

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
13th APRIL 2015 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Watson in the Chair

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

District Cllr D Skeels did not attend

There were in excess of 50 residents present.

1. APOLOGIES

County Cllr A Erskine and Audrey Owens (clerk)

2. ANY ARISING URGENT MATTERS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2015

The Minutes were approved and all in favour, duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Internet:

As promised at the last Parish Council meeting a new page has been added to the website giving information relating to comments in respect of Planning Applications. In particular there is guidance from TDC as to what matters would be considered as planning matters and those that would not be considered during the planning process.

(b) Highway Matters:

Councillor Smith reported that the 30 mph repeaters were to be added as soon as possible

to the stretch of road from Weeley through to our Parish Boundary.

At Cooks Green the number of lorries and traffic has increased significantly. He is going to check with County Councillor Erskine about the Holland Road monitoring equipment being set up.

The Chairman reported that the last payment of £152 had been made to cover the cost of damage caused to the entrance gate back in December 2013.

The third phase of the replacement footpath lights has been completed at a cost of £2,556.

The final phase to disconnect and remove the concrete units, connect one new lantern all in Harwich will be attempted in the new financial year.

(c) Planning Applications

Cllr Wood reported on the following applications:

15/00387/ FUL	Conversion of 5 bed bungalow into three x 1 bed units	28 Weeley Road , Little Clacton	- no objections
15/00440/ FUL	Erection of 2 detached bungalows with associated parking etc.	Land adj. To 101 Holland Road, Little Clacton	- Refusal recommended due to it being productive agricultural ground and outside the development boundary. Also, possible problems with 2 new access points.
15/00131/ OUT	Outline application for a development of 165 Houses.	Land at Swains Farm, The Street, Little Clacton	- After considerable scrutiny the Little Clacton Parish Council working party feel that the proposed development is too large to be sustainable as there is insufficient infrastructure in place to support a scheme of this magnitude. The proposed application

is on working agricultural land. This application site was not included as part of the 2007 Local Plan nor been considered for the 2014 Local plan. With the lack of information and reports from the various Government Agencies and authorities, including a flood risk assessment, we recommend refusal of the outline application.

Determinations:

15/00075/FUL Approval - Full 04.03.2015 Delegated Decision	Detached replacement dwelling - change of design to planning permission 12/00530/FUL.	Hopedale 27 Weeley Road Little Clacton
14/01852/FUL Approval - Full 11.03.2015 Delegated Decision	Change of use of land for the extension of the existing holiday park to site 38 static holiday lodge caravans.	Ashleys Caravan Park London Road Little Clacton
15/00134/FUL Approval - Full 11.03.2015 Delegated Decision	Proposed dwelling (change in materials of dwelling approved under 11/00648/FUL.	Bramley Cottage Betts Green Road Little Clacton

(d) Parish Business

The Chairman stated that Mrs Audrey Owens our Clerk, had spent another period in hospital but he is pleased to say that she is back home again now.

As the Council is aware, Mrs Owens retires at the end of the current session of the Parish Council, therefore she is entitled to receive her small gratuity that has been set aside in a saver Account. The Chairman is arranging for the account to be closed on the 1st May 2015 and the end balance transferred to the Parish Council current account. A cheque can then be raised to pay Audrey the amount owed, from the Saver Account balance. The Clerk and the Chairman are responsible to continue with the Parish Council business from the closing date of nominations as Councillors then become candidates for the forthcoming election until the 18th May, until the first meeting of the new Council. Until the new cheque mandates can be set up they will continue to pay invoices until the end of May. Therefore Audrey is entitled to a further months payment and I propose this is paid by a cheque from the Parish Council current account. This was proposed by Councillor Cutting, seconded by Councillor Wood and agreed by all.

The Chairman reported that it was brought to his attention that a recent visitor to the Parish office was demanding and forceful in trying to obtain information relating to Parish business and the current outline planning application from Mrs Loach, the assistant Clerk. This is not acceptable behaviour. I recommend that the new Council make enquiries into a stable-type door which can be locked at the base or something similar.

For information, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk are employees of the Council and do not enter into any debate, participate in any discussions or express an opinion on Council matters, they are administrators ensuring Council business is legal and the Council is solvent.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Little Clacton Parochial Church Council	Request for Churchyard grant.
PKF Littlejohn (Auditors)	Annual Accounts paperwork
Tendring District Council	Notices of Election to display
Tendring District Council (Email)	Return of the Result of the Uncontested Election
EALC (Email)	New Courses and NALC
newsletter	

7. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Payments received:

ECC grass cutting	£1,415.88
VAT reclaim	£12,403.40
Insurance Pay out	£152.37

Cheques issued:

	£
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE)	212.40
E.ON	264.32
RB Design Solutions	200.00
A& J Lighting (SF145)	2,556.00
Tendring Eldercare	200.00
Mrs Watson (memorial flowers)	60.00
P A Bray (SF147)	223.00
A & S Farms (SF149)	500.00
Silverton Aggregates	200.00
LB Maintenance	540.00
GB Maintenance (drainage and diesel)	263.78
Ashtead Plant Hire (car park)	1,005.89
Clacton Business Services	37.80
Kendall Commercial Services	551.31
RB Design Solutions	<u>200.00</u>

8. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that UK Power Network have requested access to land at The Street/Harwich Road for broadband cables. This will probably be by wayleave agreement. At the present time BT is not agreeing to a wayleave across their land.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

The next Parish meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 18th May 2015

Chairman
18th May 2015