

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2014 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

Cllr P Watson (chairman)

Cllrs Mrs M Balbirnie, R Bellamy, J Cutting, P De-Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, Mrs H Smith, B Ward, Mrs E Ward, Mrs A Wood

County Councillor A Erskine.

1. APOLOGIES

G Bush, R Smith

2. ANY URGENT MATTERS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12th May 2014

The minutes for the 12th May were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

Going back to the 7th April, The Chairman proposed that one set of minutes entitled 'Annual Parish Council' should be changed to 'Annual Parish Meeting'. Councillor Wood seconded and all agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD:

(a) Highway Matters

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that Little Clacton highways were being surface dressed very soon, within days. He was questioned on the Tye Bridge and Weeley Bridge. He explained that the 30mph zone had been extended right through Weeley now. There is to be new signage in Tan Lane soon. The Essex Parking Partnership are looking at classifying Centenary Way, near to Morrisons as a Clear route.

(b) Parish Business

Cllr R Bellamy requested a meeting to be held in CAMERA directly after the Parish meeting closed.

This was agreed.

6. Police/Crime Prevention

Cllr Cutting reported that a return to traditional policing had been in the news. However, there was no police report for this month.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and services

No report this month.

Street lights

Councillor Ward reported that 5 lights were out in Elm Road and 2 in Holland Road which were beyond repair. The total to fix them all was around £2,500. The Chairman is to discuss the details with Cllr Ward to be reported back at the next meeting.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported that some of the footpaths were overhung by roses, but they will be cut back by her. Otherwise, they were clear.

(b) Planning and Development

i) Cllr Wood reported on the following applications:

14/00565/FUL Cage Properties	Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of planning permission 11/00866/FUL. To substitute drawing no. 3611:04, 3611:05 and 3611:06 with drawing no GA_1_01, GA_1_02, GA_1_03, GA_2_03, GA_2_02 and GA_2_01 incorporating alterations to layout and driveway/access arrangements.	Land Between 9 and 15 Holland Road Little Clacton - No Objections
14/00567/FUL Mr D Gowans	Completion of an outbuilding pursuant to planning permission 06/01957/FUL and use as a dwelling	110 St Osyth Road West Little Clacton - Original comments still stand
14/00637/FUL Mr Charles Poole	Disabled ramp.	3 Grove Road Little Clacton - No Objections
14/00663/FUL R A Byford & Sons	Erection of storage building and associated works	Lorry Park at Bonds Farm Lodge Road Little Clacton - No Objections
14/00664/FUL R A Byford & Sons	Erection of one dwelling house with associated garage and other works.	Lorry Park at Bonds Farm Lodge Road Little Clacton - Property should be tied to agricultural purposes

ii) Determinations :

14/00317/LBC Approval - Listed Building Consent 13.05.2014	<i>To demolish existing single garage and gym room and build new double garage and gym room with new car turning area.</i>	Parkgate Farm, Holland Road, Little Clacton
14/00198/FUL Approval – Full 13.05.2014	<i>Proposed change of use of vacant land to secure yard for lorry container storage.</i>	Land East of Rice Bridge Industrial Estate, Station Road, Thorpe Le Soken
13/01367/FUL Refusal – Full 15.05.2014	<i>Siting of a mobile home/office (following demolition of existing bungalow/office) and erection of new store (following demolition of existing store).</i>	The Bungalow Site, Meadow View Park, St Osyth Road, Little Clacton
14/00358/FUL Approval – Full 12.05.2014	<i>Variation of conditions 7 and 11 of approved application 03/00955/FUL to extend hours of trading (condition 7) and to vary usage of the site (condition 11).</i>	Ewden, Holland Road, Little Clacton
14/00239/FUL Approval – Full 22.05.2014	Change of use of land to permit use of all caravans across both parks to year round holiday use.	Firs Caravan Park, 29 - 31 London Road, Little Clacton
14/00527/HHPNOT Householder Prior Notification Required 21.05.2014	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension 5.3m in depth with an overall height of 3.8m	120 St Osyth Road West, Little Clacton

Councillors expressed their concerns over the approval given by Tendring DC Planning Committee for the development of six dwellings on the site at 36 Holland Road. It was also reported that local residents have also expressed their concerns over the way in which the application had been dealt with by both Planning Officers and Committee members. The Planning Committee 'deferred' the original application as it was considered an over development of the site. The revisions when submitted still included six dwellings and any amendments made to the application were insignificant. Despite receiving a petition of over 120 signatures and further factual reasons from the Parish Council why the application should be refused, the

TDC Planning Committee approved the application. The Parish Council are extremely concerned with this decision as without the robust Policies that were included in the rejected emerging LDP 2014 being implemented, it could result in further development in similar situations. It was proposed and agreed by all, that a letter be sent to The Secretary of State asking him to review the process and procedures used by TDC Planning when dealing with this application.

