

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 1st JULY 2019 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

PC

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

6 residents

Residents issues.

Parking at the school was brought up by a resident. The Chairman explained that it was an ongoing issue and how it would be improved by the presence of the 'Special' Police Officer that has now been allocated to the Parish Council.

Another resident asked about the planning application for 200 houses that are to be accessed by a new road onto Holland Road by the railway bridge. The Chairman reported that it had been 'called in' and that Little Clacton Parish Council had opposed it.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Councillor R Bellamy.

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

The minutes were proposed by Cllr D Botterell, seconded by Cllr L Gray and agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as true records of the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd June and the extraordinary meeting on 26th June 2019.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Nothing this month.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had met with the headmistress of Engaines School. An email had been sent to ECC for an update to the outstanding items i.e.. Crossing patrol etc.

4. CRIME AND PREVENTION

The Chairman reported that PC Tony Rowntree has been allocated to our Parish as a Special and would be starting today. The Chairman said that he had high hopes for the future. PC Tony Rowntree addressed the parish and introduced himself. He spoke of the challenges within the Parish and recommended NPP for parking issues. He said that he would be checking for valid tax and insurance on abandoned cars and could recommend an app called 'vehicle smart' which is free and can be used by all to check car number plates to see if they are covered by Tax, MOT and insurance. There will be an email to contact PC Rowntree and a phone number. The Chairman said he was hoping for positive feedback.

5. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

a) Maintenance and Services

Councillor S Rowland reported that Peter (Painter) will be starting the painting next week. He also reported that Kendall's had emailed to tell us that they will cut the grass at the end of the week.

Councillor Rowland asked about weed control, as the sprayers had still not been out. The Chairman said he would speak to District Councillor Bray to see if he had heard anything.

b) Streetlights

Councillor A Mitchell reported that there were currently two lights out, Betts Green Road and Harwich Road. He met with A J Lighting who had ideas on photo cells, where they can be

switched off at midnight to save power and light pollution. A & J can also supply VAS signs and other signs and fit them. The Chairman suggested that our old street signs were removed and replaced.

c) Footpaths

Councillor Gray said many footpaths had been cleared. The paths at the Blacksmiths and Elm Road, which are particularly bad due to excess rain, ECC are to cut between April and October. The Chairman suggested that we do it and claim from Devolution money. Councillor Botterell asked if Sarah Potter could be contacted again to see if it can be done urgently. The Chairman reported that the Harwich Road path also needs doing.

d) Devolution

The Chairman reported that the Devolution money had been received by the Parish. He has already sent in the first quarterly report for the Parish of evidence of money spent. He reported that the Plough Corner privet had been cut back and the corner is now clear to walk around.

e) Planning and Development

Councillor J Taylor reported on the following:

(i) Applications:

<p>19/00737/FUL</p>	<p>Land adjacent 15 Weeley Road Little Clacton Essex CO16 9EN</p>	<p>Variation of Condition 8 (Boundary Conditions) to Application 17/01350/FUL - to have 2no. smaller individual dropped kerbs instead of one large shared dropped kerb. Recommend Approval</p>
<p>19/00840/FUL</p>	<p>Brays DIY, 54-56 The Street, CO16 9LF</p>	<p>Proposed change of use from A1 to A5 to provide hot food takeaway with ancillary flat above. Whilst the advice from TDC is no loss of parking spaces therefore no issues with application, this thought seems completely wrong. The eight existing spaces will still accommodate the one existing flat plus service the new two bed flat. The possibly only remaining 6 spaces would then need to be split again to accommodate the future empty unit (no54) reopening as a possible separate business. Therefore, this application must be viewed as only providing 3 spaces for the takeaway. Recommend Approval</p>
<p>19/00849/FUL</p>	<p>Whitegates LTC, Holland Road, CO16 9RS</p>	<p>Variation of condition 7 of approved application 17/00736/FUL to amend drawing LCTC-01C to include ASHP unit. Recommend Approval</p>
<p>19/00872/TPO</p>	<p>30 Sunnyside Way, CO16 9PE</p>	<p>1 No. Oak – Reduce to previous cutting points Recommend Approval</p>

