



# PARISH COUNCIL OF CLAVERDON

## Minutes for Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Present** – Councillor S. Lawton (Chairman) (SL), Councillor D. Middleton(part) (DM), Councillor H. Spiers (HS), Councillor K. Meeson (KM), Councillor P. Bicknell (PB), Councillor N. Dargan (ND), County Councillor J. Horner (JH) (part), and 20+ members of the public.

**Apologies for absence.** District Councillor P Richards (PR)

**Zoom data protection policy.** Chair SL outlined that whilst Parish Council continue to be held remotely by Zoom, any recording, audio, and video are for the purposes of preparing written minutes only, and any recordings will subsequently be deleted.

### Declarations of Interest

Councillor H. Spiers made a declaration of interest for planning item 4.1.3

### Appointment of a new Parish Councillor

Having received the necessary declarations, Chair SL proposed to co opt David Goosen of the Crown Inn, Henley Road, Claverdon as a Parish Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr H. Spiers and approved by all councillors present.

## 1 Minutes of the last Meeting.

1.1 On the proposal of The Chairman, seconded by Councillor H. Spiers, the minutes of the Council Meetings held on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were taken as read and approved by all councillors present.

## 2 District and County Councillors Reports.

2.1 County Councillor John Horner outlined that the County will be increasing Council Tax by 3%, built up as 2% general precept and 1% extra for social care. Warwickshire has one of the lowest tax increases amongst the Tier 1 authorities. The difference between authorities is the funding needed for social care and Warwickshire has less residents eligible for social care support due to it being a relatively wealthy society. However, children's social care is expanding rapidly. Social care still accounts for 79% of the County budget. Due to people working from home and needing to take exercise, there has been an explosion in pet ownership and puppies in particular. This has led to large increases in prices for dogs and criminals have got into the act. This has led to an epidemic of puppy theft and potential owners paying huge sums for pets that do not exist.

Warwickshire continues to invest in fibre broadband, but it is now admitted that fibre cannot get to every household in rural areas. Three providers, O2, Three and Vodafone, have joined forces for the first time to build more G4 masts to improve quality in rural areas. This agreement should mean better service and a cost-effective alternative to the BT's effective monopoly in broadband provision in this area.

There are concerns that there may be 20-40000 more unemployed in Warwickshire once furlough ends. As part of efforts to speed recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic, the County Council has increased borrowing and created a £300 million fund to support companies. It is hoped this funding will attract private sector investment into Warwickshire.

## 3 Public Forum.

A member of the public asked about the poles and 30 miles an hour speed sign that had appeared outside the school and queried whether it should be 20 miles per hour. Chair SL outlined that this had already been referred to Warwickshire highways via councillor JH, but they were unable to explain the new signs. SL agreed to investigate further.

A member of the public asked what was happening to the hedge which has been severely pruned by the DM Hall. SL outlined that the DM hall trustees were doing some tree and hedge work and that they had felt this hedge was overgrown. The trustees hoped that the hedge would regenerate following pruning.

#### **4 Planning.**

##### **4.1 Update on previously considered applications.**

- 4.1.1 20/01398/FUL Construction of a barn on the land for safe storage at Field Adjacent to Glenhurst Farm, Henley Road. **Objection. Approved.** Chair SL outlined that he had been to a recent planning meeting to object to this proposal as oversized and economically unviable, but despite Parish Council concerns, it had been approved. However, it is to remain a barn for 10 years before an application can be made to convert to a residential or industrial unit.
- 4.1.2 19/03482/FUL Erection of 9 n. 6.5m high floodlight columns Claverdon Tennis Club, Station Road, Claverdon, **Support with restrictions. Approved with restrictions.** SL outlined that he had supported this at a planning meeting, and it had been approved with restrictions that the Parish Council had sought. The lights will turn off at 9pm and will be on a timer so that they are automatically turned off. SL noted that there had been a lot of support on social media.
- 4.1.3 20/02868/FUL Proposed Erection of 12 Local Housing Need dwellings and associated works at Land to The South Of, Breach Lane, Claverdon, For Mr Neil Gilliver Warwickshire Rural Housing Association. **Support.** SL explained that Parish Council are still awaiting a reply from SDC to concerns that the development will meet the needs of the Claverdon housing needs survey e.g., houses to part buy rather than rent. The applicant, Neil Gilliver has stated that he had been assured by SDC housing officers that there was a demand from Claverdon residents to rent. SL advised that the Parish Council needed validation of this from SDC to ensure that the houses will go to people living in, or having a close connection with the village, in line with the wishes of the landowner. Regarding the concerns expressed about highways, the Parish Council are still awaiting a reply from SDC but have been advised that the applicant has been asked to look further at the highways implications of this development.
- 4.1.4 20/03121/FUL Two storey front extension and two storey side extension. Changes to windows on the front elevation. At 6 Church Road, Claverdon, CV35 8PB, **No Objection. Withdrawn**

