

## The LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 AT 7.30 PM

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J Rowland, S Rowland, J Smith-Daye, J Taylor, B Ward.

**Tending District Councillor** Jeff Bray

**Essex County Councillor** Erskine

**Clerk:** Mrs G Loach

#### 4 residents

**Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.**

Residents asked about the planning appeal for the Car Boot Site in Centenary way. The Chairman said that it will be discussed later in the meeting.

Another resident complained about the speed of traffic and motorbikes along Harwich Road and the Street. The Chairman said that this issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from District Councillor Mike Brown, and Councillor M Reed.

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> June and the 12<sup>th</sup> June extraordinary meeting

#### 3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Co-option of Councillors.

All councillors present were issued with a ballot paper, on which they marked their choice, and the Clerk went around to collect the votes in a box.

The box was then emptied, and the votes counted.

Results of the first round were as follows:

5 R Bellamy

3 L Moules

2 A Mitchell

The Chairman declared that Ray Bellamy will be co-opted.

Then a new set of voting slips were given out, and the process was repeated.

The results of the second ballot were as follows:

7 L Moules

3 A Mitchell

The Chairman declared Lynda Moules as the second councillor to be co-opted.

He thanked all the candidates for their interest and suggested that the unsuccessful candidate could still be involved by helping the Millennium Green committee, Village Hall or Parish Fields committee. The Chairman invited Ray Bellamy to join the table but explained that he would not be able to vote at this meeting. The clerk passed to him a Declaration of Acceptance and other paperwork to complete.

#### 4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had met with the Head mistress of Engaines School to discuss parking and the road traffic and floods etc. The School has had the same problems as the Parish. We are both trying to achieve better safety for the children. The Highways Rangers are going to install bollards during the summer holidays. The Chairman and Headmistress are to meet again in September.

The Chairman attended the Centenary Way appeal along with Tendring District Councillors Jeff Bray and Richard Everett. A very good case was put forward. There were many residents in attendance too. We are hopeful.

The Chairman reported that letters were typed and ready to go out regarding the overgrown hedges on Plough corner, but before they could be delivered, the hedges were cut back.

The Chairman reported that a resident had spoken to him about the pavements. The resident explained that he was going to write to MP Giles Watling , so the Chairman asked to be copied in. Photographers and the Gazette reporter have since attended and taken photos of the pavement to go into the Gazette newspaper this week.

## **5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

None

### **(a) Highways**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that regarding the boundary dispute in St Osyth Road West, Enforcement Officers came and took pictures. The paperwork has been passed to ECC Andy Erskine.

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

Councillor S Rowland reported that he had been in contact with ECC regarding the VAS signs to reduce speeding. A freedom of information request to the police for the number of drivers stopped in recent checks in the village was discussed. The chairman agreed as these figures will help our case for vas signs. Councillor S Rowland wants confirmation that we can put them up at our own cost and not risk having ECC take them down as they don't comply with the rules. We also want a mobile VAS sign that we can move about plus 2 permanent ones. Councillor J Rowland reported that there were no crime figures available this month. The Chairman reported that he wanted ideas for the Police to look into.

## **7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

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

Councillor S Rowland reported that Peter had done the benches and enquired if he could ask Gordon Evans if Kendall's are able to cut back vegetation around our Little Clacton signs. It isn't on their contract. The Chairman agreed as they were underspent on grass cutting presently due to the poor weather in the Spring. Councillor S Rowland is to ask Alan if he can fix the bench at the end of Dead Lane. It has a concrete base, but the wooden slats have rotted.

### **(b) Street lights**

The Chairman reported that there was a light out, possibly hit by a lorry. We have reported it but will wait for two more, before meeting the criteria for fixing them.

### **(c) Footpaths**

Councillor Gray reported that there had been problems with Elm Road where the path runs to St Osyth Road West. No one can access it. It is blocked completely. It is worse than it has ever been and ECC are now dealing with it.

### **(d) Planning and Development**

(i) The Chairman reported on the following:

<b>18/00872/DETAIL</b> – Land to rear pf Holly Lodge Betts Green Road CO16 9NH.	To build 8 bungalows on back land development with limited access to Harwich Road with limited infrastructure. Little Clacton Parish Council did not support this development but are consoled that it is limited to 8 bungalows only on a very limited plot with loss of view and privacy to 13 properties whose gardens abut the site.
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<p><b>18/00669/FUL</b> – 153 Harwich Road CO16 9NL.</p>	<p>Replacement and extension of existing dwelling. Recommend Approval.</p>
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**(ii).Determinations:**

<p><b>18/00848/TELLIC</b> – Dead Lane Little Clacton. Installation of high speed broadband cabinet. Deemed Consent.</p>
<p><b>18/00556/DETAIL</b> – Land Northeast of Tan Lane CO16 9PS. Approved.</p>
<p><b>18/00942/DISCON</b> – Land adjacent 113 Holland Road CO16 9RU. Discharge of condition 3 – Quote TDC Planning – ‘no development shall take place until there has been submitted to, and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning authority a schedule of soft landscaping works for the eastern (side) of the site . . . etc’ Approved – although stated in letter by Catherine Bicknell ‘it does <b>NOT</b> claim to provide that the condition has been complied with.’</p>
<p><b>18/00854/NMA</b> (non-material amendment) – 50 Feverills Road CO16 9LZ. Replace two full length windows with patio doors and two pillars. Approval Full.</p>
<p><b>18/00846/TELLIC</b> – CO16 9QE Farm Lodge Road. Installation of high speed broadband cabinet. Deemed Consent.</p>

The Chairman read out the determinations made by the Planning Group above. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed the comments, Councillor Botterell seconded and all agreed.

