

The LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: R Bellamy, D Botterell, L Gray, L Moules, M Reed, J Rowland, S Rowland, J Smith-Daye, J Taylor and B Ward

District Cllrs Brown & Bray

Essex County Councillor Erskine

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

8 Residents

Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

Residents raised issues regarding speeding along Harwich Road and flooding issues. The residents have formed a group to combat this and are training for speed watch. The Chairman offered to write a letter in their support. On listening to the public's concerns, The Chairman said that the ECC councillor Andy Erskine may be able to answer some of those questions as he was in the audience.

Councillor Erskine then went into what can only be described as a rant and directed at the Chairman that all enquiries should be delivered via the clerk. He stated that the Chairman should know better, and that this Parish Council was one of the worst Councils that he had encountered. He stated that much smaller councils were better run than this one. The Chairman said that in the many years that Cllr Erskine had attended meetings he had never said that everything needed to come through the Clerk and that he himself had encouraged Councillors to e-mail him with their concerns. Cllr Erskine declined to answer questions put by the public and the Chairman. Members of the public then engaged in what can only be described as a heated argument with Cllr. Erskine, which ended in Cllr. Erskine leaving the room. The Chairman then managed to calm the meeting once Cllr. Erskine had left.

A resident raised a question regarding unadopted roads, and the Chairman explained that unadopted meant it was a private road, outside of Highways responsibility, and cannot be helped by the Council in monetary terms. However, the Council may be able to support them in other ways.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Cllrs M Balbirnie and P De Vaux Balbirnie.

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

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Botterell and seconded by Cllr J Smith-Daye and all agreed, the Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting on the 7th January.

3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with ECC Councillor Erskine but had not yet resolved the VAS signs and other outstanding issues. A response has been received back from Essex Police regarding the FOI request. It was very precise with the timings and didn't show the problems.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

The Chairman attended a meeting about the devolution scheme and is looking into going ahead with the pilot scheme. An agreement needs to be signed before our next meeting, so a scanned document will be sent to you all for comments, which we will take into consideration and the Business group will decide and discuss at the next meeting.

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

Councillor J Rowland read a police report with crime figures for December.

Crime figures were 25, the highest for this Area so far,

Vehicle Crime - 8

Violence - 7

Burglary - 3

Drugs - 1

Criminal Damage - 3

Public Order - 1

ASB - 1

Possession of weapons - 1

The Chairman reported that the posters were in the boards and on the website for the recruitment of Specials.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

Councillor S Rowland reported that he would be checking the Insurance list of Parish Items next week. No maintenance to report on due to the weather.

(b) Street lights

Councillor M Reed reported that the three lights were to be repaired as soon as possible when the weather improves along with a fourth that had been reported.

(c) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that there was a report of 'strange objects' left on the footpath next to the bypass at the junction with St Osyth Road. They are to be removed.

(d) Planning and Development

(i) Councillor M Reed reported on the following applications:

19/00005/OUT	Land rear of 8a Holland Road CO16 9RS. Erection of 4 bungalows	Previous Application relating to this site 18/01272/OUT for the erection of five bungalows was refused by Catherine Bicknell, Head of Planning TDC, on 26 th September 2018. It was refused on the following; Outside the Settlement area, back land development and restricted access to the development site. TDC has since demonstrated they have a robust five year supply, which was not confirmed at the date of prior refusal, and the Local Plan is in a much advanced status which would not allow this type of development This adds 2 more important items to restrict this development to be allowed. The reduction from 5 to 4 does not affect the previous reasons of refusal and as the developer has to make profits it would only make the properties more expensive and less desirable to the more affordable housing market. We Recommend Strongly Refusal.
19/00050/TPO	19 Sunnyside Way CO16 9PE.	Reduce Oak by 35% to previous cutting points. We would agree with the Tree Preservation Officer on this application
19/00100/FUL.	3 Edwards Close CO16 9PR	Single storey rear extension, accommodating 2 roof lights and Oak canopy. Oak Canopy to the front and extension to the rear.
19/00043/FUL	2 Edward Close CO16 9PR.	Small infill to application 17/01368/FUL approved on 9 th February 2018. The additional is on a second floor and would increase the roof area and above the proposed extension.

(ii). Determinations:

18/01934/FUL	The Lodge 274 Harwich Road CO16 9PY.	Variation of condition 2 CC/TEN/14/97 to accommodate children 6-18. Approved.
18/01952/FUL	17 Amerells Road CO16 9HA	Rear extension and loft conversion. Approved

The comments were proposed by Councillor J Rowland, Councillor D Botterell seconded, and all agreed.

(iii) Local Plan

Local Plan Committee was not a policy making committee in the past, but now has the necessary legislation and has been passed to allow policy making.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that the website was currently up to date with the police special posters and events.

9. TDALC

The Chairman reported issues with the Local Plan, and discontent by Parishes. The Chairman has been asked to send a letter to The Chairman of Tendring District Council, Mr Neil Stock. Elections are coming up and they are looking for a new minute secretary.

(a) Speedwatch

Councillor Botterell reported that he was still waiting regarding risk assessments.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

Water Leak

Arrangements are in hand for the replacement water supply to the pavilion and it is hoped this can be completed this month.

Youth and Community Hall – We are seeing increasing demand from groups wanting to hire the hall both during the day and also into the evening, and there are now only limited slots available. We are also seeing more enquiries regarding use of the hall for Functions such as birthdays and anniversaries, although the Hall is not considered suitable for children's parties and we do not accept bookings for this type of function.

Playing Fields – Mr Gary Duffett has now taken over as groundsman. Another local club, which concentrates on youth and junior teams, will be using Plough Corner next season and are also looking to hold a mini tournament this summer. The car boot season is scheduled to start on 26th May following the Classic Car Show on 19th May.

Upgrade – The notice of interest has been published on Contract Finder and interested parties will be contacted to submit a tender for work at the end of March 2019.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Gray reported that a temporary Chairman was in place and all projects were still on-going.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chairman reported that the British bird sign was now ready to install when Councillor M Balbirnie returns.

13. ECC

Issues were discussed early in the meeting.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bray reported that he had heard that vans were parking along Holland Road on the pavements again, he will contact enforcement to take a look.

District Councillor Brown reported that money was being spent on faster internet connections.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out correspondence for the month:

EALC	e- bulletins
ECC	Essex Energy Switch
TDC	Email link to Electoral Commission etc.

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
Eon (Jan)	144.31
Signs made easy (Sign for Millennium Green)	215.81
Namesco (2 yrs Starter host for LC website domain)	136.57
Mrs G Loach (pc-org website hosting yrly reimb)	100.00
Bank Charges (Dec)	11.55

Cheques were proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Smith Daye and all agreed.

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None this month.

18. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Councillors wanted the Chairman to complain on Cllr Erskine's behaviour and they were told it would be added to next month's agenda.

Councillor J Taylor requested that a list was drawn up of all the outstanding issues within the parish and numbered for priority. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mud was reported on Thorpe Road by the new development. District Councillor Bray said he would take a look and get enforcement if necessary.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

The next parish meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 4th March 2019

**Chairman
4th MARCH 2019**