

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,  
3rd DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr Peter Watson in the Chair**

**Cllrs Mrs M Balbirnie, R Bellamy, G Bush, J Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie,  
J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, Cllr R Smith, Mrs E Ward and Mrs A Wood.**

There were 4 residents present and 2 Police Officers..

**RESIDENTS MATTERS**

A resident reported that they had been told that building permission had been granted for development of rural areas near to Homing Road, and that this could be starting as soon as August 2013. The resident enquired whether Homing Road would be adopted as a result, and brought up to Highway standard. The Chairman explained that two specific areas only were included in the draft Local Development Plan, and that no applications had been received to date for either. It was recommended that the resident wrote to Tendring District Council Planning Department with their objections while the consultation is still open.

**POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Stratford described the approach to policing in Little Clacton since the restructure. He explained that there would now be dedicated neighbourhood policing teams. Our PC is now PC Ryan Mitchum. Bradley Haycraft will still be the PCSO for Weeley and Little Clacton. For information regarding crime statistics, we can contact Paul Teague at Essex Police.

**1.APOLOGIES**

**Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs H Smith and Cllr M Joyce**

**2.ANY URGENT MATTERS**

None

**3.MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

The minutes from the last meeting were proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Bellamy and agreed, then duly signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4.MATTERS ARISING**

None

**5.MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**(a) Highway Matters:** Cllr Smith reported that the resurfacing had still not begun and that the Parish should continue to ask about the zebra crossing by writing to the County Council and that the Clerk should copy in the County Councillor.

**(b) Parish Business**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to make enquiries as to whether the cheque to Mr Oldfield regarding Millenium Green had been received.

**Declaration of Interests:**

The Chairman stated that all short DPI forms had now been received and can now be passed over to Cllr Bellamy to enter on the website.

The Chairman read out the declaration below:

Little Clacton Parish Council grants its councillors, elected or co-opted, a General Dispensation from restrictions imposed by Section 31(1) and 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011, enabling members with beneficial interests in land within the administrative area of Little Clacton to participate and vote on issues related to the setting of Precepts under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

This General Dispensation shall remain in force until the next Parish Council elections in May 2015.

This Dispensation is granted under section 33(2)(a) of the Localism Act 2011, on the grounds that without the dispensation each member of the Parish Council would be prohibited from participating in the business of the determination and setting of the Annual Precept. Little Clacton Parish Council is empowered to grant this Dispensation as a Relevant Authority as defined in section 27(6) (d) of the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Cutting proposed, Cllr Dunnett seconded and it was agreed by all.

**(c ) District Local Plan**

Following our last meeting we held an informal meeting with the Agents for the developer interested in the Thorpe Road Oakwood Site. The full submission document accepted at our last meeting has been completed and is now ready to send to TDC.

The public have the opportunity to see the proposed LDF with exhibitions organised in various areas of the district, our nearest venue being Weeley Council Offices on 19<sup>th</sup> December between 10am & 10pm.

Late last week the Chairman received a phone call from the owner of a local holiday park suggesting that following discussions with the Planning Officers that He and the Parish Council could come to some compromise regarding their amended proposed development and our request to modify the Development Boundary to the rear of the Holland Road properties. I explained that if the Planners were interested in arriving at some form of compromise that they should contact the Parish Council before our next meeting, meaning today. The Planning Officer did make contact this morning and confirmed his discussion with the applicant suggesting it could be to both of our advantages to discuss the various options open to us before the amended application is submitted.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

The meeting reopened at 8.45pm.

Cllr Bellamy proposed a further meeting with the developers, Cllr Wood seconded and it was agreed to pursue a meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.48pm.

The meeting reopened at 8.50pm.

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the time that the Parish Council have to consider new planning applications as they seem to appear very close or just after our monthly meeting. This situation arose recently with the Thorpe Road development. The Chairman stated that there are numerous dates displayed against the application and we must make sure we refer to the correct date. There was a discussion on the meaning of 21 days and what it is based on. There are many important dates including the latest neighbourhood consultation date and neighbourhood expiry date.

