

Meeting of Clayworth Parish Council

Minutes of **Clayworth Parish Council Meeting** held on the 12th of Mar 2026 at Clayworth Memorial Hall; the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Edwin Rose	Chairman
	Cllr Peter Wilkinson	
	Cllr Sarah Brack	
	Cllr Jo Forbes (from 76/25)	
	Ed Knox	Clerk/RFO
Also Present:	1	Public Present
	Mike Robertson	County Cllr



73/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence
After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Wilkinson **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Moralee.

74/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed
None.

75/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes
After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Wilkinson **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

76/25 To Receive an application for the office of Parish councillor and to potentially Co-opt a candidate to fill an existing vacancy
After discussion, the chairman called for a vote, all in favour, **resolved** to co-opt, Jo Forbes. The candidates signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and will complete the 'registration of interests' online form on Bassetlaw District Council's website. **Action**, the Clerk to inform Bassetlaw District Council.

77/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr McFarland: Did not attend.

County Cllr Roberton: Roberton provided the following update: County Cllrs Divisional Fund for 2026/27 about to go live with a budget of £3,000. The County Council budget has been set, 3.99% precept rise, school placements have been allocated, negotiations on increasing the Highways budget for road repairs by an additional £15m and a feasibility study is underway from both sides of the Trent to see if an additional crossing near Gainsborough can be funded. Highways department being looked at to transition from temporary pothole repairs to full repair 1st time with the number of hot box teams increasing from 10 to 16 by the end of 2026.

The Following update was provided by County Cllr Roberton by email:

Feedback from Clayworth Petition for improved road safety measures at Clayworth Common/ Town Street/ Wheatley Road, Clayworth (Ref:2025/25) petition. Unfortunately, at present, the council will not consider a request for a reduction in speed limit on Wheatley Road, but I will keep looking for other avenues to achieve this. One thing I have recently done is to request 40mph buffer zones on the 4 approaches to the village, so this could possibly be achieved, helping to reduce traffic speed as it approaches the village. The council are reviewing the request for the junction to be changed to a STOP junction, so we will have to wait on feedback following that review, but at least it is being looked at, and if they don't agree with that proposal, they will also look at other safety measures that may be introduced.

I would say this isn't the outcome we were hoping for, but some small progress. I will keep pushing to find ways we can achieve more, and I'm more than happy to come and discuss further. If you have any questions or want to discuss further, as always, please feel free to get in touch.

In the meantime, the existing white lines through the village, including the junction of Wheatley Road/ Town Street/ Clayworth Common, were refreshed. This work was undertaken in November. The petition also requested that the derestricted speed limit along Wheatley Road is reduced to 50mph. The current speed limit is 30mph within the village, transitioning to derestriction once exiting the village. A request to reduce the limit along this road was previously investigated and was declined as a speed limit reduction here would not adhere to the national guidance that the County Council follows when setting local speed limits.

Other Options Considered:

Reduce the speed limit along Wheatley Road from derestricted to 50mph. This request is not being progressed due to the current speed limit being in line with national guidance. Alternative road safety measures may be considered for inclusion in a future works programme. Changing the speed limit was always a difficult ask as the

council is very much opposed without strong justification. However, I have put a request forward to the highways design team for speed buffer zones on the approach to the village, I have submitted this request as follows:



- Possible 40mph buffer
- X Current approx. speed limit sign
- X Proposed reposition of speed limit

1. Possible move of 30mph/NS limit signs to other side of narrow canal, as per example on southern entry to Hayton village.

2/3/4. Possible 40mph buffers on approach to Clayworth village to aid in reducing drivers speed from NS limit before village speed limit of 30mph.

Toft dyke maintenance - Scott Stone, lead flood officer, has suggested that the Saville's land would possibly come under the control of the IDB rather than the county council due to it bordering IDB controlled land. He is double checking this before looking to engage Saville's to push for the additional land management around the Toft dyke on their land be completed. Need further clarification from Scott.

Replacement of walls for railings on Town street for Toft dyke – This has apparently been raised with highways. I am looking to enquire about this with the principal design officer when I have the call mentioned above.

Clayworth Common - County Cllr Robertson previously advised that the County Council have agreed to put the subsidence issue onto the list of works for 'consideration' in 2026/27. A Temporary Traffic notification has come through advising that core samples are being taken from the road before any works take place.

78/25 To discuss the relocation of the Flood Resilience Container

The container was donated to the Parish Council in the early 2000’s, the current landowner is selling the land, the new owner has given notice to the Council to remove the container. A crane hire company has assessed the size and weight of the container, and it cannot be safely installed at the Memorial Hall, not enough space at the side for the crane. After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Wilkinson **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to install a shed at the side of the memorial hall with a concrete base, relocate the contents of the flood container to the shed and sell the old container to the highest offer. Cllr Roe to be authorised to spend up to £2,750 for the new store and its base at the hall. Cllr Rose obtaining up to 3 like for like quote before proceeding. The sale cost to be offset against the £2,750 spend and Cllr Rose to apply to both the District and County Councillors Divisional grant funds towards the project.

79/25 To discuss Lengthsman Activities

Cllr Rose gave an update of the latest activities.

➤ Adjournment – (10 Minute max) Public Forum

A Member of the public discussed their latest efforts in flood resilience. They have been in contact with Saville’s with regards to the removal of 6 rotten trees beside the Toft Dyke, the Riparian enforcement responsibilities between the IDB and Notts County Council have yet to be fully clarified. The member of the public met with the Bassetlaw District Council Flood Resilience Officer, who is engaging with various bodies, The EA, IDB, Severn Trent, Notts County Council and Bassetlaw Council. He is interested in Natural Flood Management to slow down the watercourse.

Training must be undertaken before anyone can act as a County Council appointed official flood warden. It needs 3 members in the local area to function, potentially 1 to be a parish council member. The member of the public will reach out to District Cllr Paulk as he has the remit of Flooding. Thanks, given to our Lengthsman for all his hard works and recognition for his nomination, together with Cllr Wilkinson at the Bassetlaw Achievers Awards. The Council advised the member of the public the change of the website to www.clayworth-pc.gov.uk to comply with the new Assertion 10 audit requirements.

80/25 Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information, circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cllr Wilkinson	Amazon Stationery Emergency Plan	£13.48
Clerk	Overtime Website & Email Creation gov.uk	£76.04
HMRC	Income Tax Clerk PAYE for Website Overtime	£50.80
Total Payments		£140.32

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Via East Mids Ltd	Notts County Council Lengthsman Grant	£960
Total Receipts		£960

Bank Balances

The Current Account Balance **£15,334.97#**
Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously.
#£10,000 ring-fenced as reserves.

80/25 To Note any Planning Responses by the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and discussed the following at today’s meeting:

- **26/00102/CAT - Works to Trees within a Conservation Area Consisting of Phased Removal of the Conifer Hedge - Hall Farm Town Street Clayworth** – The parish council responded as follows: *“The Council supports the application as long as it satisfies the requirements of the Bassetlaw Tree Officer.”*

81/25 To Note any update on the Emergency Plan

The Parish Council noted the following update discussed by the Emergency Planning Response team. The Team is ready to help with the relocation of the container contents when necessary to a temporary location whilst the new store shed is built. The Team collected 118 bags of litter and larger fly tip items for Bassetlaw DC to collect. CPR Defib training undertaken recently at the Memorial Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.