

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 6 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00 PM PRESENT

Cllr J Couzens in the Chair

Cllrs R Bellamy, Mrs J Carter, J Cutting, Mrs S Dass, De Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, B Leatherdale. M Skeels, Mrs E Ward, P Watson and Mrs A Wood

There were 14 residents and County Councillor Mark Cossens present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2009

These were approved and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

(A) Standing Orders

To be discussed by Finance Committee and reported to the May meeting

(B) Parish Plan – in circulation

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Internet – nothing to report

(b) Highway Matters

Cllr Watson reported that the VAS sign has been erected and is working
Village Gateway – Holland Road

After much chasing and threats Cllr Watson reported that the driver's insurance company has paid for the repair and re-erection of the gateway but we are still waiting for the 30mph and 'national speed' signs from ECC.

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie said that the London sign is pointing up St Osyth Road West instead of along the by-pass.

(c) Affordable Housing

A list of approved contractors has been received and will be sent to all Councillors with the Minutes

(d) Parish Archives – The matter is ongoing

(e) Youth and Community Centre Building Extension

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest

Cllr Watson reported that we need to proceed with the initial stages of this development to take full advantage of the grant money we have been allocated. Tenders have been sent to four architects and contract administrators and three replies have been received.

A - £6,550.00

B - £7,170.00

C - £8,995.00

All quotations are plus VAT

Following consideration of the various possible extras and anomalies, **it was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed that the Parish Council proceed with quotation B.**

(f) Public right of way – Homing Road/The Street

The Chairman gave a resume of the matter of the footpath which is not a designated footpath. It is a right of access granted in 1931 for the residents in the area from Homing Road via a zig-zag route to Clacton Road in the Street. The right of access should be 15 ft wide but has been seriously encroached upon by most of the properties in The Street.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.16 pm so that residents could put forward their views on the matter. There was a vigorous discussion with residents and Councillors.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Following some discussions by Councillors as to whether to go for a right of way footpath or to maintain the status quo as a right of access for residents only, **it was proposed by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie, seconded by Cllr Cutting and agreed to maintain the status quo.**

(g) Street Lighting

Cllr Ward reported lights not working in Thorrington Road, Homing Road and two in Holland Road

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

No report at this meeting

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

No report at this meeting

Footpaths

No report at this meeting.

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following planning application:

09/00153/FUL Extension to existing conservatory at 9 Sunnyside Way

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection.

09/00166/FUL Garage conversion at Strathmore, Tan Lane

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

09/00167/FUL Extension to residential care home to provide manager's office at Little Paddocks, The Street

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in

09/00259/FUL Construction of two dormer windows and installation of side window in connection with conversion of part of roofspace at 67 St Osyth Road East

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection.

090/00278/FUL A single storey extension to the south elevation to provide additional bedroom accommodation and therapy space. Provision of car port to east elevation at The Paddocks, 52 Weeley Road

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

Applications determined:

There were no determinations this month

TDALC

No report at this meeting

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No report at this meeting

VILLAGE HALL

No report at this meeting

MILLENNIUM GREEN

No report at this meeting

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

No report at this meeting

CORRESPONCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

East Essex Area Forum – presentations

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 90

Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

Licensing Act 2003 – Proposed amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy

Core Strategy Discussion Document – to be taken under Item 8

InTend

Informal meeting Brightlingsea – 20 April

EALC

Conference Day - 22 April

ICO

Freedom of Information DVD

Posh PopCorn

Creating the Wow Factor – passed to Cllr Bellamy

RCCE

Oyster – passed to Chairman

CPRE

Fieldwork – passed to Chairman

Audit Commission

Annual Accounts 2008/09

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

The up-to-date balance of the Council's funds were noted

Receipts:

Business Tracker Interest - £10.06

ECC car parking - £249.99

Elephant Insurance - £808.45

Cheques issued:

	£
Lt Clacton Methodist Church (donation)	35.00
Mr L Lane (PCM89)	400.00
May Gurney Ltd (light repairs)	165.06
E.ON Energy	272.77
Ashby Metalworks (SF89/1)	448.50
Mr P Watson (4 festival tents)	919.95
L Humphreys (website)	44.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Tendring (donation)	250.00
Ashby Metalworks (SF89/45)	624.45
L Lane (WP83, 84, PCM89/20)	1000.00
Ashby Metalworks (SF89/460)	466.61
Kendall Contract Services	361.68
Ashby Metalworks (SF89/47 & 48)	368.00

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said that the Hubbards and Harveys Charities results are to hand and will be placed with the Minutes.

As it was now 8.00 pm, Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie proposed that the Council meeting be adjourned until after the Annual Parish Meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed.

The meeting of the Parish Council was reconvened at 8.55 pm.

Resumption of Chairman's Urgent Items.

The Chairman talked about the Core Strategy Discussion Document which sets out the proposed increase in housing stock and jobs in Tendring District and its implications for the green wedge. Councillors were not happy with the various scenarios provided and wanted less within the Clacton area and more concentrated along the A120 route.

The Chairman will make the necessary responses.

It was advised that the planning documents will be available for residents to look at in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15 April between 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm..

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Carter - cars for sale on the roads in the village.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 11 May 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Youth and Community Centre. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm

Chairman
11 May 2009