

## MIDDLE CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Middle Claydon Parish Council Annual Meeting held on  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Claydon Estate Office at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Sir Edmund Verney, Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Susan Cooper-Evans, Cllr. Mrs. Pauline Claridge, Cllr John Riches, Cllr. Marc Linton and Cllr Michael Jackson.

Cllr John Chilver AVDC and Cllr Mrs. Angela Macpherson BCC were also in attendance.

30/05 1: Apologies for absence: None

30/05 2: Election of Chairman: Sir Edmund Verney welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He then handed over the meeting to Cllr Chilver to conduct the election of Chairman for the next year. Cllr Chilver asked for nominations and Cllr Jackson nominated Cllr Sir Edmund Verney to be Chairman seconded by Cllr Riches. Cllr Chilver handed the meeting back to the new Chairman. The Chairman then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. The Chairman nominated Cllr Riches, seconded by Cllr Linton and Cllr Riches agreed to accept the role.

30/05 3: Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 were read aloud and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

30/05 4: Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for all their work and help over the past year and thanked them for their attendance at all the meetings. The Chairman raised a number of issues which were then shared and discussed as shown below.

30/05 4.1: Addressing individual points of concern to the Council the Chairman noted that POT HOLES in the roads continue to be matter of concern. Cllr Mrs. Macpherson noted, as the Division County Councillor, that the matter is also a continuing concern at County. Cllr Mrs. Claridge was delighted to report that 3 Points Lane had received attention and the road surface had been improved.

Cllr Mrs. Macpherson noted that many surrounding Parishes were suffering similar problems.

Cllr Riches mentioned that he had raised a question at the Local Area Forum for a kerb and bollard around the corner in the village. Transport for Bucks would be looking at the proposal and Mr. Mark Averil had attended to look at all the Parish Roads.

East West Rail Alliance has been set up and there will now be a series of consultations to set out the proposal for the project. Two new bridges will be build to cross the railway when the level crossings are closed. One in Queen Catherine Road and the other in Verney Junction.

The National Infrastructure Commission are preparing a report for the expansion of the Oxford to Cambridge Corridor with many new urban areas and major road infrastructure.

Not much has happened to the HS2 project, although it is going ahead and major construction works are being proposed.

The Greatmore Incinerator Chimney lights are being dimmed and or removed. Environmental Testing is being carried out by private organisations at Knowle Hill Farm and Muxwell Farm. The emissions from the chimney are being measured and the data will be available on the Greatmore website when it is finally launched.

The grass is growing on the roadsides and the vision splays at junctions need cutting. BCC will be asked to ensure that vision splays are properly maintained.

Cllr Mrs. Claridge asked that the turn to Knowle Hill Farm be marked with a 'FARM' Sign.

Cllr Mrs. Macpherson said that she was going on a Parish tour with the Local Area Technician, David Smith, and she would ask if this is possible.

30/05 5: To approve the Parish Council Financial Report: The Accounts for the Council were circulated. Cllr Mrs. Claridge had carried out the Local Audit. The Accounts were accepted and would now be sent to the Auditors for checking.

30/05 6: To receive the reports from County Councillor and District Councillor:

Cllr Mrs. Macpherson's written report was received and added to these minutes.

Cllr Chilver reported verbally.

There were questions from the Parish Councillors on the issue of the Unitary Authority proposals.

Cllr Chilver stated that Central Government departments would be deciding on the next steps and we would have to wait for that decision. Cllr Chilver added that the Local Plan (VALP) would be ready for the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Then there would be an 8-week consultation followed by submission to the Inspectorate for adoption as the Local Plan.

The proposal for a 'Garden Town' based around Verney Junction was raised. Meetings had been held involving Steeple Claydon, East and Botolph Claydon and Middle Claydon. This proposal is not part of the proposed Local Plan (VALP), but there will be a review of the VALP within 2 to 3 years, so there may be movement when this occurs.

30/05 7: The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked all the Councillors for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Signed:

Dated: