

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Amenities Committee

A meeting of the Planning & Amenities Committee was held on Monday 14 June 2010 in the Village Hall Claydon at 7.00 pm

Present: D Mallitt (Chairman), TJ Messenger (Vice-Chairman), B Fotheringham, Mrs M Moore, J Whitehead, G Wood and J Field (County Councillor)

Absent: CJ Studd

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from J Rose (family commitment), Mrs F Swan (meeting), JRG Williams (family Commitment) and M Redbond (District Councillor) (meeting). The council accepted these reasons for absence.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2010 were approved and signed.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

4. SIGNS FOR LAND AT JUNCTION OF NEWELL RISE AND OLD IPSWICH ROAD

The suggested wording forwarded by MSDC needs to be simplified and Mr Field would talk to Mr Redbond and, if a meeting is required with Jonathan Reed of MSDC, either Mr Mallitt or Mr Messenger would attend.

5. PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE CENTRE, GREAT BLAKENHAM

SCC had requested the Parish Council's views as to what information we consider should be included within the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement and the following comments would be sent:

- a) Height of chimney – is it sufficiently high enough to take emissions away from the Gipping Valley (which includes Claydon, Barham and Great Blakenham)? Previous commercial activities on this site indicated that a very high chimney was required to dispose of the emissions.
- b) How would this waste centre be controlled in an emergency should, for instance, a power failure occur?
- c) What is the content of the waste?
- d) Visual impact on the area.
- e) Highway issues, i.e. road safety, are paramount.
- f) Environmentally we are concerned for the health and safety of the parishioners of Claydon. It will also be pointed out that we do not support the building of a waste centre in this location and we have always felt that the Eye site was logistically, economically and technically a better site.

A letter had been received from James Dowell, Project Manager, SITA UK offering a member of his team to come to discuss the proposal in more detail and we will ask for this meeting to take place before going any further.

6. FOOTPATH NO. 1 – DIVERSION AND CYCLE ROUTE

We had been advised by SCC that Footpath No. 1 was included in discussion with Atkins regarding rights of way crossing the A14 but there were no proposals to consider our request for a diversion and cycle route to be included. The Definitive Map Officer will be asked what criteria would be considered appropriate for this request to warrant further consideration as there is no safe route for cyclists around the Junction 52 roundabout. A member of the parish council is willing to meet and walk the route if necessary.

7. HEDGES OVER PERMITTED HEIGHT

There are several hedges in Claydon which are over the permitted height of 4 ft which is felt should be reduced in height under the Crime & Disorder Act. MSDC have advised that they can take no action as this is a civil matter. It was therefore agreed to contact Sgt Colin Curtis to see whether PCSO Cat Howard could investigate to see whether these hedges could be considered dangerous to residents. A parish councillor would be willing to walk the footpaths and point out our concerns.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Application 1117/10 – Erection of changing facilities and change of use of agricultural land to form 4 senior and 1 junior football pitches, formation of access off Whitton Church Lane and all ancillary works. (Application to replace planning permission 1362/05 in order to extend the time limit for implementation.) Land at north of Whitton Sports Centre, Old Norwich Road, Whitton. *The planning committee had made no further comments as this application had already been granted permission in 2005 and has subsequently been granted permission for a further three years.*

Application 1604/10 – Conversion of stables to offices (same elevations as approval 24/07/09).

The Stables, Claydon Hall, Church Lane, Claydon

The planning committee were opposed to this application for the following reasons:

- 1. Church Lane is not suitable for any increase in traffic.*
- 2. There are no adequate passing places and this is a single track stretch of road.*
- 3. There is already an abundance of empty office accommodation in the area.*

9. SUCH BUSINESS THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE MINUTES

None

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

A problem with the primary school fence adjacent to the footpath was reported and the head teacher will be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman