

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Jeffrey Couzens in the Chair

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

There were 2 residents and PC SO Barnes present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dass and Smith

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2010

These were approved and signed together with the Minutes of 5 July

MATTERS ARISING

None.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Internet - Cllr Bellamy reported that agreement has been made with Bendale Web Design for the layout of the revised Parish Council website which satisfies all our requirements without incurring too high a cost. The design is deliberately simple and will show a constant title bar at the top and a constant menu on the left. Content will change in the main window when called up from the menu. The menu now covers all aspects of the Council's activities including meetings, membership, initiatives, Statutory Framework and Finances. The menu also provides information regarding village life in general including details of the facilities available to residents. The new website has been designed to enable new information to be incorporated as and when necessary and all organisations are asked to ensure that the details shown are kept up to date.

The cost for the new site, which will be 34 pages, will be £644 and can be implemented without delay.

It was proposed by Cllr Cutting, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed that the Parish Council go ahead with the new website.

(b) Highway Matters - Cllr Watson reported he had been advised by Cllr Skeels that the footpath along Harwich Road has been cleared of soil. Some Councillors disputed that this had been cleared adequately.

(c) Affordable Housing - the matter is on hold at present.

(d) Parish Archives - some items have been returned

(e) Youth and Community Building Extension - Cllr Watson reported that there has been no further contact from the architect since his own snagging visit back at the end of June. He has been in contact with the contractors to enable several items to be resolved enabling the project to be finalised.

It has been agreed to hold an official opening for a range of guests on Saturday, 16 October 2010 at 12.00 noon.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

PCSO Barnes reported on the various incidents in Little Clacton during August. These included 35 missing persons from The Lodge, loud music in Feverills Road, several incidences of suspicious circumstances and burglaries, an RTC in Holland Road with injury. The Apple Tree has closed down.

Several members mentioned the cars for sale in the roads but were advised this was a matter for TDC.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that the contracted maintenance works, grass cutting etc have continued during the month. An additional key has been issued to the local farmer to open the second leaf of the Parish Fields road entrance gates. This facility would be required in the event that he needed access for exceptionally wide piece of equipment (more than 12ft).

Following up on an enquiry from a resident in The Street regarding a nearby front grass area being hard cored over and used for parking, Cllr Watson contacted the ECC as this area comes under their control and they are investigating possible land encroachment. He has also been asked what can be done to stop cars and caravans being parked on the verge and within the road markings around Church corner. This is not only unsightly but makes the slip road section from St Osyth Road unusable and pedestrians must go down the road towards the school to cross the road. It was agreed to write to the owner of these vehicles.

Street Lights - Cllr Ward reported that May Gurney have informed her that some of the cabling to the lights in Holland Road need replacing, luckily at no cost to the

Parish Council. She has reported a light out in Holland Road as well as a light in Tan Lane. The one in Tan Lane was on the list for the last lot of repairs so she is seeking an explanation.

Footpaths - no problems

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following application:

10/00887IFUL Replace existing flat roofs with tiled pitched roofs at The Hollies, 6 Galloway Drive

Cllr Watson declared a personal interest

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection. Applications determined:

10/00772/AGRIC Reedlands Farm - prior approval required - deemed approved
Planning Inspectorate Decision

08/015441LUEX - Certificate of lawful use for development at Meadowview Park, St Osyth Road, Little Clacton - DISMISSED

Enforcement Appeal; Decision - 09/000771ENFORC - Meadowview Park, St Osyth Road, Little Clacton - DISMISSED

TDALC - Cllr Leatherdale reported nothing much is happening and there is very little feedback from TDC

Little Clacton Parish Fields And Youth And Community Centre

Cllr Bellamy reported that the Car Boot season continues and the new football season has commenced. The next Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, 18 September.

The Youth and Community Hall is still being used regularly for band practices and we hope, shortly, to be in a position to advertise the hall for functions and regular club meetings etc. The seating to the Bandstand has now been replaced following the damage reported last month.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett reported a fairly quiet period. There is to be function on 18 September at West View, Batemans Lane for the village hall.

Playground equipment - temporary measures carried out, some repairs undertaken by the groundsman and his brother (the Smith-Dayes). It is still in use.

The school have a new pre-fabricated classroom and their only access is from the back of the village hall and the field. We have an extended car park without cost to

the hall, from the contractors Part of the hedge has been removed during the work being undertaken.

Grass Roots have made a grant of £3,000 to the Village Hall. MILLENNIUM GREEN - No report

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie had nothing special to report

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council - Making the Links

Essex Works - Changing Essex

Tendring District Council - Forward Plan 107

Special Expenses 2011/12 - Finance

Workshop - 16 September - Planning for the future of Tendring Villages - several members to attend

Tree Planting Grants Programme - Cllr Watson Standards Committee TDC - yes wish to attend Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy - Chairman to report

Clacton Business Services Internal Audit Report

Write saying their delay in dealing with the matter has caused us financial penalty by the Audit Commission

EALC

Upgrading of sporting facilities - Cllr Bellamy Local Democracy Act

NALC Community Right to Build (blue pages) Council Tax Increases

Chairman to read and report back

Shirley Smith

Advise we have no such land

Grazing land and land for growing

EPFA

The Playing Field - Cllr Bellamy

CPRE Action Essex - Chairman

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:

Mrs A L Owens (salary etc) Mrs A L Owens (expenses) K A Sharpe (decorating)
Kirby Locks Ltd

Mr L Lane (wp100 & PCM1010) Bendale Web

Viking Direct (furniture) Local Landscapes (June) E.ON

Family Support (lunch club donation) May Gurney Ltd

Kendall Contract Services Viking Direct (key cabinet) Local Landscapes (July)

Clacton Business Services (internal audit)

£ 673.70 18.40 708.00

83.49 807.00 148.00 625.61 268.75 279.11 125.00 511.41 387.99

77.39 268.75 223.25

5205.85

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman would like all members to consider what projects should be considered for the next financial year now that the structural work is completed. The Village Hall has plans and is seeking finances. Think of various initiatives for the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Watson - contracts for grass cutting etc are due for renewal year in March.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 4 October 2010

Chairman

4 October 2010

