

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, M Reed, J Rowland, S Rowland, J Smith Daye, H Smith, R Smith, J Taylor,

Tending District Councillor Mike Brown

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

4 residents present

Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

A resident complained that the road sweepings had been swept onto the pavements, and they wondered if anyone actually swept the pavement. Also, they commented on some pavement repairs that had been done very well, but only a small section. Either side was still bad.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Councillor B Ward, Essex County Councillor Erskine and District Councillor Bray.

2. 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 7th August.

3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that August was the calmest month yet that he had as Chairman. Meetings had been held with Veritas regarding the work to be done at Parish Fields Car Park. Costings will be reported later. Directional Signage has now been ordered for the Pavilion, ahead of the official opening. Councillor J Rowland enquired about the day and the Chairman explained all the itinerary for the 16th September and who had been invited. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that there was a football match on the same day at 2.15pm. New notice boards have now been installed.

Complaints have been received about the advertising boards for the new bathroom and kitchen shop in Little Clacton, which were encroaching the pavement.

The Chairman read out his statement regarding the Governance Survey sent by TDC. He is not in favour of Parish Councils being reduced.

Emails have been sent to other parishes about the hiring of a PSCO. They are going to look into it and report back, although one had heard that the Police can call them back when there is an issue in Town.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

Councillor R Smith reported that there were no problems reported but Holland Road was still a 'race track'. The Chairman reported that the bollards had been replaced outside Bellamaconda.

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

Councillor J Rowland reported 15 crimes for June, which is high. There were 5 burglaries and various other crimes making up the total. Councillor J Rowland asked if other parishes had noticed an increase. Councillor M Reed is to ask at the TDALC meeting.

Speed watch

Councillor D Botterill reported that there was nothing new to report, and he still required volunteers.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services.

Councillor S Rowlands reported that since tidying up the bus shelters, the Perspex on some shelters looks bad now. It looks dirty compared to the new shelters. The shelters are due to be updated, but may be waiting a long time still. The Chairman requested that Alan Harmon took a look and gave a quote to replace the old Perspex. Councillor S Rowland reported that the bench at Millennium Green had been stolen. The Chairman said he would contact TDC to find out about a replacement.

(b) Street lights

Councillor M Reed reported that the remaining columns (2 metal and 1 concrete) on the greensward in Harwich Road were to be removed mid - September. A full survey was still to be done.

(c) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that some dog fouling signs had been taken down. There was no bad damage, just items taken.

(d) Planning and Development

(i) Councillor M Reed reported on the following:

17/01350/FUL – Land adjacent 15 Weeley Road CO16 9EN.	Erection of two detached 4 bed houses. The site is currently a garden and outside the settlement boundary. The nearby Plough corner would cause concern to addition to traffic entering and leaving the single access to the two houses as proposed. The 5 year housing supply has been demonstrated to have been achieved so building in green spaces, gardens and driveways are no longer able to be supported should an appeal be raised if this development is refused. Although LCPC approved the previous application, that was before the 5 year housing supply had been met and then there was a Presumption in Favour of Developer. That no longer applies and with this site earmarked as outside the defined settlement area, Little Clacton Parish Council being consistent with its policy on settlement boundaries RECOMMEND REFUSAL.
17/01370/DISCON – Stone Hall 55 London Road CO16 9RB.	Discharge of condition 4 (landscape management plan) and condition 14 (details of estate roads and driveways). The consultee comment in regard to condition 4 states sufficient detail for the condition to be discharged. The Suds report mentions that maintenance should be concluded as to who will be responsible, this to be confirmed prior to decision. Recommend further detail prior to Approval.
17/01351/FUL – 19 Holland Road CO16 9RT.	Proposed side and rear extension to provide living room and utility room. Recommend Approval.

Decisions.

17/01288/DISCON – 84 Holland Road CO16 9RS. Discharge of condition 02 (materials, 03 (landscaping), 05 (wall/fence details), 09 (construction method statement).

Approved.

17/00855/DISCON – Stone Hall 55 London Road CO16 9RB. Discharge of 6 imposed conditions.

Approved.

17/01092/FUL – 15 Harwich Road CO16 9ND. Extension and alteration.

Approved.

17/011001/FUL – Amida Betts Green Road C016 9NH. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 new dwellings.

Refusal - FULL

Councillor M Reed read out the determinations made by the Planning Group above and all agreed. A question was asked about conditions on an application and Councillor M Reed is to check with Gary Guiver.

(iii) Local Plan – The Chairman reported that there was one concern from the planning group and that was the large development in St Johns Road for 950 properties. Councillor Smith-Daye stated that it was part of the emerging plan.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman stated that the website was presently up to date and all was fine.

9. TDALC

Councillor M Reed reported next meeting would be held later in the month.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

The Chairman reported that the boot sales had a good season and the last was to be 10th September. The Autumn Classic Car show went well. The Relay for Life /Cancer research Charity thanked us for our help. They want to plant a tree to honour us and add a plaque to say 'Thank you for the use of Parish Fields'. All agreed in principle. Detail will follow at a later meeting.

Reinstatement of Parish Fields Trust.

Councillor Taylor proposed the Trust to be reinstated, Councillor H Smith seconded and all agreed. The Chairman asked Councillor Smith Daye to look into the detail. Councillor Smith Daye said that the record was still there, the Commission just needed new trustee names.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the Village Hall were struggling with the play area. It was so well used and takes a lot of beating. Grants tend to be for the play area items, but not day to day running and maintenance. The Hall is looking for a grant from the Parish towards running costs in future. The Chairman said that he could not build any additional amounts into the precept for maintenance in the Village Hall. He said he would look at one off grants if particular work needed doing on a case by case basis. He said that he would be sympathetic to their problems as usual.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that all was fine at the Millennium Green – the grass was being cut regularly and the whips were doing well.

The ECC CIS grant has been submitted and we will hear after Christmas. TDC money has been applied for tables and furniture. A channel needs digging from the pond as it is flooding. Help is needed. We have bollards and concrete – we just need labourers. The Chairman is looking at height barriers.

13. ECC

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Brown said that the dispensation of Parishes had already been covered. He reminded everyone about the treasure hunt for charity which was being held on Sunday 17th September.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
Resident in Lodge Rd	Results of Reply to letter sent
Tendring District Council	Community Governance Review Consultation

A letter had also been received from a resident at the end of Elm Road. The Chairman said to contact Environmental Services. A reply to the resident will also be sent.

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

The up to date balances of the Councils funds were noted.

Receipts:	£
Bank loyalty reward	2.52
Cheques issued:	£
Greenbarnes Ltd (Notice Board inv. 13757)(re: Ins claim)	2,034.13
Greenbarnes Ltd (Notice Board inv. 13756)	2,577.29
Eon (Aug)	496.34
Kendall plus (Jul less credit note)	665.97
GB Maintenance	190.00
A Harmon (bollards & boards fitting)	480.00
Signs Made Easy	326.40
A Harmon (Maintenance)	250.00
Kendall plus (Aug)	856.23

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chairman reported that Christmas lights need to be looked into for forthcoming meetings. Councillor S Rowlands is to look into alternatives, The Chairman reported that the electricity supply was confirmed.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd October 2017

Chairman
2nd October 2017