##### **4.2 Applications Responded to Inter-meeting**

- 4.2.1 20/03596/FUL Proposed front and rear extension to bungalow at Lancslass, Langley Road, Claverdon, Warwick CV35 8QA. **No Objection.**
- 4.2.2 20/03270/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Replacement dwelling with associated garage/car port. Change of use of land to facilitate new access and driveway and landscaped gardens (to include balancing pond) to serve dwelling. At Hillcrest, Buttermilk Lane, Yarningale Common, Warwick CV35 8H. **No Objection. Withdrawn.**
- 4.2.3 20/03633/FUL Proposed rear extension, side extension and front alteration together with roof conversion at Weatheroak, Langley Road, Claverdon, CV35 8PU. **No Objection.**
- 4.2.4 20/03451/FUL New access drive to existing dwelling. At the Homestead, Yarningale Lane, Yarningale Common, Warwick CV35 8HW Resubmitted (correct notice of landowner not served). **Objection.** Is on Parish Council land is Green belt and impact on biodiversity plan.
- 4.2.5 20/03577/FUL Rear and first floor extension. Addition of new roof and raising ridge to provide first floor living accommodation. Rendering of external wall at Roseden, Park Drive, Claverdon, CV35 8HG. **No Objection.** Whilst the parish council have no planning reasons to objection to this application, Councillors are concerned about the size of the extension and its potential effect on neighbouring properties. It is a large addition to the existing building and the Parish Council have requested that planning officers ensure that it does not contradict current planning regulations in terms of over extension and/or does not unduly affect the amenity of neighbouring properties.
- 4.2.6 21/00212/TREE South Hawke Proposed T1 - conifer - Fell, T2 - apple – Fell, T3 - prunus – Fell, T4 - blue lawson - reduce by 2m to clear phone wires, T5 - Yew Fell, G1 - apple x 3 - prune to old heights. At South Hawke, Station Road, Claverdon, CV35 8PE. **No objection** however Parish Council have requested to SDC that tree preservation officer should assess the Yew.

#### 4.3 **Planning Issues for comment to SDC after the Parish meeting**

- 4.3.1 21/00375/FUL Rear porch extension and erection of a new detached garage in rear garden. Alterations to garden walls, gates, and boundary fence. Church View Church Road Claverdon CV35 8PB. **No Objection** agreed by all councillors present.
- 4.3.2 20/03716/FUL Alterations to Meadow Cottage and erection of a new house with replacement detached double garage and widening of existing access to Station Road Cottage, Station Road, Claverdon, Warwick CV35 8PE. SL outlined that the proposed development is an unjustified new development, not in line with Housing needs survey, with unbeneficial effect on the green belt. **Objection** was agreed by all councillors presents.
- 4.3.3 20/03306/FUL Proposed new dwelling at The Old Butchers Shop, The Green, Claverdon, CV35 8LL. SL explained the previous history of the application and the highlighted the current state of disrepair. SL proposed that the site needs tidying up and is a small development in line with our housing needs survey. Councillors agreed to **Support**.
- 4.3.4 20/02902/FUL Proposed Extension to existing detached garage at Meadow Wood, Yarningale Common, Claverdon, CV35 8HW. Councillors agreed **No objection** with request to SDC that the garage be retained as a garage.
- 4.3.5 21/00299/FUL Proposed single storey orangery extensions to rear at Claverdon Fields, Church Road, Claverdon, CV35 8PB. Councillors agreed **No objection**.

#### 5 **Policing, CLASP & CASE.**

- 5.1 CASE team are still providing police with number plates. Only police can be provided with number plate information due to GDPR. Cllr Dave Goosen (DG) outlined the current speeding checks being done in the layby opposite the Crown, usually at weekends or Sunday in the afternoon, which was not felt to be maximising the opportunities to catch speeders through the village. Peak commute times would be preferred. Chair SL agreed to draft a response to Warwickshire police.

#### 6 **Recreation Field**

- 6.1 Update on dispute with Kompan. Approve Proposed remedial works (as agreed by email). This was agreed by all councillors present.
- 6.2 Approve proposed arrangements for Mowing of Recreation Field. Parish Council Has received a revised quote from Thomas Fox for £80 plus VAT (not including the playground area). Have also received many expressions of interest via social media for other contractors willing to mow. Chair SL to provide additional quotes.
- 6.3 Update on proposals for the original younger children's play area which has been removed. No further progress has been made on this.
- 6.4 Consider and approve quote received for mowing of verges (Thomas Fox). The quote was accepted and agreed by all councillors present.

#### 7 **Footpaths /Bridlepaths**

- 7.1 Update on how to make pathways more accessible to those with disability and mobility issues e.g., wooden stiles. No further progress has been made on this, but Chair SL agreed to get quotes.
- 7.2

#### 8 **Yarningale Common**

- 8.1 Update on mowing and pond work and proposals for some limited tree clearing. Pond has been cleared and Parish Council need to agree with David Cole from Warwickshire ecology team what works can move forward. Cllr PB has agreed to join a small group of volunteers "friends of Yarningale Common". Quote had been received for limited tree clearance work perhaps starting along Yarningale Lane.