19/00860/DETAIL	Crackstakes Farm, Tan Lane, CO16 9PS	Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for approval 15/01150/OUT allowed at appeal (APP/P1560/W/15/3138). Recommend Approval
19/00886/FUL	1 Botany Mews, Harwich Road, CO16 9NL	Proposed new build annexe in rear garden Back land garden development, no connection to the existing dwelling therefore land could be split into two individual properties. As a separate dwelling with all services and facilities we have concerns with regards to access and adequate parking. If approved, we would ask for a condition to be attached that the building is not for residential use. Recommend Refusal

(ii) Determinations

19/00633/FUL	84 The Street, CO16 9LJ	Proposed first floor side extension + single storey rear + side extension including gazed lantern Approved
19/00665/FUL	26 Holland Road, CO16 9RS	Proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion. Approved
19/00758/TPO	Lockyer's Wood, Station Road, Thorpe Le Soken, CO16 0HF	1 - Removal of deadwood, 2 - Clearance of paths to a width of 1.2m (for a period of 5 years), A - 1 No. Beech - remove, B - clear area of 10m x 10m, C- clear area of 5 square metres, D - trim tree, E - clear area of 100 square metres, 1 No. Horse Chestnut - fell, G - Various trees - prune, H - trim roadside Privets and undergrowth Approved
Out of Ward: 19/00785/OUT	Land off Connaught Road, Weeley, CO16 9EL	<u>Proposed seven detached bungalows and the upgrading of the existing private road (outline application considering access only with all other matters reserved).</u> The previous application which was dismissed by The Planning Inspectorate at appeal on 10 th December 2018 dealt with the following Main Issues: The main issues in this appeal are (i), the effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the area; and (ii) whether the appeal site in an appropriate location for housing with particular reference to countryside policies. These issues still stand and are both very relevant to this application therefore we highly recommend refusal.

Councillor J Taylor read out the determinations made by the Planning Group above, Councillor J Smith Daye proposed, Councillor M Balbirnie seconded and all agreed. Councillor J Taylor spoke to Cath Bicknell, TDC Planning regarding the Section 106 money, but had no answer. The Chairman recommended that the Clerk emailed for information.

iii) Local Plan – No update currently.

f) Business and Organisation

The Chairman reported that the Churchyard grant request had been received and the grounds were in a state of disrepair and needed work. The Chairman suggested that we send a letter to prompt them to cut. Councillor Botterell enquired if we could ask for a breakdown of their expenditure. We could explain that we had had complaints from residents. Councillor Gray proposed that the grant was agreed, Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie seconded, and all agreed.

6. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that the website was up to date.

7. TDALC

Councillor D Botterell reported that there was no meeting last month and the next meeting would be 24th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

8. LITTLE CLACTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST

The Chairman reported that the Business group had met with Mike Letch on Saturday 29th June to discuss the Capital scheme submissions and reduced them down to three companies to take further. It is hoped that the contractors can meet with us and price up the work so that we can move forward with funding options

9. VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is moving fast and forward. Decorators are doing the external wall with a coating to match the colour all around. The footpath has been started. The football pitch has a few problems but is still being used to entertain children of all ages. There is a table top sale this Saturday 6th July from 12-4pm. Donations required.

A barn dance is planned for November, as an advance notice.

The Chairman asked when the hedgerow is being cut, to make the playground visible from the road to reduce the opportunity for vandalism.

10. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that last Monday was the AGM, which was very successful. The Green is virtually finished. There is a tree to be planted in the autumn as a memorial to Harold Flagstaff, who tended the Green for many years. There is an open day to be arranged to show school children the Green, and a wildflower mix is to be applied. The front hedge is to be cut further and a large board to advertise the Green to people. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie asked if anyone wanted to donate unwanted fish to the pond as there is enough vegetation to feed them now.

11. TDC REPORT

No report left this month.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
EALC	Microgrant application form
EALC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party
Kendall's Plus	Letter re: Pothole work
St James Parish Church	Grant request

13. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

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Cheques:	
A &J Lighting (inv. 33064)	436.80
Eon (June)	178.16
GB Maintenance (Millennium Green)	80.00
Kendall's Facility Management	487.10
Bank Charges June	15.15

The month's cheques were proposed by Councillor M Balbirnie and seconded by Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie, and all agreed.

14. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for attending the additional meetings this week and for all their help.

15. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 5th August 2019

**Chairman
5th August 2019**