

Claxton Parish Council

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

Parish Councillors present	David Hamblin (Chair), Jos Harwood (Vice-Chair), Sue Wallis-Garcia, Andrew Mussell
County Councillor	None
District Councillor	Councillor Vic Thomson
Also in attendance	Charlotte Rust – Parish Clerk
Members of the public (MOP)	Two

24.22 Welcome from the Chair.

Chair D Hamblin welcomed all to the meeting.

24.23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillor A Gidlow sent his apologies.

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

None.

24.25 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

Councillor J Harwood proposed for Councillor D Hamblin to sign the approved minutes, seconded by Councillor S Wallis-Garcia. The Clerk thanked Councillor J Harwood for acting as clerk at January's meeting.

24.26 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 made the Parish Council aware that The Warren needs cutting. The Clerk is to contact the contractor.

The Clerk was made aware of an error on the Parish Council's budget for 2024/25. The grass cutting budget incorrectly included VAT in the figure, the Clerk will amend the document on the website.

24.27 Matters arising from January's meeting, including Clerk's report.

Home Piece Track – The Clerk has contacted the County Councillor regarding the incorrect road labelling, and she has responded to confirm she is investigating this.

The Parish Council's precept of £7,000.00 for 2024/25 was submitted to South Norfolk District Council.

The Clerk gave her report:

- The Church Council has submitted a grant application to be considered. This will be added to May's agenda.
- Flood Management Conference – Councillors decided unanimously not to attend or join CPRE membership.
- Pride in Place and National Lottery applications were submitted. Please see minutes 24.35 and 24.36 for retrospective Parish Council approval.
- Alan Boswell trust grant application – the Parish Council were unsuccessful, and the Clerk is requesting further feedback to strengthen future applications.
- The Clerk reminded all Councillors that minutes are to be signed by Chair or Vice Chair.
- A free King's portrait has been ordered for the Village Hall.
- Mini recycling payment 2023/24 will be paid by the end of March.
- All councillors should have Internet banking access.
- Forwarded all relevant correspondence.

24.28 Reports from:

24.28.01 District Councillor, Councillor Vic Thomson – left meeting at 20:02pm.

Councillor V Thomson provided an overview of his report. A full version of this will be available on the website: