

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in East Claydon Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 August 2023**

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

Also present: Carole Jackman (Clerk) and 2 Members of the Public.

OPEN FORUM:

None.

1. **Apologies:** Gareth Williams (GW), Christopher Utley (CU) and UC Angela Macpherson
2. **Members Interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 July 2023**
The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 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**

To note: Relates to planning application **22/03796/HS2**

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 – Approval of details Application type: Infrastructure Project - HS2 application, Plans and specifications - Schedule 17 Location: The Site Is Located To The North Of Calvert And To The South West Of Steeple Claydon, To The North Of The Network Rail Bicester To Bletchley (OXD) Railway Line And To The East Of The Claydon To Aylesbury Rail Line. Proposal Request for approval of PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for Building Works, a Road Vehicle Park, Earthworks, Transformers, Telecommunications Masts or Pedestrian Accesses to Railway Lines, Fences and walls, and Lighting Equipment related to Scheduled Work No.s 2/82, 2/83, 2/83A, and 2/83B, and comprising, Calvert Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD) Office Building, 2 No. Calvert IMD On Track Maintenance (OTM) Sheds, 13 No. Ancillary Structures at Calvert IMD, 712 No. Lighting Columns at Calvert IMD, Car Parking, Earthworks to refine the Finished Ground Level of Calvert IMD, Earthworks to form landscape screening of Calvert IMD, Earthworks Associated with the Rail Systems Compound, 3 No. Water Management Features within Calvert IMD secure boundary, 6 No. Drainage Ponds outside the secure boundary, Earthworks to form 5 No. Accesses, Access 1 - IMD access off Perry Hill Road, Access 2 - HS2 maintenance access (north), Access 3 - HS2 maintenance access (south), Access 4 - IMD access of Addison Road, Access 5 - HS2 maintenance access (ponds 1 to 4), IMD Foul Sewer Pumping Station - earthworks and associated aboveground works, Location of permanent fencing.

It was noted that the above details were issued by Bucks Council for information only. The Council is not inviting comments in relation to this submission due to its constrained powers under the HS2 Act. However, parish councillors were concerned about light pollution and drainage.

5.2 **Appeal**

Site Address: Land East Of East Claydon Road Opposite Hinton Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2NA Proposal: Demolition of existing agricultural structures and change of use to C3 [residential] to form two detached dwellings with landscaping, access, parking provisions and associated works Appeal by: Mr Ian Sutton Application Ref: 22/04290/APP Appeal Ref: 23/00055/REF Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/23/3321254

Councillors' original concerns about this planning application still apply to this appeal.

Action: Clerk to submit original objections, which were submitted to Bucks Council, to the Planning Inspectorate.

6. Finance and Accounts

6.1 Accounts

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

7. Battery Container Project

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to monitor the proposal and it was noted that:

- A decision from Granborough Parish Council to Chair's request to join their working part had not been made.
- Greg Smith, MP, had been approached for guidance on the way forward.
- Concern had been expressed at the possible loss of farm land to solar panels and development following Bucks Council's 'call for sites'.

8. Village Hall

8.1 General update

Cllr GB reported that:

- The flooring in the toilet block is complete.
- Quotes for a new kitchen are in hand and a funding application will be submitted to the Community Board.
- The Wedding season has come to an end.

9. School Car Park

It was noted that the work on the repair to the car park is complete and that the white lining is in hand. Cllr GB reported that there were some issues with the village hall using the car park but he is working on resolving this.

10. Roads and Pathways

10.1 Pot holes

It was noted that the broken markers on East Claydon Road had been repaired but there still were outstanding pot hole repairs.

10.2 Dead Tree

The dead tree opposite the school had been reported to Bucks Council on FixMyStreet and a follow up email sent the Local Area Technician who had replied to inform the Council that the South Bucks tree surgeon would carry out an inspection but no further information had been received. A resident, at the meeting, expressed her concern that there is a broken branch on the tree and that high wind may cause it to fall. *[Note: Clerk has chased the Local Area Technician for an update on when the problem will be addressed.]*

10.3 Overgrown hedges

It was noted that the hedge bordering the Pump House has been cut back.

RTM were asked to cut back the hedge opposite the Emerald (on the bend between the wooden planked cottage and the dog bin) but the work has not yet been carried out.

Action: Clerk to ask RTM for an update on when they will cut back the hedge.

11. Community Boards

The Buckingham & Villages Community Board had issued information regarding the launch of the project "Silver Sunday". The campaign encourages local communities to hold free events targeted at older people as a way of preventing loneliness and social isolation. It was suggested that the Women's' Institute might like to get involved and the resident present agreed to enquire if they would be interested in organising coffee mornings.

Chair had attended a CB meeting and reported that:

- An address was made by a couple who have set up a visiting astronomy event company, which has been supported by the Community Board funding. They visit schools and community groups promoting the study of astronomy.

- There was a short presentation about a new service of visiting Energy specialists under the service of Buckinghamshire Council that offer home visits for certain categories of householders to advise and promote energy saving strategies.

12. EWR/HS2

Various road closures still are causing problems.

13. Heritage List

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

Action: Cllrs CJ and GB to liaise to issue notes to those whose properties Cllr CJ would like to include on the heritage list.

14. Parish Magazine

No updates were available.

15. Best Kept Village

East and Botolph Claydon had been awarded a Certificate of Merit but had not yet received the certificate. It was noted that the village received a higher mark than last year.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr MH reported that the coffee morning at Tingewick village hall on Friday mornings was well worth the visit.

17. Date of Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at:

- 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

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	4 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Consent Granted
23/01568/APP	4 Lacemakers Close East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2FA	Approved
23/01662/APP	40 Botyl Road Botolph Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LR	Approved

Appendix 2

Payments and Receipts

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
10/08/2023	Curtis & Carder Services Ltd	24	305.75		Inv 1243747: VH boiler maintenance
10/08/2023	Rachel Seago Designs	25	50.00		Inv 2437: Website maintenance July 2023
10/08/2023	RTM	26	438.78		Inv 4200: July grass cutting