

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 4th July 2016 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor J Cutting

Councillors M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, J Lovell, D Reed, M Reed, J Rowland, S Rowland, H Smith, J Smith-Daye, R Smith, L Gray, B Ward

Tendring District Councillor Brown

Essex County Councillor Erskine

The Clerk: Mrs G Loach

1 resident

Residents were allowed to speak before the meeting began.

A resident, reported that a 'sink hole' had opened up in Elm Road. Highway inspectors came within an hour and a half to inspect it. Attempts to fill it didn't work, as the filling disappears, so temporary boarding has been put around the site.

The resident also reported that the new LED lights were too bright. Previously there was one amber light and now there are two LED lights fully working. The worry is about the local bat population as well as light pollution hampering star gazing. Councillor M Reed offered to make enquiries regarding shades for the lights in question.

1. APOLOGIES

District Councillor Bray sent his apologies.

2. Chairman's report

The Chairman offered condolences on behalf of the Council to previous Vice Chairman Ray Bellamy who lost his eldest son, Rik this week. Rik was also web-master for the Council, and the Clerk is to temporarily take on running of the website, while new arrangements are set up.

The Chairman stated that a meeting with G. Guiver of Tendring District Council Planning Department was constructive and interesting. A different meeting, with the Planning Committee was attended by the Chairman who put forward the Planning Working Group recommendations regarding the Car-Boot Site at Centenary Way. The application was rejected.

The Chairman was invited to speak at Engaines School to give an insight of how the Parish Council works.

The Chairman reported that the tubs and baskets in the village had been re-filled, and now needed regular watering. He asked if anyone was watering their own garden, if they could also throw a bucket over any of the tubs that were near them it would help.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie gave thanks to Gina, the Chairman's wife for all her hard work and all agreed.

The Chairman and Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie attended a demonstration by Matchplay.com who sell playground equipment. They can also design and cost it out for us. This will be added to the agenda next month for a decision.

The Chairman had another meeting with Gary Rowe regarding the website upgrade. He said that the meeting was useful and constructive. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed that we move forward with this and Councillor L. Gray seconded and all agreed.

The Chairman had received a phone call about the speeding in the village and 30mph signs on gateposts. He was told that we only need a 30mph sign at the start and finish, and no repeaters between. If there are streetlights it is assumed that the limit is 30mph unless it says otherwise. This will be added to the agenda and is to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Essex County Councillor Erskine suggested that we look into SIDs, which are signs that interact with the driver. This was proposed by Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie and Councillor M Reed seconded it and all agreed.

The Chairman stated that he had been reported to the monitoring officer regarding a planning issue. He did not want to discuss it any further until the next meeting.

3. CIRCULATION AND CONTENTS OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th June 2016

The Chairman made a change to the minutes – where it stated 'Planning Committee' it was changed to 'Planning Working Group'.

Councillor H Smith proposed, Councillor M Balbirnie seconded and all agreed the Parish Council minutes for June 6th, which were then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

Councillor Smith reported the amount of large vehicles speeding through the village. The Chairman stated that he had no problems contacting the Police. Councillor R Smith said it was a race track near the railway bridge in Holland Road, and two lorries could not fit across the bridge at the same time. The Chairman said that we should write to Essex Police. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that a resident had told him about cats being run over at Elm Road and could sleeping policemen be put in the road?

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

Councillor J Rowlands reported that the Police website was much improved and 3 months statistics were now available. Figures have returned to 'as expected' from February.

Crime Figures:

March

ASB 2, Vehicle crime 5, Burglary 2, Violence 1, Public Order 1

April

ASB 3, Vehicle Crime 2, Burglary 1, Violence 2, Other crime 1

May

ASB 4, Violence 2, Criminal Damage 1, Shoplifting 3, Other theft 2

There was a small spike in offences in February, but offences had returned to low figures again in March.

The Chairman promoted the Community Messaging Service.

There is a new leaflet to add to the notice boards.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

S Rowland is to begin washing down the benches in the village tomorrow. He will look into the email from the company who can wash and maintain bus shelters, to see what their prices are like. The bus shelter mentioned at the last meeting has been checked and is not dangerous. It is sound, but has one leg which needs repair. Councillor S Rowland is to make a list of all the items which need repair. In the meantime, he saw some seats which look good and he is to enquire about where they came from for our seating.

Councillor S Rowland asked if other councillors could email if the grass is cut near them. He is monitoring how often our grass gets cut, as it is possible that we missed a cut last month. District Councillor Brown stated that the grass was a foot high in Weeley, due to the weather and the amount of rain.

(i) Footpath Lights - Councillor M Reed reported that a shade could be added to reduce the brightness of the LED lights if anyone needed it. He can contact A & J Lighting.

Councillor M Reed gave out the results of his light survey.

(ii) Footpaths - Councillor L Gray reported that the footpath between Elm Road and St Osyth Road had been cut level now. However, the sides were still overgrown and Councillor Gray is to cut the overgrowth, so that horse riders would not have their vision obscured. The land owner of the Blacksmiths Arms footpath is to be contacted by Essex County Council. Essex County Councillor Erskine is to check with the rangers regarding the over grown bushes and plants.

(b) Planning and Development

Councillor Smith – Daye declared a non-pecuniary interest re: 16/00842/OUT and 16/00843/DETAIL.

