

## LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 1st August 2016 AT 7.30 PM

#### PRESENT

**Chairman: Councillor J Cutting**

**Councillors M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, J Lovell, J Rowland, S Rowland, H Smith, J Smith-Daye, L Gray**

**Tendring District Councillor Bray**

**Clerk: Mrs G Loach**

**7 residents**

#### **Residents were allowed to speak before the meeting began.**

A resident noted that there were no dates printed in the news article about the local plan meetings. It was reported that Tan Lane, Edward Terrace and others in that area were no longer in the village envelope.

The Chairman said that we can submit our views.

Another resident reported that he had emailed Douglas Carswell MP regarding changing the law to make it a criminal law and not a civil law to trespass, to combat the travellers.

Another resident reported that the paths from Thorpe to Harwich Road were very dangerous, as the vegetation as so overgrown. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that the footpaths in Weeley were also very overgrown presently.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Reed, M Reed, R Smith, B Ward District Councillor Brown, Essex County Councillor Erskine.

#### **2. Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported that regarding the travellers, the Parish was lucky that meetings were in motion and people were around. There was CCTV evidence of the gates being cut into. Police were quick to get there. The football team's parents made a barrier. Residents of Little Clacton guarded all night. The Chairman proposed, Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie seconded and all agreed to donate £100 for the person who stayed up all night. Regarding the section 61 legislation, Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed, Councillor H Smith seconded and all were in favour to write to enforce the law, to TDALC first.

The Chairman read out the email regarding the 30mph repeater signs. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie is to check the distance between the street lights.

Councillor S Rowlands suggested traffic calming measures.

#### **8.10 pm The Chairman closed the meeting.**

#### **8.12 pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.**

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with the designer regarding the work at Parish Fields. The designer is to email the costs. A survey will be necessary before anything can be done. The Clerk is to look into available grants.

The Clerk is to email the letter and put a copy into the notice boards and on the website.

The Chairman contacted Essex County Councillor Andy Erskine regarding highways matters such as the state of the pavements with photos from 2010, for outside no. 28 Harwich Road, they were below the level for intervention then, but now were much worse. Outside Belamaconda the pavements were so bad that wheelchairs cannot cross. The light is still out in Harwich Road. The give way sign is still broken. Authorisation was required to write and complain, all agreed that this should happen.

The sink hole in Elm Road is stopping the farmer's tractor and trailer getting through.

The internet is still being maintained. The data is to go on a disc to pass on to Gary Rowe to take over soon.

**8.20 pm The Chairman closed the meeting.**

**8.22 pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.**

### **3. CIRCULATION AND CONTENTS OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### **4. URGENT MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

(a) Highways

No report this month.

### **6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT**

Councillor J Rowlands reported that the Police figures for June were not yet available.

The Do it online website – there was nothing to note.

Photos from Mobile phones with a number plate could be reported re: speeders. There is a dedicated email address for anti-social and dangerous driving.

### **7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

#### **(a) Maintenance and Services**

Councillor S Rowland has washed down all the benches in the village now. He has contacted the company who can wash and maintain bus shelters, for a quote. Councillor S Rowland is now to look at benches, to see which can be fixed and which are beyond economical repair.

(i) Footpath Lights - Councillor M Reed left a report which the Chairman read out.

A complete survey of the streetlights within the parish was carried out following the replacement of all the lights to low consumption LED units giving a substantial saving to the parish for the coming years.

It was found that three lights were out and these were reported to A&J Lighting, the contractors for the Parish. UK Power have disconnected the six lamps on the greensward in Harwich Road so these can now be lifted along with a plastic box which requires fitting the lamp post outside Harwich Convenience stores so after many years UK Power can return to connect it up so it works. A & J Lighting will be carrying out this work on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, the day of this meeting.

At the last meeting a resident was concerned that the new lights would create a light nuisance detrimental to the flight pattern of bats. I have spoken to the resident and we are to look at the lighting within the area, two lights are of close proximity to each other in Elm Road, no doubt due to a tight bend at the far end. We are liaising with A&J Lighting to

resolve the situation by either taking out one of the lights or manufacturing covers which would shield the light to reduce sideways splay, giving a 'dark corridor' in which the bats can migrate.

Councillor M Reed is to make enquiries regarding power supply for the Christmas lights. Councillor S Rowlands asked if we could find a cheaper electricity company, who would be cheaper than last year. This will be added to the agenda for next month.

(ii) **Footpaths** - Councillor L Gray reported that she had been round and cut down the overgrowth on the footpaths that they were waiting on, but not the one with the main overhang, but all were okay at present.

**(b) Planning and Development**

Councillor H Smith reported on the following:

**(i). Applications:**

16/00746/FUL Mr Steve Austin	To construct 2 No. residential dwellings on area of land temporarily used as commercial premises.	155 Harwich Road Little Clacton  <b>Strongly object and recommend refusal</b>
16/00824/FUL	Erection of 2 dwellings with associated garages and parking facilities	Land adj. 110 Harwich Road, Little Clacton  <b>Strongly object and recommend refusal</b>
16/00962/FUL Mrs Clare Tooze	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/00523/FUL to include the erection of a single storey rear extension to Plot 1.	St. Olave's, Grove Road Little Clacton  <b>Strongly object and recommend refusal</b>
16/01001/FUL	Erection of 10 dwellings, carports, visitor parking and new access to public highway	Stonehall, 55 London Road, Little Clacton  <b>Strongly object and recommend refusal</b>

**(ii).Determinations:**

16/00590/FUL  Approval Full 26/7/16	Single Storey extension to side and second storey over top of existing extension	St Chads Nurseries, Harwich Road, Little Clacton
16/00685/LBC & 16/00684/FUL  Both Approved 22/7/16	To increase the height of the existing chimney and install rigid twin wall system.	2 Kinfauns Cottages, Little Clacton

16/00759/FUL Approval - Full 15.07.2016	New roof to accommodate additional rooms, render above face brickwork riser, weatherboarding to existing garage.	Little Oaks Betts Green Road Little Clacton
15/01408/FUL  Approval Full 06/07/16	Erection of eight bungalows	38 Holland Road, part of garden of 30 Holland Road, Little Clacton

iii) **Local Plan** – The Chairman asked everyone to read the plan in detail, looking for ambiguous words such as ‘may, could, might’ etc. and look for items detrimental to Little Clacton village.

iv) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Nothing to report this month.

**(c) Business and Finance**

(I) The Chairman reported that the clerk would set up a new contract with BT on a similar basis as we have presently. Superfast Broadband was not deemed necessary at present.

**8. INTERNET**

The Chairman said nothing to report at the moment.

**9. TDALC**

Councillor M Reed left a report which is included as an attachment at the end of the minutes.

**10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX**

Councillor Cutting reported that the car boot was doing well. The Relay for Life had done extremely well, and had raised over £75,000. However, there had been complaints regarding their speaker system.

**11. VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the seats were nearly finished, with the concreting being done now that the children were not in school.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that he was grateful to the residents who succeeded in spoiling the plans of the travellers.

**12. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

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

**13. ECC**

There was no report this month.

**14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

EALC

e- bulletins

TDC

Local Plan

Residents

2 Planning letters

## **16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION**

### **Cheques issued:**

	£
Kendall Commercial Services Ltd. (Jun)	212.57
Clacton Business Services	27.90
Homeview Surveillance	39.84
EON (Jul)	381.47
Kendall Commercial Services Ltd. (Jul)	607.87
Kendall Commercial Services Ltd. (Jul)	212.56
Tendring Eldercare	<u>100.00</u>

## **17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

## **18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that the 'Apple Tree' residents had lots of cars outside for sale. The Chairman stated that as there were several residents, they were allowed to sell their own cars at the front.

Councillor M Balbirnie said other parishes had asked the Crime Commissioner to attend and speak at their parish meetings, should we? All agreed and the Clerk is to write a request.

As there was no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Chairman**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**