

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 22nd August 2016 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor J Cutting

Councillors M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, J Lovell, J Rowland, S Rowland, M Reed, H Smith, R Smith, J Smith-Day and B Ward

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

1 resident

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D Reed, and L Gray.

2. Planning – Local Development Plan

Councillor J Smith-Daye stated that the numbers were not correct. Originally 479 dwellings were planned for the Little Clacton Village each year. The new plan was giving a figure of between 500 and 600.

6% was the figure in the 2012 draft plan.

Councillor M Reed stated that the increase in traffic was a main concern. Tourists have already been backed up along the A133 and A120 whenever the holiday season starts or at weekends, especially in good weather.

There is not the infrastructure in place to accommodate 3000 new houses in the Tendring District. The Street in Little Clacton will become a 'rat run'.

Thorpe sink hole caused huge problems recently.

The Chairman: Protections for Little Clacton Village are to be sought.

On the plan coloured mauve, the mixed use land at Thorpe Road should be moved back into the Oakwood Park site. All agreed.

The Chairman wants a green buffer zone for wildlife to gather in and be protected eg. badgers, maybe a green corridor along the railway line.

Councillor H Smith stated that there needs to be a provision to stop people coming out to Holland Road.

The Chairman stated that policy SD3 had been replaced with LP6 Rural Exemption Sites, which meant that the policy restricting development to less than 50 dwellings had now been taken out. The Chairman is to push for the re-instatement of SD3, all agreed.

The Chairman said that Policy SD3 had only been taken out due to an appeal where the Government Inspector refused to accept that policy, but that was because in his eyes due to no Local Plan being in place and presumption in favour of development, that policy was discounted.

Councillor M Reed stated that the Plan is very loose and ambiguous.

Councillor B Ward stated that it was a very woolly plan. The A120 and A133 need to be considered when we look at development in the Villages.

The Chairman reported that the LP6 was too woolly. The word 'Council' should be changed to 'Parish'. The word 'geographically' needs to change to 'District'.

Councillor M Balbirnie stated that the Plan seems to include Kempton Park and other parts of Weeley as Little Clacton.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that the Engaines School now had lost the protected status of the school field. This is important as they would not be able to use the Harold Lilley fields, as they are used by the public. It was necessary to reinstate the protection on the School Field. He also said that we should propose better use of Brownfield sites ie. Batemans Lane disused greenhouses, but only if access was made onto the A133. That could solve an accident black spot in the way of a roundabout.

The Plan has changed – we need to say about the green gap protection.

The Chairman stated that 330 sites were rural sites.

Councillor J Rowlands stated that we need to be mindful as a Parish that we represent the residents, and the residents wishes.

The brownfield sites that we, as a parish have agreed to, are for the right reasons.

The Chairman summarised that we disagree with the numbers, the woolliness of the document and policies within the document. We also request that policy SD3 is put back in.

Councillor Smith-Daye stated that there was a change in character and more urbanisation. These were important issues. The Weeley document had issues and there were options, but now they are picking 2 of the options not just one.

Councillor J Rowlands stated that the Northern areas should be considered due to the station access.

As there was no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

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

**Chairman
5th SEPTEMBER 2016**