



Claydon with Clattercote

CLAYDON WITH CLATTERCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES JANUARY 30, 2025

Start 19:30

Present Cllr Denham (Chair), Cllr Meyrick, Cllr Knight, and Cllr Ferdani.

74. Apologies for absence Cllr Ferdani

The apology was noted

75. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda NONE RECEIVED

76. participation session.

- i. Villager expressed disappointment at the turn out in support of a Village Event, the previous evening.
- ii. Discussion following disruption caused by the Bicester Hunt with Whaddon Chase on 21st January (Correspondence from a resident had been circulated to members):

The meeting was attended by 3 members of the hunt including Oliver Cornock (senior Master of Foxhounds, and Anthony, Master of Foxhounds who was in charge of the hunt on the day in question, and one other. Oliver began by expressing profound apologies for the way things had gone wrong on 21st January, and for the distress, fear and chaos that resulted. A full investigation into events is underway with a view to learning from mistakes. Villagers present at the meeting were given the opportunity to express their fears and concerns about what had happened and both Oliver and Anthony answered questions openly and clearly, repeated apologising for what had happened. The suggestion of raising an exclusion zone around the village was proposed by a villager and the hunt are happy to consider this. Anthony stated that he would not be bringing the hunt to Claydon again at any point in the future.

Oliver explained that there has been a legal ban on Fox Hunting since 2004 and today's hunts are entirely different with 'trail layers' working with the hunt on the day. Villagers were invited to visit the kennels and to learn more about the new sport. The Parish Council were keen to take the hunt up on this offer and to meet with the Masters of Fox Hounds to prepare a safe plan and strategy for the future. The Parish Council will now await result of the investigation and further contact from the Hunt.

The three representatives from the hunt were thanked for attending the meeting.

- iii. A villager requested that notification of published Parish Council Meeting Minutes be posted on Facebook.

It was agreed to do this.

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77. To consider a response to the Cherwell Local Plan Review, 2024.

Cllr Denham gave a broad overview regarding the history of the Local Plan and the significance over it being discussed at a public meeting today. The consultation for the plan closes mid-February, which is before our next Parish Council meeting in March, hence the calling of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting today. When the consultation closes, the Local Plan Review will be presented to Parliament. The impacts and significance to Claydon were fully discussed and the key points raised and that will be fed back to the consultation include:

- The previous Local Plan included a Category D, which classed Claydon within the most rural category, however this document has removed Category D, and we are now classed in the same category as bigger places such as Cropredy, in Category B where development may include infilling and conversions and small developments.
- The lack of clarity over definitions of 'minor developments' and 'build limit'. It appears Claydon may be at risk of development without clear understanding of these terms. Also, there is no boundary map of our village and hence it is difficult to be clear what development plans may be allowed.
- **It was RESOLVED...**

that Cllr Denham will submit the above questions before the consultation ends, so that we can request to be classed within a rural village category, and clearer understanding of potential development may be given.

78. To consider any action needed following the disruption caused by the Bicester Hunt with Whaddon Chase on 21st January 2025.

This was covered in the public session (see above), and it was...

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will await contact from the Hunt following their investigation so that a plan is agreed with the Hunt to guide practice in the future.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Date of next meeting:

11 March 2025

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