

Claxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 in Claxton Village Hall (Subject to amendment until signed by the Chair at the next meeting)

Parish Councillors present	Adrian Gidlow (Vice-Chair), Sue Wallis-Garcia, Andrew Mussell
County Councillor	None
District Councillor	None
Also in attendance	Charlotte Rust – Parish Clerk
Members of the public (MOP)	Three

24.118 Welcome from the Chair.

Vice-Chair A Gidlow welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting.

24.119 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillors' J Harwood and V Thomson sent their apologies.

24.120 To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation.

None.

24.121 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2024.

Councillor S Wallis-Garcia proposed for the Vice-Chair to sign the approved minutes, seconded by Councillor A Gidlow.

24.122 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 make decisions.

A parishioner asked for an update on the overgrown hedge on Church Lane. The clerk confirmed this had been reported to Norfolk County Council who is reviewing the area. The parishioner will send pictures to the clerk to send to Norfolk County Council.

A parishioner asked for an update on a Tree Preservation Order on an Oak tree at Peascod. Please see minute 24.123 for an update.

A parishioner asked about the Community Orchard as the access point on Mill Lane is overgrown. The council will speak with the Pit's Trust and the Biodiversity Working group will include this in the policy and action plan. A parishioner raised concerns over the budget for 2025/26 and its implications on an increase to the precept.

24.123 Matters arising from September and October's meeting, including Clerk's report.

Matter's arising:

- Tree Preservation Order on Oak Tree at Peascod – The Biodiversity Working Group is conducting an audit of all the trees in Claxton and will report back to the council in the new year.
- Play Area – A planning application was submitted but rejected by South Norfolk District Council as a Biodiversity Net Gain report is required. Councillor A Gidlow proposed to research this, and the council try to complete the report itself but in the event the council can't to pay a fee for an expert to complete it on the council's behalf, seconded by Councillor S Wallis-Garcia.

Clerk's report:

- Appointed Wellers Hedley, as the council's solicitor.
- Confirmed the council will cover South Norfolk District Council's costs for the amendments to the covenants.
- The clerk passed her first module of CiLCA qualification.
- Forwarded all relevant correspondence.

24.124 Reports from:

24.124.01 District Councillor, Councillor Vic Thomson.

The clerk gave an overview of the District Councillor's report, a full version will be added to the website:

- County deal: still negotiating