

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY,
10 JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Jeffrey Couzens in the Chair

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

There were 6 residents present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

One resident suggested that the empty public house would be better used as a medical centre as it is in the centre of the village.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cutting, Dass and Wood

MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2010

These were approved and signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Speed Gun Usage – deferred to next meeting**
- (b) Car Boot Sales, Centenary Way – seek information from Enforcement Officer**

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) Highway Matters – Following the very unsatisfactory reply from ECC Highways regarding traffic in Holland Road, Cllr Smith agreed to contact the local business, Telstar Nurseries, to see if they would support the Parish Council in its attempts to reduce the speed limit. He also agreed to speak with a member of the staff at the electricity sub-station.**
- (b) Affordable Housing – still in abeyance (pending LDF)**
- (c) Parish Archives – Cllr Watson reported that a further session is needed to clear up the remaining paperwork and a skip will be ordered to complete the final clearance. The new laptop and printer have been set up and the fax machine is on line. The Parish Council paperwork heading now needs modifying to include the new office and the business and finance team will advise when this has been agreed. Our insurers have been advised of the increased value of our office equipment and have altered the schedule and advised us of the small additional premium cost.**
- (d) Youth and Community Building Extension – Cllr Watson said that now the festive season is over, arrangements will be made to obtain a copy of the final draft account followed by a meeting with the architect and contractor.**
- (e) LDF – The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Mr Gary Ashby (TDC planning) and discovered that they have no intention of speaking further with the Parish Council or residents on the proposals unless the completed consultations rendered any of the declared policies unsafe. The Chairman reminded RTDC of the declared intention in the LDF for further consultations and that he wished to call a public parish meeting on the final submission. The Chairman asked for a copy of the final submission to enable the Parish Council and parish to consider and it was agreed that the**

Parish Council can be part of the loop. The Chairman asked when these will be available but received no satisfactory reply. N The Chairman will contact TDC in mid-February to see the present position. It was agreed to write to TDC confirming the Chairman's telephone conversation with Mr Ashby that the Parish Council will have a copy of the draft proposals prior to their being dealt with by the Inspector..

The Chairman closed the meeting from 8.00 pm to 8.06pm.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Ismaili gave the crime figures for December which included 7 missing persons from the Lodge, burglaries at Ashleys Caravan Park and Leys Drive, nuisances at Meadowview Park, Tan Lane and Feverills Road, nuisance vehicle in Harwich Road, obstruction in Harwich Road and criminal damage in Leys Drive.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that residents have said how nice the Christmas lights were again and added to the atmosphere especially during the carols on The Green in mid-December. There are certainly more folk attending the carol service each year and it is becoming established on the village calendar. Following the accident to one of the entrance gates, it has been confirmed by her insurers that they accept liability and the replacement cost agreed by their assessor. We now await their cheque. Under the TDC tree planting grant scheme we have purchased and planted 5 new trees and 30 shrubs. Details of the expenditure has been forwarded to the Tree Officer.

Meeting closed 8.17-8.20 pm

Street Lights – Cllr Ward said that lights outside Little Ravens in St Osyth Road and opposite Torcross Farm in Harwich Road have been reported..

Footpaths – nothing to report

Planning and Development

Cllr Bellamy reported on the following planning application:

10/01435/FUL Proposed side extension at Pitlochry, 5 London Road

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

Applications determined:

10/01181/FUL 178 Harwich Road Approval – Full

10/01296/FUL Belamacanda, 174 The Street Refusal – Full

10/01303/FUL Village Hall, 14 London Road Approval - Full

INTERNET0

Cllr Bellamy said that as advised at the December meeting, the 2009/10 accounts were approved by the Audit Commission and details together with the Audit Report are now available through the website.

He reminded members of the Council and the public that there is a facility on the website to publicise village events. If any organisations would like to make use of this facility, please let Cllr Bellamy have the relevant information and he will arrange for it to be posted. This facility is not, however, intended to be used for commercial advertising.

TDALC

Nothing to report

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy said there was reduced use of facilities in December due to weather conditions and the Christmas/New Year break.

The Action Art Group will re-start on 28 January. This Group holds fortnightly meetings on a Friday morning. Further details contact Eileen Sullivan on 01255 860217.

A monthly Stamp and Coin Fair will be held on the third Saturday of each month starting 19 February. Further details contact John Cutting on 01255 862087.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett said the village hall floor had been polished and resealed. They are purchasing new chairs.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

No report.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbinrie said the winter carnival was superb and carol services were excellent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links
Traffic Calming, Weeley Village
Minerals Development Document – consultation

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 111
Standards Seminar – follow up

EALC

NALC – The Localism Bill – passed to Chairman
The Jubilee People’s Millions 2011
2011 Census

Royal British Legion

Great Poppy Party Weekend – passed to Parish Fields

Mr Wagstaff

Thanks for luncheon club

Mr Malcolm Howe

Street Light. 297 Harwich Road

Digital UK

Switchover information

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

ECC Car Parking: £1,000.00

Cllr De Vaux Balbinrie (donation): £50.00

Bank Interest: £3.63

Cheques issued:	£
Mrs A L Owens (salary etc)	673.70
Mrs A L Owens (expenses)	26.87
Ashby Metalworks (gate repair)	1674.38
Family Support (lunch club donation)	50.00
E.ON (2 months)	558.22
P A Bray Ltd (keys)	57.06
Crown Nursery Ltd	122.00
Mrs I Watson (flowers for memorial)	80.00
A T Design Stage (computer etc)	731.19
Signs Made Easy Ltd (SF105)	161.42
Kendall Contract Services	387.99
Little Clacton Village Hall (grant)	500.00
Daniel Connal Partnership	368.89
Suffolk ACRE Services (additional insurance)	46.69
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ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman presented the report of the Hubbards and Harveys Charities. He gave advance notice of a concert by the Jive Aces to be held in the Village Hall on 30 January with proceeds going to the Hubbard Charity.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 7 February 2011

Chairman
7 February 2011