

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
4 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr J Couzens in the Chair

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

There were 3 residents present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 December 2009

There were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Clearance to co-opt has not yet been received but the Chairman said that anyone interested in the vacancy should write to the Clerk in the first instance.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Internet – nothing to report

(b) Highway Matters. – Cllr Watson said that he had received numerous telephone calls asking why the pavements have not been gritted as they had been in years past and now the Council tax is so much higher, nothing is done. He said that he had explained that gritting is the responsibility of the County Council and we have no say in the matter of the roads to be gritted.

(c) Affordable Housing – the copy of the 106 agreement is in circulation. Cllr Watson has put information about the housing in the Parish magazine.

(d) Parish Archives – these will be moved to the pavilion whilst the work is being undertaken

(e) Youth and Community Building Extension – below ground work was completed before Christmas together with some drainage alterations. There is to be a site meeting to finalise the toilet, kitchen and decoration schedules.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Wood reported that there had been three occurrences of suspicious circumstance at Meadowview Park; obstruction on Meadowview Park; theft from motor vehicles (Blacksmiths Arms); nuisance youths in Elm Road, The Street, Plough Corner and St Osyth Road East; disturbance in Holland Road; road traffic collisions in Tan Lane (2) and Harwich Road; road traffic collision in Harwich Road with injury.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that a start has been made on the fabrication store framework and it is intended to have it erected by the end of January. When the equipment has been re-housed, arrangements will be made to dispose of the old containers.

Street Lights – no problems.

Footpaths – nothing to report.

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported there were no applications this month

Applications determined:

09/00706/LBC – replacement window at Grove Farm, Tan Lane – approved – listed building consent

TDALC

Nothing to report

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported there was very little activity at Plough Corner in recent weeks, due to the adverse weather conditions together with the Christmas and New Year holiday break. The Probation Service continues working on the redecoration of the pavilion – the interior is nearly completed and start has been made on the outside. The work is very much appreciated..

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett said the hedge has been cut back on the Harold Lilley Playing Field.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

No report

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie said that the Audit Commission report has praised TDC for a good job well done.

HUBBARDS AND HARVEYS CHARITIES

The Chairman reported that there had been 10 recipients of the Christmas payments. The balances at the bank now stood at – Hubbards Charity: £2408.82 and Harveys Charity: £5569.16. Treasury stock investments matured in the value of £5559.22 during the period and the Trustees are seeking new investment of this capital.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 99

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 –

Enforcement Appeal – CJ Duke and D A Duke

Gaynes Hall, St Osyth Road

Chairman to write suitable letter to Planning Inspectorate upholding the enforcement by TDC

Council Tax Base 2010/11

Listed Buildings and Conservation Area

Specialist Information Booklets

Passed to Chairman

Audit Commission

Completion of Audit

Appointment of External Auditor

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

Donation £50 (Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie)

Cheques issued:	£
E.ON Energy	273.17
Kendall Contract Services	379.73
Ashby Metalworks (SF98)	319.70
Ashby Metalworks (SF99)	1121.25
Mr J Cutting (plants)	20.00
SLCC (annual subscription)	106.00
GB Maintenance (WP99)	20.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	228.99
TDC (building inspection)	663.55
Crown Nursery Ltd (trees)	255.30
T R Venn (architect)	515.20
Audit Commission	460.00

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Ward asked what had happened to the Parish Plan. It was admitted it had been lost and it was agreed to ask Brickendon Parish Council if they could let us have another copy.

Cllr Bellamy said that the Village Show will be held on 8/9 May 2010

Cllr Watson advised members that the Carol Service on the Village Green had been very well attended.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Monday, 1 February 2010

**Chairman
1 February 2010**