

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

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Watson in the Chair

Cllrs R Bellamy, J Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, Mrs T Ismaili, B Leatherdale (from 7.50 pm), R Smith and Mrs A Wood

There was 1 resident present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Couzens, Dass and Ward

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

These were approved and signed together with the confidential pages of same date
MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Licensing Act 2003 – Cllr Couzens has read these papers and states that the Act does not involve any Parish Council action**
- (b) Council Tax Increase – Cllr Couzens wrote that there will be no alterations until after the Government economic plans have been introduced and become law**
- (c) Planning for the future of Tendring Villages – Cllrs Couzens, Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie and Ward attended the seminar held by TDC. It appears that consultants have been engaged to look at the various aspects of the Local Development Framework and there are to be further consultations with each of the primary villages, Little Clacton being classed as one. It was agreed to hold an additional Council meeting to gain a consensus of opinion before the meeting with the consultants and this agreed for 14 October at 7.30 pm. (There was a short adjournment for public discussion). It was suggested that the Parish Council put up a notice giving time and details so that people could attend if they wanted, It was made clear that it was TDC responsibility to advertise and invite residents to take part in the village session.**

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) Internet – Cllr Bellamy reported on the present position**
- (b) Highway Matters – Cllr Watson reported that councillors are asked if they would like to attend a meeting with ECC officers to discuss speed controls form Holland Road – Cllrs Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie and Smith would like to attend and expressed a preference for a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Cllr Watson will make the necessary arrangements.**
- (c) Affordable Housing – no further action, awaiting contact from local developer.**
- (d) Parish Archives – files and documents continue to be sorted**
- (e) Youth and Community Building Extension – Cllr Watson reported that the building contract is completed technically but there are still many areas, mainly administration and costs, to be finalised. Invitations have been sent**

out for the official opening on 16 October at 11.00 am and a poster will be displayed on the notice boards inviting residents. Mrs Genery and Ellie Challis have been invited to undertake the official opening ceremony. The local paper has been told of the event and Mrs Couzens and Mrs Watson have agreed to organise the refreshments.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Wood gave the crime figures for September

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson made a retrospective request for approval to purchase crockery and cutlery for the Youth and Community Building. The opportunity to purchase these items at a very good discount was too good to miss and it was agreed by three serving councillors, who were available at the time, to purchase 54 place setting of dinner and tea plate, pudding bowl, cup and saucer, mug and a four piece set of cutlery, 10 milk jugs and sugar bowls. A typical place setting is on show at the rear of the hall. After a saving of £132 the total cost of this range of items was £597. It was agreed unanimously to approve this purchase.

Street Lights - no report

Footpaths - no problems

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following application:

10/00979/FUL Proposed conservatory, 54 St Oysth Road East

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection.

10/01027/FUL Change of use on land adjacent to Firs Caravan Park for an informal recreation area allied to the existing holiday use of Firs Park (no structures or build development are proposed) on land adjacent to Firs Caravan Park, 29-31 London Road

This application was dealt with by the planning group as it fell before the date of the meeting. The group decision that “we have no objection subject to there being a 106 Agreement with the applicant, that the land forming the application remains undeveloped and maintains the open aspect of the Protected Green Wedge” was approved.

10/01033/FUL Removal of pre-cast reinforced cladding panels and construction of new blockwork cavity wall construction finished in 2 coats of waterproof render to match adjacent property at Edward Close

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

10/01078/NMA Porch to be amended from glazed to solid construction to allow for a coat/boot cupboard internally at 67 St Oysth Road East

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

Applications determined:

10/00610/FUL Pre-fabricated building, Engaines School Approval – Full

10/00856/FUL Single storey rear extension, 62 Elm Road Approval – Full

10/00878/FUL Replace flat roofs, 6 Galloway Drive Approval - Full

Planning Appeal Decisions

10/00445/FUL 124 The Street - Dismissed

09/01252/FUL The Orchard, The Grove - Dismissed

**TDALC – Cllr Leatherdale had nothing of significance to report
LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE- Cllr Bellamy made his usual monthly report.**

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett again raised concern over the condition and resulting cost of the playground equipment at the Harold Lilley play area. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Village Hall Trust should compile and present a case study outlining how to overcome the problems, how the work can be funded and what the cost of new equipment and the continued maintenance/insurance would be.

MILLENNIUM GREEN - No report

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie said that traveller sites for Tendring are still under discussion

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Future of the NHS Consultation

Parish Facilities

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 108

Planning for the future of Tendring's villages

Section 106 Development Contributions –

Project Plans - Chairman

Gaynes Hall, St Osyth Road

Planning Inspectorate

Enforcement appeal upheld

Land Registry

Registering Council property

RCCE

Essex Village Shops and Pubs Day

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:

£

Mrs A L Owens (salary etc)

673.70

Mrs A L Owens (expenses)

22.54

Bendale Web

148.00

Tim Venn Design

437.10

Viking Direct (stationery)

223.46

Bendale Web (new website)

682.00

Local Landscapes (Aug)

268.75

E.ON

279.11

Family Support (lunch club donation)

100.00

P A Bray (special keys)

84.30

Kendall Contract Services

387.99

Mr P Watson (crocery & cutlery)

579.35

Digital River GmbH (Avast)

24.47

P A Bray (drainage work)

4766.24

8677.01

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ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Watson – No smoking signs need to be purchased - agreed

Approval sought to apply for TDC Tree Planting Grant – agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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

Chairman

1 November 2010