

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
1 NOVEMBER 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, R Smith, Mrs E Ward, P Watson and Mrs A Wood

There were 18 residents present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

The residents were concerned at the rumours which were abounding regarding the possibility of 40 houses being built in the Homing Road area. The Chairman explained that the 40 houses will be the allocation in the Local Development Framework over the next 20 years for the village of Little Clacton, Cllr Watson gave his views on the matter of the LDF and in response to the various telephone calls he had received. Residents were very concerned that there are already too many houses being built in the village. They were advised of a meeting to be held at Weeley on 15 November and it was suggested that as many as possible should attend to express their views to Tendring District Council.

The Council Meeting commenced at 8.40 pm

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Dass.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 4 AND 14 OCTOBER 2010

These were approved and signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Planning for the future of Tendring Villages

Cllr Watson advised the meeting that over the last seven days he had received two phone calls from residents regarding housing development in the village. The first asked why the Parish Council had sold out and was working hand in glove with a developer to spoil the village, second on why the Parish Council had agreed to develop twenty houses on the land next to Amerells farmhouse and how many of these would be affordable housing? In both cases they asked why the Council had not advertised to give residents the opportunity to attend and discuss these proposals. In both cases he explained that it was a TDC document covering the period 2011 to 2031 and they were holding sessions in the various villages to present their proposals and as such it was their responsibility advertise these sessions, We had, however, taken the initiative and produced and displayed notices locally informing the residents. The document covered housing development, infrastructure, transport links, highway improvements and to highlight any areas that could be used to meeting future development needs. Three sites, the old motel site, Harwich Road/The Street corner and the west side of The Street had been identified by the Parish Council for consideration by TDC to be included in the LDF. A negative response to this section could result in development sites being designated by TDC on our behalf. A developer had expressed his intention to apply for a housing development in the village but as there were no schemes or plans prepared we could only ask to

be kept informed of any proposals before they were submitted for planning consideration.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) **Internet** – Cllr Watson asked if any special meetings could be advertised to enable residents to attend if they so wished.
- (b) **Highway Matters** – Cllr Watson agreed to arrange a meeting with ECC at 10.30 am on 10 November near to the sub-station in Holland Road. Harwich Road footpath towards Thorpe Station is still not in a satisfactory state. Complaints had been received from residents in St .Osyth Road East about the amount of leaves on the footpath.
- (c) **Affordable Housing** – still in abeyance. Chairman has received a plan showing possible sites for affordable housing. This is to be placed on the file for possible future use.
- (d) **Parish Archives** – files and documents continue to be sorted
- (e) **Youth and Community Building Extension** – Cllr Watson reported on the official opening of the extended and refurbished building which went off successfully with Mrs Genery and Ellie Challis representing the village residents. Light refreshments were well received and our thanks should be given to Mrs Jill Couzens, Lyn Gray and Mrs Iris Watson for the presentation and work they put in to help make the occasion a success. It was a shame that some Councillors were unable to attend the opening but the dates given by the Grant Application Team, the people we were really trying to thank for their help, only had limited days available at a weekend. The Architect put in an appearance and agreed arrangements will have to be made for a meeting prior to the final certificate and snagging. The Contractors, unfortunately, were not able to attend.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Ismaili gave the crime figures for October which included 14 missing persons from the Lodge, two thefts and criminal damage, animal incidents and three RTCs Speed Checks were held in Harwich Road on a Saturday afternoon for one and a half hours, 20 people were logged who were mostly local.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson said that the Autumn part of the Parish Council equipment maintenance, seats, signs etc had been completed and we have one more grass cut before the end of the season. New tender documents for the next three year maintenance period are being prepared but before finalising, we are waiting to see what financial restraints will be imposed on us, for example, as sub contractors for ECC grass cutting alongside their highways.

Meeting was adjourned from 9.05 - 9.10pm

Street Lights – application to rewire a stretch of lights in Holland Road has now been completed. Cllr Ward advised that 5 lights have been reported out in Holland Road, Harwich Road, Betts Green Road and Weeley Road.

Footpaths – Cllr Gray reported that the Hundred Acre field has been ploughed across the footpath.

Meeting closed 9.15 – 9.18 pm

It was agreed to write to ECC asking them to reinstate the footpath as it constitutes a danger to health and safety with possible injury.

Planning and Development

There were no planning applications this month

Applications determined:

10/00979/FUL Proposed conservatory, 54 St Osyth Road East Approval – Full

10/01033/FUL 6 Edward Close, cladding changes. Approval – Full

TDALC – Cllr Leatherdale had nothing of significance to report

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE- Cllr Bellamy reported that following the formal opening of the extended and refurbished Youth and Community Hall we have now agreed new session fees for the main hall and the meeting room. Our next door neighbours, TREE, will be using the hall for a training seminar and have expressed interest in using the meeting room for regular team meetings. We are also in discussion with the art group who previously used the hall and also The Friends of St James. The Sunday Football League has lost two teams recently, and this will reduce booking income this season. We, therefore, have spare capacity at present in respect of the playing fields.

Cllr Watson spoke of the car boot sales on a nearby site. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed that we seek enforcement action.

Meeting closed 9.20 - 9.23pm

Mrs Dann has given a picture in memory of her husband.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett said there was nothing to report as they are still awaiting response to grant application. Cllr Bellamy asked if the hedge could be cut back further.

MILLENNIUM GREEN - No report

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie attend a Fire and Rescue Show, which had been very informative.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Tendring District Council

Making the Links

Forward Plan 109

Planning for the future of Tendring's villages

Tendring LDF –Core Strategy and

Development Policies Document – passed to

Chairman and Cllr Cutting

Standards Committee Meetings – Chairman

and Cllr Cutting to attend

Planning Newsletter

Christmas Waste Collections

EALC

Future of the Standards Framework

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

2nd instalment of precept: £34,000

Cheques issued:

	£
Mrs A L Owens (salary etc)	673.70
Mrs A L Owens (expenses)	30.39
Local Landscapes	268.75
Ashby Metalworks (maint.contract)	1198.48
May Gurney Ltd	183.59
Family Support (lunch club donation)	125.00
Dell Products (ink cartridges)	179.89
Mrs I R Watson (Official opening expenses)	103.20
Heaven Scent (bouquets)	50.00
Kendall Contract Services	387.99

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ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

He thanked Cllr Leatherdale for getting the poppy wreath which the Vice-Chairman will lay in the afternoon at the War Memorial.

He had attended a meeting with Age Uk and Family Support discussing funding for people with disabilities such as Ellie Challis who needs new spring legs every 18 months at a cost of £18,000.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Ismaili – Relay for Life there is a meeting on Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm at the Blacksmith Arms.

Cliff Ward – thanked Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie for the lovely large clock on the wall.

Chairman – the date of the next meeting to be changed to TUESDAY 7

DECEMBER 2010.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010

Chairman
7 December 2010