

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,**  
**6 JULY 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr J Couzens in the Chair**

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

**There were three residents and PCSO Barnes present.**

**ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

**A resident complained about the speeding of traffic in Tan Lane within the 40mph limit. As PCSO Barnes was present there was a general discussion of the problems of speeding and inappropriate driving. PCSO Barnes agreed to look at the situation and to discuss the various problems with the Traffic Police Division. Flooding of the property at 56 Weeley Road was raised together with photographic evidence of the problems. It was agreed to write to County Highways seeking an urgent solution.**

**APOLOGIES**

**Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carter and Watson**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009**

**There were approved and signed by the Chairman**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Parish Plan**

**This was with Cllr Cutting and will continue to be circulated**

**MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**(a) Internet – nothing to report**

**(b) Highway Matters – Nothing to report**

**(c) Affordable Housing – Mrs Groborz has arranged for a presentation to be made at the September meeting by two housing associations.**

**(d) Parish Archives – on hold until building work has been completed**

**(e) Youth and Community Building Extension – planning application has been submitted**

**POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION**

**PCSO Barnes reported there had been nuisance youths in The Street; nuisance vehicle in Tan Lane (mini moto); theft of a motor vehicle in Holland Road; theft from a motor vehicle in Holland Road and The Street; criminal damage in Meadowview Park and road traffic collisions with injury in Harwich Road and St Osyth Road West. There had also been some thefts of chickens in the area.**

**Cllr Bellamy asked the police if they could look into the question of cars parking in the vicinity of village hall at school leaving times.**

**WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

**Maintenance and Services**

**No report as Cllr Watson was absent.**

**The Chairman reported on a meeting with our insurance representative following the accident in Elm Road. The BT engineers are causing some problems regarding the closure of the road gates. They have been approached.**

**Street Lights – nothing to report**

**Footpaths – nothing to report**

**Planning and Development**

**Cllr Wood reported on the following application –**

**09/00594/FUL Extension to youth and community building, Plough Corner**

**It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection**

**Applications determined:**

**09/00369/LUEX – caravan/mobile home, Lodge Road – lawful use development refusal**

**Application 07/00594/FUL – construction of a wind farm at Earls Hall Farm, St Johns Road. Public Inquiry to be held at Weeley Council Offices on 29 July 2009 at 10.00 am**

**The Chairman asked for a planning officer to view the site of a property in Lodge Road as some of the agricultural land has been incorporated into part of the garden curtilage with a very big access. It was proposed by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie, seconded by Cllr Wood and agreed that the Parish Council seek information about this land**

**Finance and Organisation of Business**

**(a) Annual Accounts**

**The annual accounts were distributed to members and Cllr Dunnett presented them for approval, this was seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed. These were then signed by the Chairman and Clerk**

**(b) Annual Governance Statement.**

**This was read out by the Chairman and agreed following a proposal by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Dass. It was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.**

**TDALC**

**No meeting**

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Cllr Bellamy reported that the Home and Garden Show did not enjoy the best of weather, but was still deemed to be a successful event and a welcome addition to village activities. Provided we can get a commitment from a larger group of helpers, particularly in setting up and clearing down, as well as during the course of the show, we would hope to hold a similar event next year.**

**The Chairman wished to thank Cllrs Ray Bellamy and Audrey Wood for all the work they had undertaken to make this event successful.**

**The Car Boot season is now under way and discussions are being held with two new groups who wish to hire the Youth and Community building.**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**Cllr Dunnet reported that a grant application had been made to Age Concern for curtains for the hall. Other matters concerned the possibility of turning the rifle range into a store room. The hall lettings are going well but there is a shortage of helpers.**

**MILLENNIUM GREEN**

It was suggested that Cllr Dass speak to the committee regarding the height of the hedge surrounding the Green as it now prevents anyone from seeing what might be happening on the Green. She agreed to raise this at the AGM.

#### **TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cllr Skeels said that the Enforcement Department has been showing signs of improvement.

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie presented his annual report to the Council

#### **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Skeels has been attending training courses

There was a general discussion about the possibility of provision of gypsy sites in the district. The Chairman emphasised that the Council wished to know the District and County are giving their best attention to the provision of suitable sites now.

Cllr Bellamy asked if the report in the Gazette that Councillors are not allowed into the officers rooms to discuss matters is correct. Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie said he has had no problems at the present time and Cllr Skeels said he always asks to speak to officers he wishes to see.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Essex County Council

**Making the Links**

**Passenger Transport – passed to Cllr Gray**

**Essex Local Area Agreement 2008/11**

**Department for Transport Drink Drive**

**Campaign**

**Essex County Council Temporary Prohibition of**

**Traffic**

**Lt Clacton Road and St Osyth Road**

**Community Initiatives Fund 2009/10 – passed to**

**Cllr Dunnett**

**Tendring District Council**

**Forward Plan 93**

**Frinton & Walton Town Council**

**Home to School Transport – Escorts**

**Essex Cares Ltd**

**Adult Social Care Services**

**Tendring Hundred Water**

**New name- Veolia Water East Ltd**

**RCCE**

**Annual General Meeting – 9 July**

**The Oyster**

#### **FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION**

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

Receipts:

Business Tracker Account interest: £6.11

<b>Cheques issued:</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EPFA (Annual subscription)</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Mr J Cutting (plants)</b>	<b>95.41</b>
<b>TDC Planning</b>	<b>170.00</b>
<b>J Humphreys (website)</b>	<b>88.00</b>
<b>G R Harrison (electrical work, Parish Fields)</b>	<b>677.35</b>
<b>E.ON Energy</b>	<b>273.17</b>
<b>T R Venn</b>	<b>2141.16</b>
<b>Local Landscapes</b>	<b>256.25</b>
<b>RCCE (annual subscription)</b>	<b>55.00</b>
<b>Allianz Insurance plc</b>	<b>50.97</b>
<b>DCK Beavers Ltd (accounts)</b>	<b>414.00</b>
<b>Kendall Contract Services (grounds)</b>	<b>248.63</b>
<b>SLCC (Local Council Admin. Book)</b>	<b>55.60</b>

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**ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported that the Council had not received an application for a grant for the burial ground in the last financial year but when one was received it would have to be paid so there might be two applications in the current financial year.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie circulated a paper regarding the new Willow Park Resources Centre in Weeley.

There being in further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm,

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Monday 3 August 2009.

**Chairman**  
**3 August 2009**