**(iii) Local Plan** – District Councillor Bray reported that TDC had had the response back from Part 1 of the Local Plan, and it was not good. The OAN number to build each year for Little Clacton has now been agreed at 550 to go to Part 2. The Garden Community report was also not good. Garden Communities take houses out of villages and include the necessary infrastructure at the start.

**(e) Business and Organisation Group – Operation London Bridge**

The Chairman read out an email from TDC about Operation London Bridge. This is putting plans in place for floral tributes to be removed the day after the unfortunate demise of the current Queen. It must be noted that there is no news about the Queen, just how Tendring will be dealing with any grieving process. The Chairman said that we would not do a book of condolences but refer residents to the TDC book at Weeley Council Offices. Also, it was not expected that residents would be laying flowers, but if they wanted to, the Chairman will refer them also to the TDC provision.

**8. INTERNET**

The Chairman stated that the website was all up to date now.

**9. TDALC**

Councillor Botterell reported that there was a meeting coming up which will be attended and reported on.

## **10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX**

The good start to the Car Boot season continued through the month with excellent numbers of both buyers and sellers. Our thanks again to Councillors and Cancer Research relay teams for their help in the running of these events. The relay for life event is scheduled for the weekend of 14th/15th July. The Boot sale will still be on that Sunday. Numbers are expected to increase during the summer holidays. The Youth and Community Hall continues to be used on a regular basis.

## **11. VILLAGE HALL**

The hall is running well with regular hires.

We have put in a grant for the inside and outside decoration of the Village Hall but have not yet heard if we have been successful. New height barriers have now been installed so should prevent any unauthorised vehicles, such as caravans, from entering. The football club for youngsters is still doing well and the playing field used regularly. The dry weather has caused cracks in the pitch, so more soil has been added.

We are installing a notice board on the outside wall of the village hall so that people can be kept in touch with what is going on within the premises without having to enter the building. The material for repairs to the play area was received at the end of last week and we are waiting for Veritas to advise when the work will be done. Obviously, the work needs to be done as soon as possible as the area must be accessible during the summer holidays in three weeks' time.

I am pleased to say Peter (the Caretaker) is recovering from his recent accident and both Peter and Lynn (the Cleaner) work hard to keep the Village Hall presentable.

## **12. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

TDC are working on the green installing the furniture. The concrete bases are going in at the present time and the furniture will follow. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie has installed the notice board and Councillor Taylor has been busy placing items of interest on this board, but the plastic cover has already been vandalised - good job there was no glass as I am sure this would probably have been smashed. We also had the standpipe vandalised and, as we could not stop the flow of water we called on Affinity water who came out Saturday evening to do a temporary repair.

Otherwise the pond is looking good and the water lilies are in flower. The wild flowers are in bloom and the bees and butterflies are frequent visitors as well as the birds, especially the black birds who are enjoying the cherry tree. Thank you to Peter, and Jo Taylor and husband, who have been busy helping on the green – it really is appreciated.

## **13. ECC**

ECC Andy Erskine reported that a volume survey will be done to measure the speeding in Harwich Road. A joint single one to determine where VAS signs could be put as well as monitor the speeding along the road for the Parish. The Chairman asked if survey could be done at the Street too. The Chairman asked Councillor S and J Rowland to find out about mobile speed signs. The Chairman is to contact Trucam to get more information, so that it can be forwarded to ECC. Councillor J Rowland mentioned Essex Extra Eyes and asked if we can put a link online and something in the Parish noticeboards about it. It is about Dash cam evidence being admissible in court.

#### 14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bray thanked everyone for their understanding last month, when he had a call to go and left the meeting just before it started, due to a family issue.

He reported that there had been 3 sets of travellers on the outskirts of Tendring, which may try to gain entry somewhere.

District Councillor Bray announced that he had recently been elected to the Standards Committee and Audit Committee, as well as the Local Plan Committee which he is already a member. He is also now A Heritage Champion.

Regarding the Local Plan he said that 550 houses was the number that we wanted. He said we were the most vocal group at the last meeting and had made good progress.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
TDC	Older Persons Crucial Crew
Mark Harrod	Catalogue
TDC	Operation London Bridge
St James Parish Church	Grant Request
Essex Heritage Trust	News letter

The Chairman also read out a letter he had received from the Village Historian regarding grant funding, he will add this to next months agenda.

#### 16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
A & J Lighting Solutions	391.68
Kendall Plus (L101G7024)	463.94
Kendall Plus (Mill Green)	203.20
Eon (June)	144.31
GB Maintenance	80.00
Mrs G Cutting (flowers for village tubs)	25.49
GR Harrison	260.00
Clacton Business Services Ltd (internal Audit)	240.00
Glasdon UK Ltd ( spare keys for notice boards)	33.31
Viking Ltd ( inks and paper)	18.40
A & J Lighting Solutions ( removal of concrete column)	228.00
P H Schooling (8 Benches and bus shelter maint)	260.00

The cheques for the month were proposed by Councillor Botterell, seconded by Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie and all agreed.

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

The Chairman reported that he needed two car boot collectors for this weekend. Councillor Smith Daye volunteered, and the Chairman said he would also do it.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor M Balbirnie read out a historical letter, where complaints about speeding were recorded 100 years ago in Little Clacton. The letter will be scanned and added to the website. There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

**The next parish meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**