

CLAYDON & WHITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Amenities Committee

A meeting of the Planning & Amenities Committee was held on Monday 20 June 2011 at the offices of SALC, Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs A Dunford, M Le-May, J Rose, J Soar, C Studd, J Studd and JRG Williams

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Fotheringham, F Blastland and G Wood. The parish council accepted their reasons for absence.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Williams proposed Cllr C Studd as chairperson. This was seconded by Cllr Dunford and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Williams proposed Cllr Blastland as vice-chairman. This was seconded by Cllr C Studd and unanimously agreed.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2011 were approved and signed.

Pharmacy

MSDC were advised of the danger of having a glazed panel on the front of the pharmacy. We now understand that they wish to open a part-time surgery. MSDC have advised that this would require planning permission for Class D1 use. The parish council can see no problems with a part-time surgery but the main concern is car parking for people using the pharmacy/surgery which is already a problem with vehicles obstructing the pavement/gateways. No agreement has been made between the owners of the Greyhound Public House and the Pharmacy to allow parking on the public house car park, although this does take place, and as the lease is up for sale there may be no right of parking in the future.

4 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Suffolk Efw Community Liaison Group

Cllr C Studd had volunteered to attend the meeting on 19 July but following enquiries a proper committee has not yet been formed and membership is limited by SITA.

(b) "No Waiting" signs had been placed in the centre of the village without prior notification to the parish council and Highways, MSDC and the police will be asked to inform the clerk of any major works being carried out in future.

(c) Nomination Forms had been received from MSDC for the Community Achievement Awards 2011 and this will be discussed during the main meeting on 11 July. Parish councillors were asked to give some thought as to who would deserve such an award.

(d) Correspondence had been received regarding the number of publicity notices being placed on lamp posts throughout the village. An article will be placed in the "In Touch" and Newsletter pointing out that we will only accept notices advertising charitable events and that these must be removed immediately after the event has taken place.

(e) SALC had forwarded a proposal which was agreed by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council on 7 June 2011 urging major developers, as a matter of planning procedure, to attend meetings to answer questions about their planning application and to provide resources, if required, to enable assessment of their application, which may be over 1,000 pages long, based on a professional critique of their evidence. It was agreed that an email of support would be sent.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

The following application was discussed:-

1502/11 - Erection of 37 residential dwellings together with associated parking/garaging and construction of on-site pumping station on land adjacent to Gipping Road. Former Masons Cement Works and Adjoining Ministry of Defence Land, Gipping Road, Great Blakenham

The planning committee objected to this application and a copy of the comments sent to MSDC are attached and appended in the minute book.

The following applications had been determined by the local authority:-

0135/11 - Conversion of stables to additional living accommodation and erection of single storey link extension. Willow Barn, Hall Lane, Claydon

The planning committee could not fully support this application because of extra traffic which would be generated along an already very busy Church Lane. However, this was given permission by MSDC.

1180/11 - Erection of part first-floor, part two-storey side extension. 11 Orchard Grove, Claydon

The planning committee supported this application which was subsequently given permission by MSDC.

The following application had been withdrawn by the applicant:-

0928/11 - Erection of detached 2 bed bungalow (following demolition of existing garage) 25 Bacon Road, Claydon

7 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Cllr C Studd would meet Dave Keeble, Suffolk County Council, on site to discuss the possibility of double yellow lines up Church Lane as far as the community centre.

(b) Julia Procter, Suffolk County Council, had provided a plan indicating where double yellow lines could go on the roundabout at the bottom of Newell Rise. Cllr C Studd would arrange to meet her on site to discuss this further.

8 PRE APPLICATION ENQUIRY CAFÉ HILL VIEW BUSINESS PARK

Cllr Williams explained that the existing café located on the Hill View Business Park site was specifically for use by people who work on the business park. A request had been received for the use to be extended for charity events raising money for the charities on site. Following discussion it was agreed that the parish council would have no objections to this facility being more widely used.

9 EFFECT OF PARK & RIDE CLOSURE

It was agreed that more vehicles are parking in the village and catching buses into Ipswich which is a direct result of the Park & Ride closure.

10 WEBSITE

It was felt that the parish council website required changing to make it more user friendly with, if possible, more direct routes to the areas people are looking for. John Tuppen will be asked if he is available to attend the parish council meeting on 11 July to discuss what can be done to change the website.

11 GRIT BINS

Grit bins / grit heaps were discussed and suggestions received put forward, however, it was felt that as we had installed 11 new bins recently this be left for the time being and a survey done at a later date.

12 BUS SHELTER

As no response had been received from the probationary service it was agreed to ask Mark Worby, street cleaner, to clean the inside of the shelter and paint it. Cllr J Studd will find a supplier of a good reasonably priced paint suitable for the inside of the shelter. Once cleaned and painted a new "No Smoking" sign will be purchased.

13 LAND AT END OF EXETER ROAD

The owners of this land as at 15 April 2011 were detailed in the Land Registry documents and they will be contacted explaining the problem regarding fly tipping.

14 SNOASIS

Nothing further to report.

15 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

Cllr C Studd suggested that he approaches the owner of a plot of land in Paper Mill Lane which is not used to see whether he would consider leasing or selling it to the parish council for use as allotments. It was agreed that he follows this up and reports back.

16 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) The occupier of Allotment Plot 6 had enquired as to whether Plot 5 could be strimmed down as this was once again getting out of control. Mark Worby last strimmed this plot in September 2010 and it was agreed to ask him to clean it up again.
- (b) A request had been made by Orbit East to relocate the existing sign "Giles Court" as many visitors struggle to see the sign and miss the entrance. This could also delay residents receiving urgent medical treatment if an ambulance missed the turn. Orbit East are bidding for money to have gardening improvement works carried out to improve the overall appearance and, if we give approval, moving the sign will be incorporated into the work. The planning committee had no objections to the relocation of this sign.
- (c) A resident of Old Norwich Road was concerned that a number of double-decker buses were now being used along this route and due to the number of large trees they were concerned that, in the event of an incident, who would be liable as they are in a conservation area and the trees are protected. This would be raised with Ipswich Borough Council.
- (d) Cllr Soar raised the question of the new fence which had been erected alongside the playing field site but with the old fence remaining. Cllr C Studd has spoken to a member of the school about removing the old fence due to the amount of rubbish collecting between the fences and this is being investigated by the school.
- (e) It was agreed to hold all Planning Meetings at 7 pm in future.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman