

**LITTLE CACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
3 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Watson in the Chair

Cllrs Mrs M Balbirnie, R Bellamy, De Vaux Balbirnie, G Bush, J Cutting,
J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, M Joyce, D Land, R Smith and Mrs A Wood.

There were 10 residents present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Residents were concerned about the Local Development Framework as some people had received a leaflet about this and others had not. They were informed that there is to be a meeting at Weeley on 12 October to deal with proposals for the north of the district. Another resident spoke about the number of cars parked on ECC land for sale, it was explained that very little could be done to prevent this happening.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Ward

ANY ARISING URGENT MATTERS

The chairman read a letter from residents in Betts Green Road about the unacceptable noise being caused by a resident of a care home there. The person concerned has severe learning difficulties and the carers leave him in the garden at all times of the day which causes considerable nuisance to other residents in the road. Appeals have been made to the housing association and the care association to no avail as any action would infringe the human rights of the patient. Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie has spoken with Environmental Health seeking his transfer to another more suitable home.

Meeting closed from 7.55 to 8.00pm

Members felt we should write to Colne Housing and Social Services, with a copy to County Councillor Skeels, seeking action to remove this problem.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 5 September 2011

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman read a letter about a resident working on the Millennium Green saying that the Parish Council letter was unfair. He then read the letter which the Parish Council had written and members felt that it was completely fair.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters

Cllr Smith said that he had heard from Rail Track that the matter is in progress implementing repairs to the bridge and a weight limit would be placed on it. He is meeting with Douglas Carswell MP to discuss the matter.

(b) Parish Business

Cllr Watson reported that interviews have been held with the three applicants and following further discussions on matters relating to the applicants and the demands of the job, it was the unanimous decision that the position should be offered to Mrs Ginette Loach. Cllr Cutting declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bellamy and agreed that the position of Assistant to the Clerk be offered to Mrs Ginette Loach. .

(c) Youth and Community Building Extension

Cllr Watson reported that he had now received the final certificate and invoice and he proposed that we pay the sum of £2204.05 plus VAT as the final settlement.

This was agreed.

(d) Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Chairman gave his views as to what should happen.

Cllr Cutting gave a detailed report on the discussions held by the steering group.

The village hall and playing field had been booked for 4 June 2012. It was planned for an 11 am start with a carnival procession. Engaines School would be allocated a section of the day to undertake certain events which would include items from the history of the Queen's reign and in the district. The Headmaster will manage the children on the day with the aid of teachers timing between 12 noon and 3 and 4pm. In the village hall between 4 and 6 pm, an afternoon tea dance for the more elderly residents.

Marquees on the Harold Lilley Playing Field, covering the organisations in the village.

Bands, dog displays and other activities, a beer tent, pop group and ending with a firework display were all under discussion. The school will send out letters to the parents and free bands will be given to the children for use on the rides. He felt that letters should be sent from the Parish Council to organisations in the village giving them a chance to be involved. A meeting of interested parties should be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The Chairman said the Parish Council would send out letters to the organisations on the list provided with date for joint steering committee meeting. The Parish Council will not be responsible for organising 'the day' but will act as sponsor.

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

It was proposed by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie, seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed that Cllr Cutting be appointed the representative for Police/Crime Prevention.

Cllr Cutting gave the Police report on the various incidents which had occurred during September, which included criminal damage, suspicious circumstances, burglary, civil dispute, RTC's, missing persons.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that the digital camera, recorder etc covering the entrance road and gates have been installed. He understood that a successful bid for a TDC Tree Planting Grant has been made. The cost to refurbish the village War Memorial, including replacement fittings, will cost £523.50 and he proposed that we proceed. This was seconded by Cllr Bellamy and agreed.

Street Lights

In the absence of Cllr Ward, the Chairman reported that a broken power cable in Elm Road has been replaced by National Power's contractor allowing the street light to be checked and all are now serviceable.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following application:

11/01048/FUL Single storey side extension at 38 Sunnyside Way

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection.

Applications determined:

11/00866/FUL Land between 9-15 Holland Road. Approval – Full
The Parish Council has sent its objections to the appeal against planning application refusal - 11/00535/FUL – The Orchard, Grove Road, to the Planning Inspectorate.

INTERNET

Cllr Bellamy reported that the website continues to publish information regarding all aspects of life in Little Clacton as well as detailed information concerning the activities of the Parish Council. In this connection we have introduced a new scrolling headline feature on the Home page drawing attention to new postings on the site with a direct link on the relevant page.

TDALC

Cllr Cutting had attended the recent meeting with very interesting discussions about car parking, which is now under control of Colchester Council. Response from Colchester is very pro-active. There was a report about neighbourhood policing as Essex Police are closing stations and emphasising neighbourhood schemes. LDF consultations information was given out. Martins Farm Recycling Centre it seems will be closing. Food waste is to be collected weekly next year.

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported the car boot season has now come to an end and the football season is now in full swing, with an anticipated very high level of usage of the pitches at Plough Corner. The Youth and Community Centre also continues to be in regular use. The all-weather courts are also in regular use for informal games and the organised motor cycle training sessions.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnnett reported trouble with youngsters causing nuisance by banging on windows and doors. The police were called out on one occasion and slates have been removed from the roof against the gable end. Playground is in full use at the moment and is a magnet for the young to congregate and damage to the fencing must be dealt with. Improvements are still ongoing. Metal fencing in place of the wooden, would cost £7500 plus VAT and is beyond the funds of the village hall at present. It was suggested that piecemeal replacement could be considered.

The Chairman asked if a plaque could be put up to give TDC credit for their financial involvement.

The garage sale trail around Little Clacton was a great success.

Cllr Joyce said that he had called the police on Friday to deal with youths blocking London Road with traffic cones and then lying on the flat roof to watch what happened.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr Mavis Balbirnie reported on her recent inspections of the Millennium Green and said that she still had not received a copy of the Schedule on the Millennium Green. The Clerk will attempt to get the copies of the Deeds, Land Registry and Charity Documents from the Committee.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie gave a written report to members of the activities at TDC during the past month. The Highway Rangers will clear the path near the Millennium Green in Elm Road, clean out ditches in St Osyth Road East, and widen the path in Harwich Road from the top of the hill to the railway bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 120
Budget 2012/13
Household Waste & Recycling
LDF Statement
Confirmation -Tree Preservation Order 11/00043

Boundary Commission

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

EALC

Community Budgets

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

Village Hall £766.00

Bank interest: £1.72

Cheques issued:

	£
Mrs A L Owens (salary etc)	551.10
Mrs A L Owens (expenses)	42.06
Family Support – Clacton	100.00
GB Maintenance	100.00
LB Maintenance (WP112)	190.00
Ashby Metalworks (replacement cheque)	144.00
RB Design Solutions	100.00
Clacton Business Services (internal audit)	234.00
Mr P Watson	34.00
Kendall Commercial Services	499.20
Ashby Metalworks (contract)	1286.40
Family Support – Clacton	125.00
Suffolk ACRE (insurance)	1264.10

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ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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

Chairman

7 November 2011