

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in East Claydon Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 July 2023**

Councillors Present: Cllrs Peter Wright (PW), Garry Baldwin (GB), Martin Hughes (MH), Gareth Williams (GW), Christopher Jordan (CJ), Christopher Utley (CU) and Dan Clemens (DC)

Also present: Unitary Councillor Angela Macpherson (AM), Carole Jackman (Clerk) and 1 Member of the Public.

OPEN FORUM:

None.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Members Interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 June 2023**
The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 were agreed by those present and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising:**
None.
5. **Planning** **(Appendix 1: 2022-23 applications and decisions)**
 - 5.1 **Planning applications**
There were no planning applications to consider.
 - 5.2 **Approved application:**
23/01568/APP | Householder application for erection of rear outbuilding | 4 Lacemakers Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2FA
 - 5.3 **Planning notifications**
Cllr CJ queried whether residents adjacent to applicants receive individual notification of planning applications.
Action: Cllr AM agreed to check with the planners whether individual letters were issued to residents in the vicinity of an application. *[Clerk's note: Cllr AM confirmed that the local authority does not send letters/notifications to local residents but places a yellow notice in the location.]*
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 **Banking hub**
Chair noted that a TSB banking hub was now available in the Winslow Town Council offices on Thursdays 9.30-12.30, 1.30-4.30 and urged those councillors who were unable to access the parish council's on-line banking to do so.
7. **Village Hall**
 - 7.1 **General update**
Cllr GB reported that:
 - all is going well with the village hall and wedding receptions were now tailing off.
 - he will probably take down the marquee.

- the hall has been reserved for the Public View of the East Claydon Electricity Storage Scheme on Thursday 3pm to 7pm. It was noted that Greg Smith MP hoped to attend this event.

7.2 Solar Panels

Cllr GB reported that following the submission of the application to the FCC Communities Foundation for funding towards solar panels on the village hall, he had answered all the subsequent questions and had submitted all the relevant paperwork.

8. School Car Park

It was noted that the work on the car park is nearing completion. Plants need to be planted and lines painted. However, it was noted that a skip lorry had caused some damage to the car park.

9. Roads and Pathways

9.1 Pot holes

It was noted that:

The pot holes marked for repair still had not been filled.

The dead tree opposite the school had been reported on FixMyStreet but no action had been taken by Bucks Council, whose responsibility it is.

Action: Clerk to contact the Local Area Technician to get the above problems resolved.

9.2 Overgrown hedges

It was noted that the hedge bordering the Pump House would be cut at the end of August.

It was agreed to ask RTM to cut back the hedge opposite the Emerald (on the bend between the wooden planked cottage and the dog bin).

Action: Clerk to ask RTM to carry out the work.

10. Community Boards

Chair had attended the Community Board meeting in Akeley village hall (only 7 of the 21 parishes within the Buckingham & Village Community Board attended). Chair reported that the following topics were presented:

- New banking hub has been set up in the Buckingham Library but will eventually move to the old Lloyds Bank building.
- TSB are available to help on a Thursday morning in the Winslow Town Council Offices
- A couple have set up a visiting astronomy event company, which has been supported by the Community Board funding.
- Energy specialists under the service of Buckinghamshire Council that offer home visits for certain categories of householders to advise and promote energy saving strategies.
- A Buckinghamshire Council officer updated the meeting on a number of new consultations affecting our communities

Cllr GW agreed to attend the next Community Board Meeting.

11. EWR/HS2

It was noted that the pop-up event in the village had been poorly attended. There were no further updates.

12. Stop the Arc

Cllr AM reported that she had been at a conference, also attended by Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. She added that there had been an article in the Sunday Times on 9 July "*California on the Cam? Gove takes a punt on 'Silicon Valley' of Europe' plan*" but Michael Gove said that most of the development would be in the Cambridge area.

It was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.

13. Heritage List

Cllr CJ continues to work on the heritage list and is loading individual items onto the website for residents' comments.

14. Parish Magazine

The Parish Council continues to support the Parish Magazine.

15. Best Kept Village

The result of the Best Kept Village still is not available.

16. Battery Containers Project

It was noted that Greg Smith MP will attend the drop-in session on the proposed battery containers project to be sited in Granborough which will be held in East Claydon village hall between 3pm and 7.30 pm on 20 July.

Following a lengthy discussion on the possibility of solar farms being constructed in the area, concern was expressed that if planning was given for certain areas this would have a serious detrimental affect on employment with the consequential loss of jobs.

17. General Correspondence

All relevant email correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

18. Any Other Business

None.

19. Date of Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at:

- 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15 August 2023.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Appendix 1

2023 Planning Applications

Reference	Address	Status
23/00115/APP	23 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Approved
23/00212/ALB	1 Orchard Way Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NG	Consent Granted
23/01083/PIP	Land Off Hinton Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire	Approved
23/01141/ALB	40 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Awaiting decision
23/01568/APP	4 Lacemakers Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2FA	Approved

Appendix 2

Payments and Receipts

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
23/06/2023	Playsafety	20	119.40		Inv 71804: Annual Playground Safety Inspection
14/07/2023	Rachel Seago Designs	21	50.00		Inv TC2419: Website maintenance June 2023
14/07/2023	npower	22	20.02		Inv IN07621533: Street lighting 1 Apr to 30 June 2023
14/07/2023	RTM	23	438.78		Inv 4131: June grass cutting