#### 9 **Dorothea Mitchell Hall**

- 9.1 Hedge removal – this was covered in the public section.

9.2 Solicitor's letter. Chair SL outlined that in the tennis club planning permission for lights (limited to 9pm weekdays, 6pm weekends on an automatic timer) had been approved by SDC and had received support in social media. SL explained that in the leases of all tenants on the DM trust site, any request for alterations should not be unreasonably refused or delayed by the DM hall trustees. Given the approval by planning and support from elected local and district councillors, Chair SL indicated that he would struggle to see any reasonable grounds for the DM Trustees to refuse permission.

## 10 Finance

10.1 To authorise payments due to date and approve the account projection to end of Feb 2021. After consideration by Councillors & upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Phil Bicknell, payments due as listed below, to the end of Feb 2021, were approved by all Councillors present.

Date	Item	Cheque No	Current Account		Deposit Accounts	Yarningale Account		Total
			Deposits	Debits		Deposits	Debits	
31 Dec 20	<b>Balance</b>		£58,751.98		£35,887.01	£15,448.20		£110,087.19
	<b>Payments for Approval</b>							
15 Jan 21	Water Chgs at Pavilion for Dec 2020	DD		£23.29				(£23.29)
27 Jan 21	Oct/Nov/Dec 20 Income Tax deductions re. Clerk's salary	Bacs		£30.60				(£30.60)
2 Feb 21	Clerk net Jan 2020 Net Salary	Bacs		£568.96				(£568.96)
2 Feb 21	Clerk's Jan 2020 Expenses	Bacs		£119.13				(£119.13)
2 Feb 21	Recreation field hedge and tree work	Bacs		£620.00				(£620.00)
1 Feb 21	Pavilion Electricity 15-12-20 to 14-12-20	DD		£15.74				(£15.74)
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>						
	Allowance	£26.00						
	HP Instant Ink - Ink supply for Printer. Jan	£9.99						
	Milage January	£3.15						
	Office 365 renewal	£79.99						
	<b>Total</b>	£119.13						
	<b>Receipts and/or Transfers</b>							
31 Dec 20	Interest on Reserve and Deposit Accounts January				£1.45			£1.45
Date	Item	Cheque No	Current Account		Deposit Accounts	Yarningale Account		Total
			Deposits	Debits		Deposits	Debits	
31 Jan 21	<b>Balance</b>		£57,374.26		£35,888.46	£15,448.20		£108,710.92
	<b>Payments for Approval</b>							
12 Feb 21	Mow recreation field Oct 2 cuts	Bacs		£150.00				(£150.00)
	Clerk net Feb 2020 Net Salary	Bacs		£699.01				(£699.01)
	Clerk's Feb 2020 Expenses	Bacs		£35.99				(£35.99)
15 Feb 21	Water Chgs at Pavilion for Jan 2021	DD		£23.29				(£23.29)

Item		Amount	
Allowance		£26.00	
Mileage February			
HP Instant Ink - Ink supply for Printer. Feb		£9.99	
Total		£35.99	
<b>Receipts and/or Transfers</b>			
11 Feb 21	Verges mowing refund	BGC	£1,319.73
	Interest on Reserve and Deposit Accounts		£1.38
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Current Account</b>
			<b>Deposits</b>
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			<b>Deposit Accounts</b>
			<b>Yarningale Account</b>
			<b>Deposits</b>
			<b>Debits</b>
<b>28 Feb 21</b>	<b>Balance</b>		<b>£57,785.70</b>
			<b>£35,889.84</b>
			<b>£15,448.20</b>
			<b>£109,123.74</b>

- 11 **Review and agree proposals to look at state of some roads in poor condition around village.** Since reporting to Councillor John Horner, Councillor ND reported that some holes had been repaired and Chair SL agreed to continue to liaise with JH on road issues.
- 12 **General Other matters/ including any arising from Earlier Meetings and not already covered. (No decisions are to be taken on any items discussed under this heading).**  
 There was discussion on the state of many stiles which had fallen into disrepair during lockdown. It was highlighted that the correct procedure for reporting these was on the WCC report a problem page. However, given the likely slow response from WCC, Councillor HS agreed to work with councillors to mark up on the local footpath map, any stiles needing repair or replacement (potentially with kissing type gates in high traffic areas) and names of any landowners, so they could be contacted directly.
- 13 **Meeting Dates**  
 Agree date for May Annual Parish Meeting and future Parish Council meetings.  
 There was discussion around this as the legislation for holding remote Parish Council meetings ends in May but COVID restriction will not have been lifted to allow for meetings indoors. Parish clerk to investigate options, but provisional date of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May was set for Parish Council and Annual Parish meeting.