

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Watson in the Chair

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

There were 8 residents present.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors G Bush and J Cutting, and A Owens (Clerk) sent their apologies.

2. ANY URGENT MATTERS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2014

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman asked about progress on the traffic management in Tan Lane and surrounding area. County Councillor Erskine reported that a SLOW sign had been painted on the road and signs saying Think Bike had been installed. More sign-age is to follow as budget becomes available. The Chairman proposed that a management strip is to be put in place. County Councillor Erskine reported that bridge restrictions are still being looked at, engineers are still to submit final reports. Step by Step progress.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters: The Chairman read out road closures to affect Little Clacton and surrounding area from 3-7th November.

(b) Parish Matters

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and helping to make Audrey's Tea afternoon a success. The Clerk had enjoyed meeting old friends and councillors. I also thank Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie for taking the photo and getting it into the local newspaper.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

There was no report this month. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that the Police would be attending a meeting at the Village Hall between 7 and 8 pm on Monday 27 October and again on 3rd and 10th November.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

The Chairman announced that Tree Preservation Orders had now been adopted for 110 Harwich Road; St Olaves, Grove Road and 82 St Osyth Road East.

BT have requested permission to install two further distribution cabinets at the entrance to Parish Fields site. This is to complete the broadband improvements for village consumers. The cabinets are similar to the existing one and located alongside the fence. We would if approved, receive a one off payment of £1,950 for the inconvenience. I have spoken to Councillor Bellamy, on behalf of Parish Fields, and he has no objections. I propose that this is approved. Councillor Ward seconded and it was agreed.

Councillor Watson reported that the bench around the Millennium Oak had been galvanised and repainted.

The Chairman reported that he had received a phone call two Tuesdays back, from BBC Essex asking for an interview on the failure of TDC planning proposals and the development plan. He received another in the afternoon, and declined to comment for both. The Thursday after, he received another 5 calls, asking 'what do residents think of seven thousand homes to be built in their village' and 'we have a camera crew in the area and if you would step outside your front door we could ask more general questions' and others. The Chairman explained that there were more qualified people they could speak to and they should try the District Council or Weeley Parish Council, contact details available on their website.

(1) Street Lights – Councillor Ward reported that a resident from Elm Road had thanked the parish for repairing the lights. Councillor Watson proposed that we moved forward with the new brackets for the next 7 lights. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie seconded and it was agreed.

(2) Footpaths – Councillor Gray reported that the footpaths were a bit overgrown but otherwise normal.

(b) Planning and Development Councillor Wood reported on the following

(1).Applications:

14/01267/FUL Mr Alastair Strutt	One bungalow.	Land adjacent to Meadow view Thorrington Road Little Clacton No Objections
14/01280/OUT Little Clacton Tennis Club	Erection of 4 bungalows.	Little Clacton Tennis Club 52 Holland Road Little Clacton Refusal – Back land, protected green wedge and leisure facility.
14/01302/FUL Mr A Wicken	Erection of bungalow.	Hawthorns 84 Harwich Road Little Clacton Refusal – Out of Development Area, back land and height concerns
14/01281/FUL Little Clacton Tennis Club	Formation of four hard surfaced tennis courts with related fencing and floodlighting.	Little Clacton Tennis Club 52 Holland Road Little Clacton
14/01308/FUL Emma Hood	Change of use of land for horses, including new paddock, erection of fences, demolition of garage block and workshop and replace with 4no stables and feed room.	Ancient House Batemans Lane, Little Clacton No Objections
14/01346/FUL	Alterations to roof to facilitate additional rooms in loft space.	21 Harwich Road, Lt Clacton No objections

(2). Decisions:

14/00988/OUT Refusal - Outline 08.09.2014 Delegated Decision	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the residential development of 0.44 ha of land to create 4 detached dwellings with associated garaging and parking.	Torcross Poultry Farm 110 Harwich Road Little Clacton Clacton On Sea
14/01094/FUL Application Withdrawn 23.09.2014 Delegated Decision	New 3 bedroom detached dwelling.	6 Galloway Drive Little Clacton Clacton On Sea CO16 9LN

8. INTERNET

Councillor Bellamy said that there was nothing new to report this month.

9. TDALC

Councillor H Smith reported that the 'Get ready for Winter' project was talked about. A representative from the Parish should attend the meeting. They were keen to get the emergency plan up and running. Councillor Cutting said that he had been working on it and it was now finalised. There is to be a Parish and Town Council liaison in January and the yearly programme is to be discussed. Any 'matters of concern' should be registered, or any local hazards which could crop up. Councillor Smith also reported that the Quality Council scheme is to be replaced.

10. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Erskine reported that over £10,000 had been spent to make the Thorpe Road/ Holland Road junction safer, including directional signs. He said that the property in Holland Road which had previously been flooded had now had the drain raised. It is planned for the kerb to also be raised. He will chase that work up before the winter starts.

11. PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bellamy reported that the Car boot season ended on 14th September and a very full football schedule is now well under way.

The Youth and Community Hall is being used on an increasing basis with activities taking place on most days of the week.

Phase one of the Pavilion extension is very close to completion although we are still awaiting replacement doors and windows due to manufacturing problems. The new changing rooms are all in use. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie requested that the Insurance was checked to see if it covered the whole site including the extension.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Dunnett reported that the hedges had been cut, and they were looking for funding opportunities to cover the cost of further work. He said that booking continued but it was quiet at present.

13. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chairman reported that he had contacted Natural England via solicitors to request an update on the transfer of ownership, as discussed in the last meeting. A reply was received last week and it was revealed that the documents had been sent to Mrs Darnell. The Chairman contacted Mrs Darnell and was able to arrange to receive them. He is to go through the documents, register with the Charity Commission, and arrange the bank mandate.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council arranges for the hedge to be cut and faced and the whole grass area cut. When this is completed the site is then handed over to

the management team clean and tidy. Any work to the trees and the pond can then be approached during the non growing period. Also, during this winter period we must address and obtain tenders for the every day grass maintenance and hedge trimming which I suggest should be the responsibility of the Parish Council. This will permit the management team to concentrate on improving the facility and making it a place of interest and enjoyment and time to consider some fund raising objectives.

The Chairman estimates it will cost around £1600 - £1800 to carry out this initial clear out. He asked if we could burn the hedge material on bonfire night or pay to have it removed. It was agreed to look into burning the material. The Chairman is to make enquiries.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie gave a written report to members of the activities at TDC during the past month which included progress on the following ongoing projects:

LDP Committee – The next meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 21st October at 6pm at the Princes Theatre.

New micro chipping date for Clacton Residents -A new date for the free micro-chipping surgeries for dogs have been added due to demand on 20th October at Clacton Coastal Community Centre in Pathfields Rd from 9.30am to 2.30 pm. Other dates were 30th and 31st October, 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Town Hall Clacton.

Contractors have been chosen for £1.4million upgrade at Weeley Crematorium.

ATI Environment UK Ltd will begin work on site in the New Year and are due to complete by September 2015.

Changes to the way Essex Police will engage with Communities – As from the 1st October the structure of policing in local communities will alter as follows:

1. Local PCSO's will hold a weekly '**street meet**' on their patch
2. Every district will hold five or six **Local Community Meetings** (every eight weeks)
3. Local Community Meetings (LCMs) will be chaired by supervisory officers (Sergeant or above)
4. Every LCM and street meet will be advertised on the Essex Police website in advance
5. Essex Police website will show agreed local priorities as well as the activity taken to address them.

This is to commence from 1st November for all community areas and PCSO's.

Councillor Balbirnie requested that the Clerk invite the other District Councillor for our Parish to the next meeting, as other parishes stated 'no report' for District Councillors who had not attended.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Tendring District Council

- Notice of Poll and Statement
of Persons nominated

Tendring District Council

- Recycling presentation

Tendring District Council

- Election information and FAQs

EALC

- Data protection and Publishing
of Photographs taken at Events

CPRE

- Countryside Voice

PFK Littlejohn

- Results of Audit

Essex County Council

- Passenger transport meetings

Essex County Council	- School Crossing Patrol vacancies
Essex County Council	-Community Resilience Workshop
Tendring District Council	- Get ready for Winter
Tendring District Council	- Reply to letter regarding planning condition breaches

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION
The up-to-date balance of the Council's funds was noted.

Cheques issued:	£
HMRC (PAYE)	172.60
E.ON	292.64
Tendring Eldercare	200.00
Viking (printer ink)	64.98
Crispins Sandwich Bar (catering)	236.00
Daniel Connal Partnership	225.00
RB Design Solutions (August)	100.00
Tony Nash (SF142)(MC3)	418.00
Clacton Business Services (payroll)	37.08
RB Design Solutions (Sept)	100.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP(audit)	360.00
A & J Lighting	2478.00
Tony Nash (SF142)	80.00
Leonard Lane Building Services (PMC141)	85.00
GB Maintenance	110.00
Kendall Commercial Services (grass)	551.33
	6,260.67

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Smith was asked if the Parish was interested in purchasing a defibrillator. It would cost around £800. He stated that he didn't think that there was anywhere suitable to store it, where it would be available for use at any time, but kept safe from vandals. The Chairman proposed that special vinyl paint was used at a cost of £53 to paint the Jubilee Bench, Councillor Ward seconded and it was agreed.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Radio Station 5-Live will be broadcasting from the UKIP Clacton office at 105 Station Road on Friday morning (10th October 2014)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 3rd November 2014.

Chairman
3rd November 2014