



Clayworth Parish Council

Village Achievements

2023 - 2024

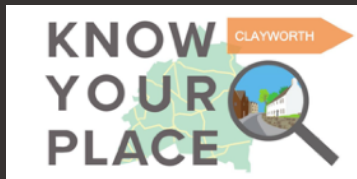
Clayworth Parish Council is made up of Clayworth residents. It is not politically affiliated or religiously affiliated. It is made up of volunteers who only participate because we believe that we can make a difference for the greater good of the Clayworth village community. Our meetings are held in public and you can participate, either by asking questions or making requests at those meetings, or actually becoming a councillor (elected or adopted, depending on the number of candidates). There's only four of us currently, we would welcome more! Our funding is mainly from a small precept which is part of Council Tax.

This is what we've been doing over the latest 12 months. We've expanding our activities and whether you have already noticed yet or not, there are visible improvements around the village.



Lengthsman

Secured a grant towards a village Lengthsman and CPC agreed to fund the rest. The Lengthsman has been appointed, a man brought up in Clayworth with family who still are. His visible village upkeep improves the quality of the village for all. It includes cleaning signs and benches, weeding, removing moss, reporting on drainage issues, checking on playground equipment and much else besides. This shows to visitors that this is a village that is looked after, so not be littered or vandalised.



Planning

Invited Bassetlaw District Council to two planning consultations with residents in March 2024, which should lead to formally defining the character and heritage of the village, with a view to any future developments being in character. Representing the village with responding to planning applications, seeking to maintain the character of the village. Consistent approach taken on trees to refer to Bassetlaw tree specialist, seeking to preserve the greenery in the village without stopping cutting of overhanging and dead trees / branches. Supporting green energy initiatives on brown field sites, e.g. West Burton, but seeking to minimise construction traffic through Clayworth and preserving green land and screening to facilitate new environmental gain.



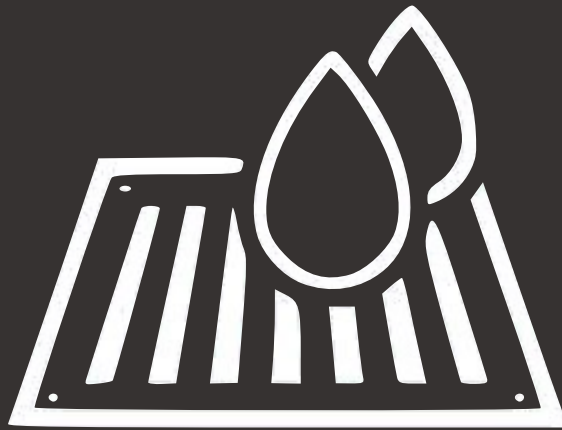
Emergency Plan

Completion of setting up a Clayworth village Emergency Team (including floods) with volunteers outside of Parish council, with contact numbers. Identified all the vital emergency services and contact numbers. Added guidance of the whereabouts of a village resource container with sandbags and wheelbarrows. Locks for that container serviced. QR code for video showing how to set up sandbags and waterproof membranes effectively. Miscellaneous Emergency information gathered.



Grass Cutting

Much expanded areas of the village now covered, conspicuously visible to all Clayworth residents.



Drainage

Raising issues with the relevant authorities. The action points identified some years ago have now been completed. The Lengthsman is now monitoring issues that need raising or re-raising.



Memorial Hall

Representation on the Committee, facilitating grant aid for this vital village amenity, for fencing, Play wall, Black out / Sound curtains, Lengthsman playground and grounds gardening, cleaning and upkeep. Lawn cutting now covered by CPC contract. Wider membership of the MH Committee is energising the committee, resulting in events for all age groups and members of the community.



Highways

Persuaded NCC to install speed monitoring strip in November 2023, provided guidance for residents on reporting pot holes, worst example on Clayworth Common fixed after CPC raised with NCC.



Litter Picking



Again we need to thank volunteers outside of the Parish Council, but equipment and PPE is funded by CPC.



Clerk

Appointment of a brilliant new one who shows us how to make us effective in what we want to achieve and redirects us appropriately on activity that is rightfully other's responsibility.



Banking & Budgeting

Adoption of electronic banking so providers to Clayworth don't need to wait for cheques to be signed in meetings. Proper budgeting process having been followed to facilitate our expanded activity and keep up with inflation.



Website

New Parish Council website now launched! Regular communication's on Clayworth Facebook page and updates on the Village newsletter. Regular updates on CPC website. Use of communications between Parish Council meetings to act on decisions made, mean that Parish Council meetings are shorter and less frequent, because they are about making decisions. The follow up actions can be co-ordinated between meetings.



Responsibilities & Contacts

Nurtured by our new clerk, issued to residents through communications like village Facebook, who to contact for every eventuality, including District and County responsibilities and (for instance) pothole reporting.



Nottinghamshire County Council

Regular attendance of NCC Councillor at meetings enabled issues such as roads and drainage to be escalated and grant aid to be facilitated.



Bassetlaw District Council

Liaison and grants secured for village amenities.



Legal

Appointed a CPC solicitor, paid nominal licence fee to Savills for emergency container, working on registering Clayworth's communal land assets.

Assets - solicitor / registering Clayworth's communal land.



Church

CPC met with the PCC of St Peter's Church and agreed a pathway and method of how to work more collaboratively into the future.



Training

Various Councillors attended training on Parish Councillor roles and responsibilities and the Chair attended training on the same for the Chair.

Any Questions?

For any queries, please contact the Clayworth Parish Council Clerk:
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