

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM
At 7.30 pm on Thursday 15 April 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: CC Angela Macpherson (AM) and Carole Jackman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies/Welcome:** CC John Chilvers
2. **Members Interests:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2021**
The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 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. However, Chair reported that the school had submitted an application for a smaller classroom instead of the bigger one submitted earlier, but the Council had not received notification of the application from Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area).
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 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020-21**
It was noted that the deadline for submitting the AGAR is 2 July. Clerk confirmed that she had arranged the internal audit for 10 May.
 - 6.3 **Purchase of new dog bin / sign**
It was agreed to order another dog bin to be located on Church Lane.
Action: Clerk to order bin.
It was agreed to erect a NO DOGS sign at the playground. It was agreed that dogs should not be allowed in the playground following the refusal of an owner to keep a dog on a lead.
Action: Cllr GB to order sign and to look at options for its location.
7. **Village Hall**
 - 7.1 Cllr GB reported that work continues to improve the hall prior to opening including cladding some walls and replacing some carpets.
 - 7.2 It had been suggested that some play equipment in the garden for younger children would be a good idea. However, insurance issues, maintenance, supervision of children all need to be considered before a decision is made.
Action: Cllr GB to look into the issues surrounding installation of play equipment.

8. **Playground**

The issues surrounding dogs was discussed and noted under item 6 above.
It was noted that some equipment still needs painting.

Action: Cllr GB to put a note on Facebook asking for volunteers to help with the painting.

9. **School Car Park**

It was noted that an application for funding had been submitted to the HS2 Safety Fund and that East West Rail (EWR) may be able to help with the building of the car park.

Action: Cllrs PW, GB and MH to meet with EWR to discuss the possibility of help / funding.

Councillors had been made aware that 'road rage' had taken place outside the school when the road had become grid-locked.

10. **Roads and Pathways**

10.1 **Safety issues with the Triangle**

Council has not yet received the cost from Transport for Bucks (TfB) for removing the tree. However, it was noted that the tree is currently full of birds. It was noted that RTM had supplied a quotation but that we should not use parishioner's money to get the tree removed if it was possible to get it removed by TfB. Council will plant another tree when the stump has been removed.

10.2 **Newly planted trees**

Cllr GB reported that he had been watering the trees recently planted near the playground. Cllrs MP and MH agreed to help with the water.

10.3 **Road Closures**

Following an issue with a recent road closure notice, Chair had requested clarification and notification of where the roads would be closed and the work to be carried out.

10.4 **Gulley Cleansing**

The gulley cleansing had been completed.

10.5 **Verges and hedge cut back**

10.5.1 It was agreed that putting boulders on the grass verges would be preferable to posts.

Action: Cllr GN to chase RTM for a cost

10.5.2 Cllr MH reported that he had spoken to a resident who had cut back some hedge around his property. It was noted that the hedge by the Triangle was not overhanging the road and was full of birds, therefore any work would have to wait until August.

10.6 **Church Lane Drainage**

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the flooding at Church Lane, it was noted that this has been a problem since some houses were built on a pond. It was agreed that expert advice should be sought before any work is carried out as Councillors did not want to move the problem from one area to another.

11. **Coronavirus Issues Update**

No updates were available.

12. **Community Boards**

12.1 Cllr GB reported that he had not received an explanation from the Community Board why it insisted on using a TfB supplier who was more expensive than an alternative who supplied approved signage.

Action: Cllr AM to follow up.

12.2 It was noted that currently the Community Boards are not effective, they need to be smaller so parishes have a proper voice.

12.3 The HS2 working group meeting scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 15 April had been cancelled at short notice.

13. EWR/HS2

It was noted that:

- Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - Angela Macpherson, Deputy Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - Nick Naylor, Cabinet Member for Transport and
 - Joan Hancox, Service Director, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure
- had spent 2½ hours touring the area and were shocked at the devastation and breaches being carried out by HS2 and EWR. However, it was noted that there is very little Buckinghamshire Council can do regarding HS2 since the HS2 Act was passed by Parliament.

It was noted that:

- EWR have formed 'clusters' with local Parish Councils to work together.
- Traffic Ambassadors have been appointed but none has been identified so far.

Action: Cllr AM will ask the Manager of the Ambassadors where they are located and how they might be identified.

14. EWR 20 is Plenty initiative

It was noted that:

- EWR have erected illuminated speed signage asking HGV drivers to stick to 20mph through villages.
- The speed watch should be able to start when COVID restrictions are lifted, but an overall 20mph through villages would be difficult to regulate and is unenforceable.

15. Proposed New Prison in HMP Grendon / Springhill

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

Action: Clerk to send details to Cllr AM of surveys being carried out by the Ministry of Justice on land adjacent to the prison without the landowner's permission.

16. Council Elections

16.1 Parish Council

It was noted that the Parish Council election had been uncontested and that the current Councillors had been duly elected.

16.2 County Council

Cllr AM reported that there will be a reduction in the number of Councillors for the area, but that the footprint remains the same. She also noted that electors can vote for 3 Councillors in the Grendon Underwood Ward (the Ward in which East Claydon falls).

17. General Correspondence

All relevant email correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

18. Any Other Business

16.1 Litter Pick

Cllr MP reported that a resident had volunteered to organise a litter pick sometime in May.

19. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th May 2021.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.53.

Appendix 1

2020-2021 Planning Applications

Reference	Address	Status
19/04437/APP	33 Weir Lane Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NF	Approved
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
09/04/2021	Bucks Council			1,672.00	Devolved Services
09/04/2021	RTM	1	389.49		Inv 2724: Devolved Services grass cutting
15/04/2021	E.on	2	14.56		Inv H19AB471F8: Street lighting electricity 1 Jan 2021 - 31 March 2021