I understood that the original arrangements by the Parish Council Planning working party were that they met on the same day as the Parish Council meeting, but in the morning. Could this be refreshed by one of the party, checking on the morning of the meeting to see if there are any applications that need a full discussion or if they are small events ie a Porch or conservatory. This can be checked on the internet and if there is nothing contentious then agree that there is no further action.

#### **(d) Dates of Meetings in 2013**

7<sup>th</sup> January 2013

4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013

1<sup>st</sup> July 2013

5<sup>th</sup> August 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013

7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

4<sup>th</sup> November 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

#### **6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION**

Cllr Cutting reported that there was nothing to report this month.

#### **7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

##### **(a) Maintenance and Services**

The Chairman reported that the bollards around the kerb line at the junction of London Road and Progress Way are being replaced, and that works at the Cherry Tree Garage are in hand. The electrician has been spoken to regarding Christmas lights and there are new people in Romadorns.

**Street Lights** – Cllr Ward stated that she would be looking into the reported street light at Connaught Road, as it is most likely to be Weeley Parish Council who are responsible.

**Footpaths** – Cllr Gray is to start a rolling programme to check all the footpaths.

## **(b) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Cllr Wood reported on the applications received:**

**12/01281/FUL** – Additional parking area to the rear of existing (application to extend expiry date of previous approval ref.05/00092/FUL)(extension of time of previous approval 09/01329/FUL) Hayes Garage, The Street.

**12/01291/FUL** - Extensions and alterations to the care home and change of use at No 4 Amerells Road to C2 use at 172/174 The Street and 4 Amerells Road.

The Parish intend to comment that there may be an issue regarding visitor and staff parking.

### **Applications determined:**

**12/00988/FUL** – House adj. to Reedlands, Holland Road.

- Approval Full

**12/01060/FUL** – Ancient House, Batemans Lane - extension

. - Approval Full

## **8.INTERNET**

Cllr Bellamy reported that there was nothing new to report this month.

## **9.TDALC**

Cllr Cutting attended the meeting and the replacement of the Standards Board at Tendring District Council was discussed, as well as the Council Tax Support Scheme and issues when bordering another Parish. Cllr Cutting also raised the issue of Skate Parks and St Osyth Parish Council have information that they are willing to share with us in this regard.

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

Cllr Bellamy reported that activities on the playing field continue to be adversely affected by the wet weather. Parish Fields have had to report damage to the goal mouth areas by vandals. Due to the efforts of the Grounds man, the fields are the best playing surfaces in the district, which benefits all residents, and it is sad that these few individuals cannot respect the facility.

Cllr Bellamy stated that the Youth and Community Hall continues to be well used.

## **11.VILLAGE HALL**

**Main Hall:** Cllr Dunnett reported that a Valentine Social event is to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from 2.00pm to 4.30 pm. Tony Fyles (singer) has been booked to provide light entertainment and light refreshments will also be available. The tickets are £5 each and are available from Ann Cooledge tel.860680.

The Hall continues to be very popular and well supported.

**Field:** There is a grant application to the Parish Council for financial help for grass cutting and hedge trimming. The Chairman proposed the grant, it was seconded by Cllr Ward and all agreed.

**Skateboard Park:** Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie had only received costing information from one company at present but is still making enquiries.

## **12.MILLENNIUM GREEN**

Cllr M Balbirnie read out her report on the Green, explaining that the next meeting of the trustees was to be the AGM on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The rubbish bin has been reinstated, unchained this time, and further grass cutting had been done around the pond.

## **13.TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie gave a written report to all councillors regarding the activities at TDC during the past month which included **LDP; Travellers sites; Football Nets; Skate Board park; Declarations of Interest; Older peoples Forum and Survey; Victorian Market ; CAB facilities and Changes to Concessionary Travel Passes**, which will now be held by Essex County Council. First time applicants must apply by downloading an application form at [www.canigetapass.org.uk](http://www.canigetapass.org.uk) or by calling 0845-200 0388.

## **14.CORRESPONDENCE**

**Tendring District Council**

**Waste/Recycling collections, Christmas /New Year  
Council Tax Base  
Granting a General Dispensation**

**EALC**

**Localising Council Tax Support**

**15.FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION**

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

**16.ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

None

**17.ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Chairman**

**7th January 2013**