

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
5 OCTOBER 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, P Watson and Mrs A Wood

There was one resident present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

APOLOGIES

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Ward. Cllr Carter was absent. Cllr Skeels sent in a letter of resignation from the Council which was duly accepted. The Clerk is to arrange the usual proceedings for filling the vacancy.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 September 2009

There were approved and signed by the Chairman after the following amendment was made:

TDC – Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie attended the Guides Day in Clacton

MATTERS ARISING

None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) Internet – nothing to report**
- (b) Highway Matters – Cllr Watson reported he had advised County Highways of the need to attend to the footpath in Harwich Road and gave information regarding number of dwellings/speed limits. He had also advised them of the damage to the village sign in Weeley Road.**
- (c) Affordable Housing – The Rural Enabler had advised us that she had contacted TDC seeking information regarding the number of people on their register seeking housing in Little Clacton. There was considerable discussion about the presentations and how to gauge the number of people needing this accommodation. The Chairman suggested we put information in the parish magazine. It was also agreed to get a copy of the 106 agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Dass and agreed that the Parish Council wish to use Hastoe Group.**
- (d) Parish Archives – a further purge is to be undertaken by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
- (e) Youth and Community Building Extension – tenders have been received and after consideration it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed, with one abstention that we accept the tender by P A Bray Ltd. Clerk to notify Initiatives Fund of the current position and Tim Venn that we accept P A Bray Ltd tender.**
- (f) Parish Plan – it was agreed to delete this item**

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Wood reported that there had been occurrences of suspicious circumstances at Meadowview Park, The Street, Holland Road and Tan Lane; disturbances in The Street; assault in Harwich Road (ABH), sexual offence in The Street; obstruction in The Street; theft of a JCB and dumper truck in London Road; fire arms at Grove Farm also an animal; car fire in Tan Lane; abandoned vehicle in St Osyth Road East and road traffic collisions in Thorpe Road (2), London Road and Holland Road (2).

Concern about the Apple Tree Public House was raised and Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie agreed to take action to get the licence checked out.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that replacement of the damaged disabled toilet door in the pavilion block is completed. The chain link fence and supports around the pavilion compound have been dismantled together with a telegraph pole and conifer tree dug out and all unwanted materials were removed from site. The palisade panels and support posts have been dismantled and stored in the compound area. The removal of all unwanted fencing has opened up the field and made a really significant improvement. To secure the remaining compound area we need to erect a pair of gates which need to be large enough to allow access for large vehicles, skip lorries, tractors, trailers etc. and designed to match the existing gates on the entrance road and field entrance. The dimensions to be 12ft wide and 5ft 6ins above surrounding ground level fitted with a drop bolt and jockey wheel with an FB2 lock to enable free access. The cost of materials, fabrication, galvanise/paint and erect a pair of gates and side panels is £1984.00. It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Dass and agreed to go ahead with the provision of these gates.

Orders have been placed for paint for the YCC building, the next phase of the planting programme, new waste bin for London Road/St Osyth Road.

A member of the Methodist Chapel some years ago planted several shrubs alongside the church wall on Galloway Green. This gentleman has died and the unattended shrubs are now out of control causing problems to the grass contractor. After speaking to a representative of the Methodist church it appears they are concerned about damp to their wall so Cllr Watson has agreed to remove the shrubs and reinstate the area.

Street Lights – no report

Footpaths – Cllr Gray has cycled the paths and advises they are all in order.

Planning and Development

There were no planning applications this month. However, two others have gone to appeal

09/00259/FUL – construction of two dormer windows and installation of side windows in connection with conversion of part of roofspace at 67 St Osyth Road East. The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest.

As we had not objected to the application we will inform the planning authority of this fact.

Enforcement appeal by Mrs R Coe concerning Clacton shooting ground, Holland Road.

Parish Council to write continuing its objections.

Applications determined:

09/00687/FUL – new dwelling, 39 London Road - refused

09/00772/FUL – replacement dwelling, The Orchard, Grove Road - refused

TDALC

Cllr Leatherdale reported the meeting was not well attended and mostly comprised discussions on the way forward and the need for concrete suggestions.

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported the end of the Car Boot season in September, Graham Bush has succeeded Gordon Mead as groundsman. The Probation Service will start re-decoration of the outside of the pavilion plus further interior work should the weather prevent outside works.

In addition to existing bookings the Youth and Community Hall is to be used by a new Tai Chi class on Tuesday evenings.

The date for next year's Classic Car Show has been set for 16 May 2010.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett reported that the hall is fully booked except for Tuesday mornings and an occasional Monday afternoon.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr Watson reported he had made enquiries regarding a replacement picnic tables and had obtained prices. He has given these to Cllr Dass. She said that she would pass these on to the Chair person as soon as possible as she is away on extended holiday.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie reported on the current political divide. He has been asked about planings for Homing Road, aggregate has been put down. Planings are also required for Plough Corner.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Tendring District Council

**Forward Plan 96
Budget 2010/11**

St James PCC

Thanks for grant

NHS North East Essex

Annual Report and Accounts

Citizens Advice Bureau

Impact Report

**Weeley Parish Council
camera in Weeley**

Thanks for time and effort in deploying speed

Chairman reported that Sonia Graham of St Osyth Parish Council will host a meeting of chairmen of Parish Councils

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

Business Tracker Interest - £5.45

Cheques issued:	£
E.ON Energy	273.17
J P E Humphreys (website)	44.00
Local Landscapes	256.25
Kendall Contract Services	379.73
Kendall Contract Services (underpayment)	411.35
Viking Direct (stationery)	84.20
TDALC (annual subscription)	15.00
St James Parochial Church Council (grant)	2500.00
Ashby Metalworks (maintenance)	1106.30
Ashby Metalworks (SF93)	1207.99
Ashby Metalworks (SF94)	193.20

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Dunnett reminded members of the Remembrance Service and need to purchase a wreath. As the local branch of the British Legion has closed down, Cllr Leatherdale agreed to contact the Chairman of the Walton Branch to obtain a poppy wreath.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Monday, 2 November 2009

**Chairman
2 November 2009**