Councillor M Reed reported on the following:

(i). Applications:

16/00824/FUL Crown Homes East Anglia Ltd	Erection of two detached dwellings with associated garages and parking facilities.	Land adjacent 110 Harwich Road Little Clacton Recommend refusal
16/00869/FUL Mrs Ismaili	Proposed two storey rear extension.	66 Holland Road Little Clacton No Objections

16/00911/FUL Mr Jamie Box	Single storey rear extension.	Hazelmere 32 London Road Little Clacton No Objections
16/00912/FUL Mr R Oldham	Erection of 5 No. dwellings with associated garaging and ancillary works.	Crossways Thorpe Road Little Clacton Recommend refusal
16/00914/OUT Mr Terry Beech	Erection of one, single storey three bedroom bungalow.	Amida Betts Green Road Little Clacton Recommend refusal
16/00843/DETAIL Mr G Watson	Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline Approval: 14/01690/OUT (proposed 2 no. dwellings) allowed at appeal. Details of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.	Land adjacent 2 - 4 St Osyth Road Little Clacton Recommend Refusal
16/00912/FUL Mr R Oldham AMENDED SITE ADDRESS	Erection of 5 No. dwellings with associated garaging and ancillary works.	Land adjacent to Willows Crossways House Thorpe Road Little Clacton Recommend refusal

(ii).Determinations:

16/00593/FUL Approval - Full 08.06.2016 Delegated Decision	Construction of a new recreational conservation lake and dipping pond.	Firs Camp 29 - 31 London Road Little Clacton
16/00815/TELLIC Deemed Consent 06.06.2016 Delegated Decision	Installation of super fast broadband unit.	O/S of House No. 366 Harwich Road Little Clacton
16/421/FUL Refusal due to Highways	81 dwellings on site of the previous Chicken Farm.	Thorpe Road, Little Clacton

The Chairman asked if everyone agreed with the Planning Working Group recommendations. Councillor H Smith proposed, Councillor J Rowlands seconded and all were in favour of using the recommended comments by the Planning Working Group.

iii) Local Plan – The Chairman read out a document which was presented to the Tendring District Council Planning meeting. Councillor M Reed proposed, Councillor Smith-Daye seconded and all in favour of the document, A copy is attached to the minutes. The Chairman stated he intended to reinforce the mandate he and the Working Group were working under to be added to the next agenda.

The next meeting is in November. Councillor Smith Daye stated that the referendum result may have changed the planning rules. The Chairman suggested that the Planning working group meet to discuss. Once we get the plan, we will get the views of the village to put forward.

iv) Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor M Reed had made contact and had a reply, but not had time to check what it means. He will report back at the next Meeting. He also stated that there was a significant cost to setting up a neighbourhood plan. The Chairman said that we can look at adding it into the precept next year.

(c) Business and Finance

(I) The Chairman reported that we need to set up a new contract with BT. The Business and Organisation group are to meet to discuss before the next meeting.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman said that the project was moving on but nothing else to report at the moment.

9. TDALC

Councillor M Reed said there was nothing to report this month.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

Councillor Cutting reported that vandalism had been reported to police and CCTV coverage submitted. He will report back about this at a later meeting. Two car boot sales had been cancelled due to wet weather and the field being waterlogged. There will be collectors needed for the next one, if it goes ahead.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported football sessions for 3-12years were being held in the hall, outside it was just the fencing going up at the moment, everything else was finished. The boiler has been done. All is going well.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie read her report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

13. ECC

Essex County Councillor Erskine stated that flooding was reported from Kinfaun's to no.2 the Street. The ECC were supposed to report last month, but he was still waiting. He will forward the report to us when it is received.

The bus shelters outside no. 157 and 170 have been granted for replacement.

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that the 2016/17 repair budget was now fully spent, and the 2017/18 budget is almost spent already, as it is only half the amount as the year before.

He reported that the signage still doesn't meet criteria for repair. Essex County Council haven't yet responded to the Harwich Rd/Plough Corner light which needs repair. He will continue to keep chasing.

Little Clacton Road and St. Osyth Road have S106 money available for traffic calming measures, from the A133 to St Johns Road. A request has been received for Lodge Road pot holes to be repaired, due to danger to motorcyclists.

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that there were speed surveys at Weeley Heath, Victoria Road, Plough Corner and the other end of Harwich Road. Measures have been taken to see the problem, and to prove cars are speeding.

There has been no news regarding ownership of the trees along Harwich Road.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor M Brown read out his report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
Tendring Eldercare	Wellbeing and Activity Centre
Animal Welfare Trust	Posters for upcoming Quiz Night
BT	Prices for New Contract (by email)

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

Cheques issued:

	£
DCK Beavers (yearly accounts)	450.00
CPRE (subs)	36.00
A & J Lighting	12,399.42
EON (Jun)	394.19
Tendring Eldercare	75.00
Little Clacton PCC (Churchyard Grant)	2000.00
Business Services at CAS Ltd (insurance- Pavilion)	1,051.90
Village Hall (Grant towards Queens 90 th Birthday event)	1,221.59
Clacton business Services (Internal Audit)	240.00
Kendall Commercial Services Ltd	1,215.74
R Bellamy (Jun Website)	<u>100.00</u>

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor M Reed asked everyone to be mindful of travellers in the area, and report any sightings.

Councillor S Rowland reported that he had a 1000ltr water trailer available if anyone has a vehicle with a tow bar. This is ideal to water all the tubs in the village.

The Chairman mentioned signs in the Village which he hopes to replace this year. Councillor M Balbirnie said that she would pass on information from the firm that is supplying the Millennium Green seats, as they also do signs and other items.

As there was no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 1st August 2016

**Chairman
1st August 2016**