

## Claxton Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Claxton Village Hall (Subject to amendment until signed by the Chair at the next meeting)**

<b>Parish Councillors present</b>	Jos Harwood (Chair), Adrian Gidlow (Vice Chair), Sue Wallis-Garcia
<b>County Councillor</b>	None
<b>District Councillor</b>	None
<b>Members of the public</b>	Four

#### **25.46 Welcome from the Chair.**

Chair Jos Harwood opened the meeting at 8.06pm, following a mandatory 2-minute wait after the Annual Meeting of the Parish, and welcomed those in attendance.

#### **25.47 To elect a Chair/Vice Chair and sign Declaration(s) of Office.**

Councillor Harwood was unanimously elected as Chair. Proposed by Councillor Wallis-Garcia, seconded by Councillor Gidlow.

Councillor Gidlow was unanimously elected as Vice Chair. Proposed by Councillor Wallis-Garcia, seconded by Councillor Harwood.

#### **25.48 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

The clerk sent her apologies as she had a prior engagement.

#### **25.49 To receive any declarations of interest from Members and consider requests for dispensation.**

Councillor Gidlow declared an interest in the village hall car park, please see minute 25.61.

#### **25.50 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

Councillor Gidlow proposed for Councillor Harwood to sign the approved minutes, seconded by Councillor Wallis-Garcia.

#### **25.51 Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for). This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda before the council makes decisions.**

A parishioner raised his concern that the Parish Council currently has only three councillors. Councillors are continuing their recruitment efforts and will highlight this issue in the next Parish Newsletter. Other parishioners also commented that other village organisations would also welcome more volunteers.

A parishioner informed the Council that MP, Ben Goldsborough, is holding a constituency surgery in Claxton Village Hall on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Councillor Harwood proposed for the clerk to contact his office to offer assistance in publicising this/request any further procedural information for residents. A parishioner requested information about the Unitary Authority survey and he was provided with a copy. See item 25.26

A parishioner asked whether the "Peascod Oaks" now had Tree Preservation Orders on them. TPOs have not been applied for, and the Biodiversity Working Group will clarify the position at the next meeting.

A parishioner reported that the hedge at the bottom of Church Lane still needs attention, particularly at the top. Councillor Harwood proposed for the clerk to report this again and suggested that parishioners also report the issue to Highways.

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council could organise monthly litter picks.

#### **25.52 Matters arising from March's meeting, including Clerk's report.**

##### Matters arising

PAT Test of SAM2 battery – the clerk has chased Langley with Hardley Parish Council for an invoice but has not received anything.

Claxton sign maintenance – Councillor Wallis-Garcia reported that due to her health issues it had not possible to go ahead with this as planned - she will notify the Parish Council when a suitable date has been arranged and would welcome any further offers of help.

##### Clerk's report

Read by Councillor Wallis-Garcia.

- Contacted City Fibre registering complaint – the clerk will update when she has a response.