safety issues with the Triangle

It was noted that TfB is getting a quotation for the removal of the stump at The Triangle. A tree will be planted in its place.

The TfB Local Area Technician is arranging for TfB's tree surgeons to inspect one tree on the highway verge. He noted that other trees on the verges near The Triangle may be covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

Action: Clerk to have update on the work for next month's meeting.

9.3 Gully cleaning: East Claydon & Botyl Road

TfB had confirmed that they had had the drains jetted in St Marys Road, but will need to make a return visit to check out a few issues so that the problems do not recur.

9.4 White Lines

Cllr GB reported that the white lining was now complete.

9.5 Verges and Hedge cut back

It was noted that a note had been put in the local magazine asking residents to cut back their hedges if they encroach the pavements (Chair pointed out that although generally hedges should

not be cut back after the 1 March, it can be carried out if the hedges are checked to make sure that there are no birds nesting.) It was noted that this is particularly important now that there is a lot more HGV traffic.

Cllr MH reported that he had spoken to a resident regarding his hedge and would be speaking to another shortly.

It was agreed to seek advice from RTM (regarding protecting the verges) whether to install posts/bollards or boulders around areas that are getting damaged.

Action: Clerk to set up meeting with RTM and Cllrs GB and MH.

9.6 Sandhill Road Closure (HS2 / EWR)

See notes at 9.1.

10. Coronavirus Issues Update

No updates were available.

11. Community Boards

Chair had attended the recent Buckingham & Villages Community Board and still is extremely dissatisfied with it and feels that it achieves nothing. He thought that they should not be open to so many people.

CC AM reported that it is a new board and has been going through a 'learning process'. The Board has its good and bad points and will be reviewed after the election, but fundamentally will not change.

CC JC, who Chairs the Winslow Community Board thought that the sub-groups do valuable work.

12. EWR/HS2

See notes above.

13. Proposed New Prison in HMP Grendon / Springhill

It also was noted that the Ministry of Justice still had not submitted a planning application.

14. Parish Council Election

The deadline for the Parish Council Elections was noted.

Chair thanked Cllrs AM and JC for their support and hard work.

Cllr JC noted that he would not be standing for re-election in this ward but would be standing in Winslow.

15. General Correspondence

All relevant email correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

16. Any Other Business

16.1 Census.

It was agreed to help anyone with the census who may need it.

17. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th April 2021.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.50.

Appendix 1

2020-2021 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	Approved
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	Approved
20/03188/ALB	23 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LP	Consent Granted
20/03679/ALB	1 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Consent Granted
20/04254/APP	20 Sandhill Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LZ	Approved
20/04358/APP	24 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Approved
21/00039/APP	1 St Marys Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2HR	Awaiting decision
21/00178/ALB	1 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Consent Granted

Appendix 2

Payments and Receipts

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
12/01/2021	RTM	58	336.00		Inv 2639: supply and plant 4 x trees
25/01/2021	C Jackman	59	55.00		SLCC 1/3rd membership fee - Inv MEM233531
02/02/2021	RTM	60	389.49		Inv 2652: Devolved services grass cutting
02/02/2021	Stretton Services	61	70.00		Inv 1496: Firewall 14 Feb - 13 May 2021
02/03/2021	Stretton Services	62	45.00		Inv 1506: Standard Hosting (7 arch to 6 June 2021)
02/03/2021	Stretton Services	63	18.00		Inv 1507: Dedicated IP address (8 March to 7 June 2021)
15/03/2021	RTM	64	389.47		Inv 2685: Devolved services grass cutting
15/03/2021	C Jackman	65	38.09		Clerk stationery/Post FY 2020-21
15/03/2021	C Jackman	66	522.10		Clerk Salary - Jan-March
15/03/2021	HMRC	67	130.40		HMRC: Clerk PAYE Jan-Mar