(c) Finance and Organisation of Business

Cllr Bellamy reported that the Clerk's hours were to be reduced and the Assistant Clerk's hours were to be increased, by a further 2 hours per week from the 1st June 2014. All agreed.

8. INTERNET

Cllr Bellamy reported that the internet was operating well and there was nothing new to report.

9. TDALC

Councillor H Smith reported that The Chief Executive of Tendring District Council, Mr Ian Davidson spoke about economic opportunities for everyone. District Councillor and Portfolio holder for Planning and Corporate Services G Guglielmi stressed the fact that there was no development plan in place, which would leave Tendring open to development that may not be welcomed. He also stated that individual properties would not impact on the overall housing target.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS

Cllr Bellamy reported that the Car Boot Season is beginning to pick up after a slow start and hopefully will continue to improve. A bumper Classic Car Show was held on 18th May with record attendances and exhibitors, helped by wonderfully sunny weather. Another show will be held on August 24th.

We continue to see good use of the Youth and Community Hall but will be looking to increase weekend use by way of Social Functions.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Hall: Cllr Dunnett reported that the extension on the Village Hall is now completed and will be officially opened on Saturday 26th July at 12 midday. A children's football match will take place on the playing field and the children will have access to the new facilities. At the end, they will be presented with medals which have kindly been donated by a local business, Smiths Service Centre in Clacton.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr. Mrs M Balbirnie read out a report which had been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting, stating that a meeting had been held with Mr Wagstaff and his niece, allowing Councillor Balbirnie to update Mr Wagstaff with the current situation with Natural England. Councillor B Ward and Councillor M Balbirnie walked around the Millennium Green to see how overgrown and unkempt it was. Councillor Ward reported that the work needed to be done urgently now. He thought that it would be difficult to stop Mr Wagstaff from working on the Millennium Green as he has grown so attached to the area.

13. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that there was a fraud investigation going on regarding land behind 88-94 St Osyth Road East. In February 2014, Essex County Council Agents failed to notify residents that the land was for sale.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie read out his report from the District Council and updated the Parish with the following issues:

LDP Committee – Next meeting on 15th July 2014 at 6pm. Tendring District Council's Local Plan needs to deliver at least 12,000 new homes and 5,000 new jobs over the next 16 years.

Thorpe Road and Clacton Gateway Sites – Applications are still being considered.

Weeley Bridge weight restriction – No further news on restriction being lifted.

Tendrings Holiday Beaches – Four European Blue Flags have been awarded to Frinton, Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay and Martello Bay, and six other beaches have been awarded Seaside Awards. This is a major boost for the District.

Residents in Tendring urged to join register for free services. - vulnerable residents are being urged to sign up, a carer can also sign on a residents behalf if they cannot do it themselves.

Free smoke alarm for residents – Essex County Fire and Rescue service are fitting smoke alarms at no cost to Tendring residents. A free home safety visit can be made by calling 0300 30 30088.

15.CORRESPONDENCE

Transport	Letter re closure of bus routes
Rural Panel	Letter requesting attendance at the next meeting
St James Church	Letter requesting grant towards grass cutting

Councillor Cutting proposed that we grant them the amount that we spent on the contract last year, which was £1,800. Councillor Wood seconded, it was agreed by all and carried.

16.FINANCE AND CHEQUE AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued :	£
HMRC (PAYE)	169.40
RB Design Solutions	100.00
Kendall Commercial Services	551.33
Kendall Commercial Services	286.50
Viking	92.48
TDALC (Ann. Sub)	15.00
GB Maintenance (trees and shrubs)	110.00
PJB Maintenance Design (Pavillion)	234.00
Ellisons Solicitors	50.00

17.ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

18.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor E Ward enquired about the Apple Tree Development landscaping, and asked if the Clerk could write to Planning again to ask about this.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that there seemed to be more knife wars than ever. He said that the more it is mentioned that more that it seems to occur.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7th July 2014 at 7.30pm at the Youth and Community Building, Parish Fields, Plough Corner.

Chairman
7th July 2014