

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Watson in the Chair

Councillors Mrs M Balbirnie, R Bellamy, J Cutting, P De Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Mrs L Gray, Mrs H Smith, Mr R Smith, Mr B Ward, Mrs E Ward and Mrs A Wood.

There were 8 residents present and Essex County Councillor Erskine.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Bush and Audrey Owens.

2. ANY URGENT MATTERS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th AUGUST 2014

Councillor Gray proposed and Councillor Cutting seconded and all agreed the previous months minutes which were then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters: Councillor Smith reported that the increased traffic along Holland Road/ railway bridge were doing dangerous speeds, motorbikes were taking too many risks with the large lorries. Councillor Smith had tried to contact the Local Highways Panel, but was told that they were not able to get involved with Parish Councils. The best way to contact them was through the Clerk to Essex County Councillor Erskine. Councillor Cutting suggested a monitoring strip across the road to measure the quantity of vehicles. The County Councillor agreed and said that the road strips could also reveal the speeds of the vehicles passing. He would propose the idea at his next meeting.

(b) Parish Matters

The Chairman reminded everyone that the afternoon tea for The Clerk would be at 3pm on Wednesday 3rd September. Caterers had been ordered and a gift has been arranged.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Cllr Cutting reported that there was no crime report from PCSO Haycraft for this month.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

The chairman reported that the replacement lights had now been ordered. Orders had been placed for 7 light fittings, 2 units in Holland Road and 7 units in Elm Road. We have been able to save £50 per light where it is a replacement as the contractor has changed some of the members of their installation team. We will however have to pay a connection charge when installing a new unit in a new location.

(1) Street Lights – Councillor Ward stated that no additional lights had been reported as out this month.

(2) Footpaths – Councillor Gray reported that the new fence alongside the footpath along Harwich Road had been pushed over and flattened but they were still waiting for the footpath officer to inspect the path and report to us on their findings.

(b) Planning and Development

The Chairman declared an interest and stepped down.

The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

Cllr Wood reported on the following applications:

14/01094/FUL	New 3 bedroom detached dwelling.	6 Galloway Drive Little Clacton Clacton On Sea - no objections
14/01057/FUL	Extension and conversion of existing building to create site office and 3 bedroom dwelling	The Bungalow, Meadow View Park, St Osyth Road Little Clacton. - no objections
14/01181/OUT	One detached dwelling with assoc. garaging and parking	155 Harwich Road, Little Clacton - Refusal - Back land development and outside of development Boundary

The Meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

The Meeting was re opened at 8.12pm.

Determinations

<i>14/00902/FUL Approval - Full 22.08.2014 Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Alteration to part shop front, involving replacing softwood doors & windows with aluminium.</i>	<i>54 The Street Little Clacton Clacton On Sea CO16 9LF</i>
<i>14/00785/FUL Refusal - Full 19.08.2014 Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Demolition of existing garage workshop and erection of 6 new dwellings.</i>	<i>Land adjacent St Olaves Grove Road, Little Clacton CO16 9NG</i>
<i>14/00974/OUT Approval - Outline 29.08.2014 Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Proposed residential development.</i>	<i>Land to South West Junction of Homing Road & Talbot Road Little Clacton CO16 9ER</i>

The Chairman took the chair again.

8. INTERNET

Cllr Bellamy said that there was nothing new to report this month. Village groups and Organisations are asked to review their entries from time to time to ensure that all information is up to date, and to let us know if any changes are required. We want the internet page to be accurate.

9. TDALC

There was nothing to report for this month, there will be a meeting next month. The agenda includes the Locality Meeting and Sea Defence work.

10. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that activity had been quiet at Essex County Council during the last month. The Chairman asked if there had been a decision about the village sign. Essex County Councillor Erskine said that no one had made a decision yet.

11. PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported that the Car Boot season is drawing to a close. The last sale will be held on 14th September and the field will then be needed for the football season. The car boot season has been badly hit by weather this year and also by increased competition in the surrounding locality. We will be meeting following the end of the season, probably towards the end of September, to discuss possible changes for the future.

The Classic car show on 24th August enjoyed good weather and was busy all day. An excellent turnout of Classic vehicles and a regular flow of visitors.

Following the impending closure of a meeting hall in Clacton a number of Groups have asked to use the Youth and Community Hall for their meetings starting from November. Three groups - two camera clubs and an art group – have already made firm bookings. A welcome addition to our revenue stream. Representations of these groups who have visited the hall have all been very impressed with the facilities we are able to provide. Councillor Bellamy thanked Councillor Wood for her work in obtaining these new bookings.

12 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett reported that installation of the new CCTV security camera system covering the Hall, Car Park and Playground has been completed. The committee is very pleased with the results. It has already proved very beneficial in curbing vandalism.

The Hedge alongside London Road is due to be cut sometime during the next two weeks. Grant applications have been made for improvements to the surfacing on the playground.

13. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr Mavis Balbirnie stated that there was little to report this month. No correspondence had been received regarding the change of ownership. The Chairman stated that he had been passed mandate documents to allow us to transfer bank accounts when the transfer is complete. The previous trustees have completed their Charity Commission returns for their period of management. He had also received a letter from Mr Wagstaff, which he passed to Councillor Balbirnie.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the next **LDP meeting** will be held at the Princes Theatre at 6pm on 30th September. No news has been heard about the **Clacton Gateway Site**.

Weeley Bridge weight restriction – Public notices have now been issued and if no objections are raised the bridge will be opened up to HGVs etc. soon.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie requested that the Clerk write to ECC in support of

the restriction being lifted. Essex County Councillor asked for the letter to go to him and he would pass it on for us.

Little Clacton Residents – Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie has dealt with several issues affecting residents of Little Clacton in the last month, including planning and traffic issues. **Travellers** – Village Hall hirers have been advised to lock gates to Harold Lilley Playing Field after each use, to stop Travellers moving in. This is especially important since the Government have advised Districts to increase the number of Traveller Sites available, and will be a problem until suitable sites have been identified.

Warning to rate -payers – Companies are contacting residents about their Business rates and offering to get them reductions for a fee. If anyone is contacted they should contact TDC who can discuss their bill for free on 01255 686266 before they commit to anything.

Individual Electoral Registration – Following the advent of Individual Electoral Registration, all electors will be contacted over the next few weeks and in most cases they need not take any action. However, where more information on the Elector is required they will be asked to respond promptly to any request. By law, TDC will issue reminders and send a canvasser to personally visit anyone who doesn't reply. Could all Councillors help spread the message and encourage family, friends and residents to respond if they are asked for information.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

**Tendring District Council
Polling Place**

**Polling District and
Review 2014**

**Tendring Community Safety Partnership
Crew -
Theatre**

**Older Persons Crucial
1st October at Princes**

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
HMRC (PAYE)	172.40
E.ON	283.20
Tendring Eldercare	125.00
Abacus Build UK (pavilion)	30,000.00
PJB Architectural Design Ltd	1,575.00
Viking (postage stamps etc)	176.58
Mr P Watson (admin.expense)	40.00
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17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cutting thanked Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie for arranging the hedge cutting along Weeley Road, several positive comments had been received from the public.

Councillor E Ward enquired about the Apple Tree Development landscaping, which still had not been completed, and was now out of time. A request was made to write to TDC as part of our letter to the enforcement officer.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 6th October 2014.

**Chairman
6th October 2013**