

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in East Claydon Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 December 2023**

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

Also present: Carole Jackman (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

OPEN FORUM: None.

1. **Apologies:** Gareth Williams (GW), Christopher Utley (CU)
2. **Members Interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 November 2023**
The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 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

23/03711/APP | Householder application for erection of a 3 bay timber car port in place of existing parking provisions | The Granary Winslow Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LF.

Decision: No objection.

Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area).

6 Battery Storage Project: Stratera

23/03875/APP: Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the national Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage and landscaping

Notification of the above planning application was issued on 18 December 2023, requesting comments by 15 January 2024. As Christmas and New Year fall between these dates, the Parish Council has requested an extension to the deadline. **[Clerk's Note: Bucks Council have granted a 2-week extension to the deadline].**

A way forward with the Parish Council's submission was discussed and it was agreed that it should contact Granborough Parish Council for its thoughts and sight of Granborough's proposed input.

Actions: Chair to contact Granborough Parish Council.

Cllr MH to review the Fire Safety issues within the application.

Clerk to request a site visit to a Stratera battery farm for councillors.

7 Rosefield Solar Farm

The Parish Council and Bucks Council had submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate following the Application by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Rosefield Solar Farm. Chair thanked Cllr CJ for the work he had done in preparing the Parish Council's submission.

It was noted that the next stage would be:

- To receive comments from the Planning Inspectorate.

- An Environment Impact Assessment report from Rosefield.

It also was noted that:

- there didn't appear to be a proper plan of the proposed area.
- The Solar Action Group was doing a very good job.

8 Finance and Accounts

8.1 Accounts

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

It was noted that the budget needs to be agreed at the January meeting for the precept request to be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council by the 31 January 2024. It was thought that a 5% increase in the precept may be required.

8.2 Rosefield Action Group

It was noted that:

- the current spend was still within the £3,000 budgeted vired from the HS2 mitigation fund.
- Should the council decide to go to judicial review, this would probably have to be "crowd funded".

9 Village Hall

Cllr GB reported that:

- There was now an on-line booking system.
- The school was using the hall on a daily basis.

10 School Car Park

Cllr GB reported that:

- The first use of the car park for the village hall will be for the forthcoming comedy show.
- The school did not have any plans for new hedging or lighting, which may contravene the planning permission.

11 Roads and Pathways

11.1 Cllr GB and DC continue to work on improving the local footpaths, and noted that the Church Walk had been improved. More work was required on clearing drains in various areas of the village including, by Bucks Council, the drain along St Mary's Road.

Action: Cllrs GB, DC and CJ will liaise to arrange equipment to help with some drainage work at the entrance to the playing field.

11.2 It was noted that the hedge between Inglenook and the Pump House was overhanging the path.

Action: Cllr MH to speak to the owner of the hedge to ask for it to be cut back.

11.3 It was agreed not to buy a salt bin from Bucks Council.

Action: Clerk to inform the Local Area Technician.

12 Devolved Services Agreement

Clerk had been advised that there were no additions to the Devolved Services Agreement.

Action: Clerk to forward an Expression of Interest to Buckinghamshire Council to renew the Parish Council's Agreement.

13 Community Boards

Cllr GB noted that the Community Board had implied that any funding application for the village hall would not be approved. Cllr JS believed that there was money available within the Community Board.

Action: Cllr GB to write to Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson for her help in getting more information on the available funding.

14 EWR/HS2

No updates were available.

15 Heritage List

Cllr CJ reported that although some of the items on his list had been rejected, it had been suggested by Buck Council that they might be able to be added to the Conservation Area.

16 Playground

It was noted that there were no maintenance issues.

17 General Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

18 Any Other Business

18.1 Litter Pick

A resident offered to arrange a litter pick in the Spring.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

19 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Appendix 1

Payments and Receipts

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
06/12/2023	RTM	46	438.78		Inv 4416: Nov grass cutting
06/12/2023	Andrew Hayns	47	45.00		Inv SS-0320: Standard level server services 5 Dec 23 -6 March 24
06/12/2023	Rachel Seago Designs	48	1,090.00		Inv TC 2491: Pc website and Solar Action Group website updates
06/12/2023	C Jackman	49	717.17		Clerk salary Oct-Dec plus salary increase back pay April-Sept
06/12/2023	HMRC	50	179.20		Clerk PAYE Oct-Dec (including back pay)

Appendix 2

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	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
23/01939/SO	Wings Farm Marston Road Granborough Buckinghamshire	Decided
23/03711/APP	The Granary Winslow Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LF	Awaiting decision
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ	Awaiting decision