

## The LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 5th November 2018 AT 7.30 PM

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, R Bellamy, L Gray, L Moules, M Reed, J Taylor and B Ward

**Clerk:** Mrs G Loach

#### 3 Residents

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

A resident reported that the Speed watch team will be out next Monday (12<sup>th</sup> Nov) at 9am in The Street, Little Clacton. They are teaming up with Weeley.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Essex County Councillor Andy Erskine and District Cllrs Bray and Brown, Cllrs Danny Botterell, Jacky and Steve Rowland, John Smith-Daye.

#### 2. CIRCULATION AND CONTENTS OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes were proposed by the Chairman and all agreed, the Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Essex Police have passed on Little Clacton's information to Essex Highways panel. Essex County Council have written a reply to our FOI request, that speeding information is with Essex police. We are waiting.

##### a) Silhouettes for Remembrance Day

The Chairman reported that there was a chance to get one of the 'there but not there' figures in time for Remembrance Sunday. Councillor Moules proposed that we bought it, Councillor Reed seconded and all agreed.

#### 4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman had a meeting with A & J Lighting which will be discussed under street lights. There were no other issues this month.

#### 5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

##### (a) Highways

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that there had been an accident on the corner of The Street and Holland Road, where the Jubilee Oak is. There is a highways sign in the line of vision and this makes it harder to see oncoming vehicles.

There was a speeding report along Holland road near cook's green. Councillor Moules asked how we go about reducing the speed limit.

A question was asked whether a parking sweep had been done at Holland Road. A letter is to be sent to Planning enforcement regarding the badly parked contractor vans in Holland Road to see if they have done anything yet.

#### 6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

No report this month from Councillor J Rowland.

##### a) Police Specials

The Chairman had spoken to Joy Darby of the EALC to find out how we can get a Police 'Special' for our Parish. She was very helpful and gave us a number, and we have arranged a meeting for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

##### (a) Maintenance and Services

No report this month from Councillor S Rowland.

**(b) Remembrance Day Clean up**

Chairman asked for volunteers to help clean the War Memorial before Sundays 11<sup>th</sup>. He asked anyone available to meet at 12 pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**(c) Street lights**

Currently Six lights have been reported as out. There are also various ECC lights out, specifically at Plough Corner. The proposed new light fittings now have an option to be a sealed unit with all fittings and a ten-year guarantee, at £290 each. This is a good offer.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed we replace lights with the new sealed units when they need replacing, Councillor Ward seconded and all were in favour.

**(d) Footpaths**

Blacksmiths arms has been weeded by Councillor Gray, who has cut back the overgrowth herself. It is all okay now.

**(e ) Planning and Development**

(i) Councillor M Reed reported on the following:

<b>18/01585/OUT</b>	Land to rear of 62-68 Holland Road CO16 9RS Erection of eight bunga-lows.	This is being called in by Councillor J Bray. It is back land development and Tendring have proved their ability to fulfil the housing 5-year supply requirement for the emerging plan. The cumulative effect on the use of back land to the south of Holland Road has now reached a level of oversaturation and any further consideration should be that of refusal. Recently refused 18/01272/OUT mirrors this application and it should be refused for the same reason. <b>Strongly recommend Refusal</b>
<b>18/01614/OUT</b>	Land adjacent Sundown Homing Road CO16 9ER. Proposed 2 new bunga-lows.	LCPC has concerns for the Listed Building, Amerells Farm, that could suffer possible damage due to the nearness of the proposed building works. We would like to see this resolved if approval were to be considered.

**(ii). Determinations:**

<b>18/01477/FUL</b>	285a Harwich Road CO16 9PZ.	Conservatory to rear of property <b>Approval Full.</b>
<b>18/01391/LBC</b>	Bovis Hall CO16 9DJ.	Alterations to curtilage of listed building including new windows and doors. <b>Approved.</b>
<b>18/01390/FUL</b>	Bovis Hall CO16 9DJ.	Change of use of storage buildings to living accommodation – <b>Approval Full.</b>
<b>18/01525/TPO</b>	82 St Osyth Road CO16 9NU.	Reduce 1xOak by 5m and reduce overhang by 30% - <b>Approval Full.</b>
<b>18/01315/FUL</b>	Stone Hall London Road CO16 9RB.	Retention of static caravans for a twelve month period – <b>Refusal Full.</b>

<b>18/01602/Tellic</b>	OS 268 Harwich Road CO16 9PX	installation of high speed broadband cabinet - <b>Deemed Consent.</b>
<b>18/00461/LBC</b>		Discharge of Condition 6 (historic building recording) and 7 (archaeological fieldwork) <b>Approved.</b>
<b>18/00872/DETAIL</b>	Back land to rear of Holly Lodge, Betts Green Road CO16 9NH.	Approved reserved matters/Detailed

### **Discussed**

**Connaught Road.** The approved development of 8, then a further 7 bungalows, refused, just outside the boundary of Little Clacton in Weeley Heath. It was agreed we would add the additional comment as seen in bold italic at the end of the original statement.:

Addition to original comment.

***The original application 16/01392 for 8 bungalows was approved at a time when the District Council could not demonstrate the housing numbers in the emerging Local Plan, and so Presumption in Favour of developer applied. That is not the case now as recent appeal APP/P1560/W/16/3164169 Centenary Way confirms that in the emerging Local Plan the numbers are now there and therefore Presumption in Favour does not apply. The NPPF states that applications must be Plan led and this application is not part of that Plan. This is a speculative application that takes away the openness of the area and if approved would form a hard edge to our village and would do nothing to ease the affordable housing situation.***

The above is to be sent to the Inspectorate.

Councillor B Ward proposed the comments, Councillor J Taylor seconded, and all agreed.

**(iii) Local Plan** –No report

#### **8. INTERNET**

The Chairman reported that the website was all up and running, no problems reported.

#### **9. TDALC**

No meeting this month.

#### **10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX**

The playing field and irresponsible dog walkers are becoming a major issue. When the groundsman was setting out the goals etc. for Sunday's football, he had to clear up 16 separate lots of uncleared dog droppings. We are not alone in this problem and there was a report in this week's Gazette that another Council in North Tendring has had to bring in an order banning the exercising of dogs on the sports pitches and requiring all dogs to be kept on a lead. Is this the measure that the Parish Council may like to consider?

Annual maintenance of the CCTV systems at the Pavilion and Youth and Community Hall has been carried out by Tendring Telecoms & Security Systems who carried out this work as a donation for which we are most grateful. Our thanks to Councillor Botterell who arranged this for us. The work did highlight some shortcomings in our present systems and we will be looking to upgrade in the near future. The work on the pavilion system will be incorporated into the proposed all weather facility upgrade in due course.

##### a) Water Leak

We have identified a leakage in the supply pipe from the water meter by Harwich Road to the Sports pavilion and have been advised that it would be better to replace the supply pipe than to

carry out repair to the old pipe. Any work will be complicated due to the presence of other utilities in the vicinity, and it has not been easy finding a contractor prepared to carry out the work. The main problem at the moment is the presence of a gas main which crosses the other supply lines. With the assistance of Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie we are in contact with a specialist contractor who is liaising with the Gas Company as to the way ahead. He is waiting to hear from them to arrange a site meeting with their engineer to clarify when and where he could start work. He will then be able to present a quotation to the Parish Council. We are also looking at the Councils insurance cover to see if this might cover any of the cost. In the short term we are keeping the supply turned off by the water meter when the pavilion is not in use.

b) report on Parish Fields Upgrade

Nothing to report yet.

#### **11. VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that there are one or two hedges still to be trimmed at the Children's playground, but it was still okay. The 14ft. beacon for a torch is ready for the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, bells are to be rung at the Church at 7.15pm.

#### **12. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

Councillor Balbirnie reported that the Green was looking great. Gordon Evans was to do the last cut at the end of November and cutting bushes on the Street to less than 2metres to be below the fencing. Problems with the pond are still to be discussed. The noticeboard is getting ready to be installed. The trees are growing well. Councillor Ward reported that the annual report and accounts needed to be done. Councillor M Balbirnie reported that they had already been done and sent off.

#### **13. ECC**

No report this month.

#### **14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

District Councillor Brown left a report which the Chairman read out:

Essex CC is to be asked what changes can be made to reduce the numbers of road works during peak tourist times. John White, planning chairman is to try and avoid the congestion that also affects tourism.

Since the last Parish Meeting there has been little movement on the Local Plan. Braintree, Colchester and Tendring have agreed to make alterations, to move forward and will submit the alteration in February 2019 after more additions. The inspector should reply by June 2019.

Tendring residents are now able to find out whether they will receive a Weeley bin next summer, under the new collection changes. In June 2019 TDC will move from weekly to fortnightly collections of general waste, while food collections will remain weekly. Alternate recycling collections will continue. Properties with no side access may continue to receive black bin collections. Residents can apply on the TDC website.

Speed watch seems to be escalating across Tendring with more parishes and areas applying for training. Weeley started last session, however it is hoped that the police do not slow the project down with stalling on approving safe sites.

District Councillor Brown has now taken over as Tree Warden in Weeley, when the previous warden retired, and is available to help if needed in Little Clacton.

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read out correspondence for the month:

EALC	e- bulletins
Hags	Playground equipment brochure

## 16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

<b>Cheques issued:</b>	<b>£</b>
Clacton Business Services (quarterly payroll)	36.00
Eon (Oct)	139.65
GB Maintenance (Millennium Green)	80.00
A & J Lighting	563.28
Cochrane Tree Services	600.00
Tendring Eldercare (Jul to Dec 2017 outstanding invs)	600.00
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Abacus Build (final retention paid)	3550.56
Tendring District Council (Bollards installed The Street)	480.00
A D Mitchell Electrical Ltd	783.00
Bank Charges (Oct)	14.50

The cheques for the month were proposed by Councillor M Balbirnie, seconded by Councillor Moules and all agreed.

## 17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that the Village tubs had been planted up for Winter. The Chairman will be attending a Devolution meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November regarding the recent initiative to devolve powers to parish Councils.

## 18. Matters for Information

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the Torch Service would be attended by Children from the local school who will be reading. 7pm 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Church bells will be rung at 7.15pm.

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that the Children from Engaines School had made a Remembrance Day mural which was now in display in St James Church. The Vicar was very pleased with it. Weeley school is also doing a collage for St Andrews Church in Weeley. The first service would be at 10.15am at the Weeley Memorial and at 10.50 for the 11am service at St Andrews Church in Weeley. St James Service is 10.30 -11.30 am and Little Clacton Memorial for 12.30pm. The 'Tommy' figure at Little Clacton Church will go to services before it is returned. There is to be a special service at The Tendring Technical College in Thorpe Le Soken, with a bugler. Army cadets are to attend.

Councillor Ward reported that there were cars for sale continually at the former Apple Tree site. Enforcement check tax on vehicles for sale on the road, but apart from that it is legal to sell your own car on the road. A letter is to be sent by the parish to TDC.

### a) Precept Meeting

The Chairman is to call a Business Meeting to discuss setting the precept.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

**The next parish meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 3rd<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Chairman  
3rd December 2018**