

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,  
4 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr Jeffrey Couzens in the Chair**

**Cllrs R Bellamy, J Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie, Mrs S Dass, J Dunnett,  
Miss L Gray, Mrs T Ismaili, R Smith, Mrs E Ward, P Watson and Mrs A Wood.  
There were 5 residents, PCSO Bradley Haycroft and PC Keith Sargeant present.**

**ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

**None**

**APOLOGIES**

**An apology for absence was received from Cllr Leatherdale**

**ANY ARISING URGENT MATTERS**

**(a) Ball games on the Village Green**

**Cllr Watson reported that once again we have received several complaints regarding boys playing football, causing annoyance to nearby residents and possible damage to house property, cars etc. and, above all, the potential danger from road accidents to both the boys and drivers, Attempts have been made to remove our NO BALL Game notices from the notice board It now appears to have got out of hand and police are involved and asked us to leave it to them.**

**PCSO Bradley Haycroft and PC Keith Sargeant were present and spoke about their efforts to deal with this matter. The notices are not enforceable by the police but they can only ask them to move on.**

**The Chairman stated the rights of ownership of the village green was passed to the Parish Council in 1923 and it is the sole responsibility of the Parish Council to manage it as it sees fit. The situation is to be monitored to see if further action is required.**

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 7 March 2011**

**These were approved and signed by the Chairman**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**1Damage by car to the entrance gates - Following Cllr Watson's ultimatum to the insurers prior to the last meeting, within 48 hours a cheque was received for the full outstanding amount.**

**2Following approval by the Parish Council at last month's meeting, orders for the following works were issued: replacement of roof covering to Youth and Community Building; purchase of tables and chairs and realignment and clearing the ditch alongside the playing field. The ditch work has been completed.**

**MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**(a) Internet nothing to report**

**(b)Highway Matters Cllr Smith is continuing to pursue the matter of the speed limit for Holland Road and his talks with neighbouring businesses.**

**? Affordable Housing in abeyance at present**

**(d) Parish Archives Cllr Watson reported that the paper work received in the new Parish Office has been sorted and filed. The remaining papers at Craigfield Avenue**

that are to be kept will be brought over and filed. Then we can arrange for the skip to clear the remainder.

(e) LDF Progress nothing to report

(f) Youth and Community Building Extension Cllr Watson reported that some of the outstanding items are completed but there are others requiring attention. We are still awaiting sight of the draft final account.

(g) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Cllr Watson proposed that we remove the boat from the village green at the present time and reinstate the grass. This was agreed. Councillors were asked to think about a suitable commemoration.

(h) Parish Cup and Shield

Cllr Wood proposed that the Parish Cup should be awarded jointly to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Couzens and Watson, for all their hard work and dedication to Little Clacton. This was seconded by Cllr Dass. Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by these two councillors and the proposal was agreed unanimously. It was agreed to defer to award of the Shield until the next meeting.

#### **POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION**

PCSO Haycroft reported on the various incidents which had occurred during March, which included criminal damage, suspicious circumstances, RTC and failure to stop after an accident, a fire, firework nuisance, noise nuisance, vehicle obstruction and mental health incident. He warned about lead stealing in the area and said that he had made speed checks on 26 March but nothing significant was found.

#### **WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

##### **Maintenance and Services**

Cllr Watson asked for permission to award the contracts for grass cutting, maintenance etc after decision by the Finance and Organisation of Business Committee. This was agreed.

Street Lights lights not working in The Street, Stonehall Drive, Holland Road and Harwich Road.

Footpaths no report

##### **Planning and Development**

Cllr Wood reported on the following applications:

11/00307/FUL Erection of two link detached chalet style houses on land between  
9 -15 Holland Road

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

11/00308/FUL Proposed two storey side extension and replace existing garage roof  
with a new pitched roof to match the house at 58 Holland Road

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

Applications determined: None

TDALC - No report

#### **LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

No report at this meeting

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

No report at this meeting

MILLENNIUM GREEN

No report at this meeting

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

No report at this meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Big Society Fund guidance notes

Street Materials Guide

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 114

Big Society goes Live

Mott MacDonald Report

EALC

E-bulletin Financial matters

Came & Company

Parish Council Insurance passed to Cllr Watson

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

ECC Grass Cutting - ?707.94

RSA Insurance - ?1425.00

Parish Fields - ?439.54

Tracker Interest - ?1.72

Cheques issued:

Mrs A L Owens (salary etc) 673.70

Mrs A L Owens (expenses) 39.21

Mr P Watson (diesel for digger) 67.38

L Ballard (plant operation) 600.00

Lt Clacton Methodist Church (donation) 40.00

Lt Clacton Village Hall (S.137 grant) 8000.00

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ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Blue pages minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Ward commented on the number of cars for sale on the roadside in the village..

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.59pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on

Monday, 16 April 2011. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting,

Chairman

16 May 2011