

EAST CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in East Claydon Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 March 2024**

Councillors Present: Peter Wright (Chair), Gareth Williams (GW), Christopher Jordan (CJ), and Dan Clemens (DC)

Also present: Carole Jackman (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

OPEN FORUM: None.

1. **Apologies:** Gary Baldwin (GB), Martin Hughes (MH), Christopher Utley (CU)

2. **Members Interests:** None.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2024 were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

4 **Matters Arising**

None.

5 **Councillor Resignation**

It was noted with regret that Cllr Martin Hughes had submitted his resignation with effect from the end of April 2024.

Action: Clerk to issue vacancy notice in April.

6 **Planning**

(Appendix 1: 2023-24 applications and decisions)

6.1 **Planning applications**

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.

- The Environment Agency report had been noted.
- There were no further updates.

24/00694/APP | Householder application for single storey rear extension. Monkomb Dairy Winslow Road East Claydon MK18 2LF.

Decision: No objection.

Action: Clerk to inform Bucks Council (AVDC Area) of Council's decision.

19/A0983/DIS | Submission of details pursuant to Condition 7 (details of compound) 17 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) 25 (Noise Impact Assessment) relating to Planning Permission 19/00983/APP | Tuckey Farm East Claydon Road Winslow Buckinghamshire MK18 3ND.

The Parish Council had written to Head of Planning at Bucks Council on 21 February expressing concern about the HGV route to the Tuckey Farm development. A reply from the Highways Development Manager was received on 15 March giving the reason for the chosen route.

Councillors were unhappy with the response and agreed to write to the Highways Development Manager (copied to Head of Planning and UC Angela Macpherson) to request that the haul route under 19/A0983/DIS is re-examined with a view to finding a more suitable alternative.

Action: Clerk to respond to Bucks Council.

7 **Rosefield Solar Farm**

It was not known when the application will be submitted and there were no further updates on the process.

However, the following were discussed and noted:

- Chair had asked HS2 for ecology (bats) information.
- A bird survey had been carried out but it was thought to be an odd time of year to do so. However presumably this was to identify winter migrants but to do so in two mornings from public footpaths only was not considered to be sufficient.
- Rights of Way need to be walked, including the North Bucks Way.
- Need to make contact with Natural England and the Bucks & Oxon Wild Life Trust.
- There is a lack of light pollution in the area.
- Noise survey is believed to have been carried out.
- Whether or not to lobby to make the area an Area of Natural Beauty.

8 Finance and Accounts

8.1 Accounts

Clerk had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting (**see appendix 1**) and Councillors approved them.

8.2 AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return)

It was noted that the deadline is 1 July 2024. *[Clerk's note: the internal audit will be carried out on 16 May.]*

9 Village Hall

The parishioner present informed the Council that plans are in hand for a new kitchen and that Village Hall Committee members will be present when the kitchen supplier visits to design the layout. There were no further updates.

10 Roads and Pathways

10.1 Chair thanked Cllrs GB, DC and CJ for the hedging, ditching and drainage work they had carried out.

10.2 Cllr GW expressed his concern at some of the parking in the village as it was making it difficult to pull out of some premises. Councillors were unsure of the way forward and how to rectify this as yellow lines would probably not be permitted and would be difficult to police.

10.3 Pot holes had been reported to Bucks Council. A very large pot hole by the sub-station had not been repaired.

10.4 Chair had accepted an invitation to a 'Roads' meeting with Unitary Councillors on 20 March together with some other impacted Parish chairmen.

10.5 Orchard Way had been closed but it was noted that the diversion route was totally ill considered.

11 EWR/HS2

It was noted that discussion with Bucks Council to get them to pressure HS2 to repair the roads was not progressing well.

Cllr DC asked if the flooding on the Sandhill Road towards Verney Junction was caused by HS2 or EWR work. Clerk reported that Middle Claydon Parish Council is discussing this problem with Bucks Council to try to get it rectified.

12 Playground

The zip wire is being monitored.

The annual RoSPA inspection will be held in May (an exact date has not been given).

13 Litter Pick

The litter pick will be held at 10am on Sunday 24 March. The parishioner present will liaise with Cllr GB to collect the litter pick equipment. She also asked for the date to be put onto Facebook and pointed out that those taking part should not congregate at the front of the hall but to stay at the Mushroom end.

Clerk had collected the rubbish bags from Bucks Council and had arranged for the rubbish to be collected after the litter pick.

14 **Community Board Boundary Review**

It was noted that:

- The Boundary Review has not been completed.
- Budgets are being reviewed.

15 **Parish Magazine**

Chair noted that the magazine is financially sound and councillors reiterated their support. However, it was suggested that the magazine updates its funding activities.

16 **Best Kept Village**

It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition. It was noted that the map needs to be updated.

Action: Clerk to submit entry form.

17 **Heritage List**

Clr CJ continues to work on the Heritage List and has a meeting with Bucks Council to view/walk the area which will include Botolph Claydon. It was noted that a resident may be able to take some aerial photographs.

18 **General Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

19 **Any Other Business**

19.1 **Devolved Services**

It was noted that the Devolved Services Agreement requires a Public Liability Insurance of £10M
[Clerk's note: the Parish Council's public liability is £12M.]

19.2 **Banking Hubs**

It was noted that a banking hub is available in Buckingham.

19.3 **Council Policies**

Clerk reminded the meeting that the Council Policies need to be reviewed and the review noted at the April meeting.

20 **Date of Next Meeting**

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

Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Appendix 1

Payments and Receipts

Date	Supplier	Ref.	Payment	Receipt	Comments
04/03/2024	Rachel Seago Designs	63	50.00		Inv TC 2531: Feb website maintenance
04/03/2024	RTM	64	438.78		Inv 4518: February 2024 grass cutting
14/03/2024	Andrew Hayns	65	45.00		Inv SS-0340: Standard level server 6 Mar - 2 June 2024
14/03/2024	C Jackman	66	635.05		Clerk Jan/February/March salary
14/03/2024	HMRC	67	158.60		HMRC Clerk Jan/February/March PAYE

Appendix 2

2023-24 Planning Applications

Reference	Address	Status
3/00115/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
23/01939/SO	Wings Farm Marston Road Granborough Buckinghamshire	Decided
23/03711/APP	The Granary Winslow Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LF	Refused
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ	Awaiting decision
24/00694/APP	Monkomb Dairy Winslow Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LF	Awaiting decision