

Clawton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting Friday 5th July 2024, 7:30pm

Present: Chair: Paul Grafton, Vice Chair: Alison Sharp, Parish Councillors: Roger Mitchell, Graham Hames.

Clerk: Alison Vassilaki

Apologies: Nigel Stacey, Maralyn Bailey,

Actions from the last meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 20th May were agreed and signed by the Chair. Recording to be kept for one year. Next AGM to be a combined meeting with a routine meeting, with the AGM agenda first at 7.30pm.

Matters Arising:

- **Standing Orders:** These have been distributed by email and hardcopy made available at the meeting. Possible amendment for review in master copy (Clerk) Noted term 'Chairman' could be replaced by 'Chair' Clerk to action.
- **Code of Conduct:** Reviewed. It was agreed that four meetings will be held a year plus extraordinary meetings when necessary.
- **Village Events Board Lighting:** Discussion for effective lighting for the large board which advertises events in the village. Various options considered including the use of solar power. Further options to be explored by Chair.
- **Resignation of Councillor:** Cllr Adrian Mitchell has given formal resignation with immediate effect.
- **Co-Opt:** Mr Iain Nunn has registered (verbally) his interest to become Councillor by Co-Opt. This was proposed by Chair, seconded by Councillor R Mitchell and received a unanimous vote. This to be communicated and Mr Nunn welcomed by Clerk should he accept.
- **Airband in Clawton:** Following a letter from a Clawton resident regarding her concern over long overdue work to connect homes to the internet via Airband. Chair has previously contacted Connecting Devon and Somerset and will write again to them and also Sir Geoffrey Cox in order to provide an answer to the long wait for the residents of Clawton.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Highways:

- **Speed Awareness Sign and Pole:** Councillor Hames provided an update on the communication between himself and T Allen at Devon County Council in finding a solution to having a pole erected which meets the criteria set by the council. Cllr Hames will wait one more week before contacting Mr Allen again at Devon County Council for further news and failing a positive response, will request permission to erect the pole on private land as a local resident is willing to have it placed on his land. Cllr Hames to check that he has written evidence that a pole currently in situ can be used for the purpose of holding the speed awareness sign.
- **Village Clean up:** Cllr Mitchell suggested the next clean up date Saturday 3rd August at 9:30am. Clerk to advertise – Edit: date changed to Saturday 27th July.

- **Signage:**

Signage in the village in need of a clean – planned as part of the clean-up.

Finance:

- **Clarion Postage:** receipts received from Irene. Cheque issued
- **Clerk wages:** cheques issued
- **Accountant invoice:** cheque issued

All cheques signed by Chair and Vice Chair.

A.O.B:

- Cllr Hames suggests a sign at the crossroads to direct people to the parish hall. Chair will look to source one.
- Pothole on West Side, Clerk to report.

Next Meeting: This will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

Meeting closed by Chair at 8:35pm