

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: De Vaux Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, S Rowland, J Taylor, B Ward.

District Councillor Bray

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

8 residents

Resident's issues.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Councillors R Bellamy, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, J Smith-Daye.

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

The minutes were proposed by Cllr B Ward, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as true records of the Parish Council meeting on the 5rd August 2019.

3. MATTERS ARISING

P Bray had cut the overgrowth at Plough Corner.

Regarding the complaint put in to Tendring Council Planning Department about 8a Holland Road planning application, a reply had been received from planning officer M Lang, detailing the reasons for putting through the approval. The Chairman refused to accept this. District Councillor J Bray also sent a letter in our support in this issue. The chairman read out the letter from M Lang. District Councillor Bray said that we shouldn't assume that because it failed this time, it will fail next time.

a) Clerk leaving

The Chairman reported that Interviews are to be held Saturday 7th September at 12 and 12.30. He asked any councillors who had any questions to turn up for the interviews.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he would speak at the appropriate points in the meeting rather than summarise, then repeat himself.

5. Letter of apology from Essex County Councillor Erskine

The Chairman reported that the Essex County Councillor had sent an apology letter regarding the incident at the February meeting, which had prompted an official complaint. The Chairman read out the apology. He proposed that the Council should accept the apology and time had come to draw a line underneath the complaint now. All agreed.

6. CRIME AND PREVENTION

a) The Chairman reported that updates had been received from PC Tony Rowntree for each day he works. The emails detailing the local crimes were read out. The Speed watch team reported that he is a big help with Speed watch.

b) **Speed signage at Meadowview.** The Chairman suggested that additional signs were put onto our posts to try to reduce speeding. The larger of the signs could be put into the village, maybe attached to a flower tub, rather than a post. Councillor S Rowland reported that the sign post in St Osyth Road East is all rusty and tape is all around it to hold it together. Councillor J Taylor proposed that new signage was added, Councillor L Gray seconded and all agreed.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

a) Maintenance and Services

Councillor S Rowland reported that all the maintenance was up to date.

b) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that the bridle way was cut back. Footpath Officer S Potter may have got involved. Essex County Council have said that it is not a public right of way and is an unclassified road. Councillor J Jeffries left a report that all other footpaths are currently clear and easily passable.

c) Streetlights

The lights in the village have now been fixed. However, a report has been received that another light has just gone.

d) Devolution

The Chairman reported that the October meeting is coming up. He would like to get a pot hole fixed by then outside Bellamaconda and proposed that Kendall's come and quote for the work that needs doing. He stated that the 'Buddy' that had been allocated to our parish to deal with Devolution queries would be engaged to help with the works. If there is any devolution money left then it should be used to install bollards along Harwich Road. Councillor J Taylor proposed that we progress with the works, Councillor L Gray seconded and all agreed.

e) Planning and Development

Councillor J Taylor reported on the following:

(i) Applications:

19/01081/OUT	Land to South of Holland Road Little Clacton Essex CO16 9RZ	Outline application for 82 no.dwellings – This application is not sustainable and is located in a position with very weak infrastructure therefore goes against the planning policies used by TDC. Recommend Refusal
19/01103/LBC	Stone Hall, 55 London Road, CO16 9RB	Repair South Gable and associated sole plate. Recommend Approval

(ii) Determinations

19/00630/FUL	274 Harwich Road, CO16	Construct new C2 care home with associated car parking and landscaping. Approved (Does not match LCPC)
19/00849/FUL	Whitegates LTC, 52 Holland Road, CO16 9RS	Variation of condition 7 of approved application 17/00736/FUL to amend drawing LCTC-O1C to include ASHP unit. Approved (Matches LCPC)
19/00886/FUL	1 Botany Mews, Harwich Road, CO16 9NL	Proposed new build annexe in rear garden. Approved (Does not match LCPC) Condition has been attached:

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) Approved (Matches LCPC)
19/00969/FUL	Beechwood Homing Road, CO16 9LU	Proposed UPVC rear conservatory. Approved (Matches LCPC)
19/00955/FUL	2 Bovills Hall Cottages St Osyth Road West CO16 9DJ	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Approved (Matches LCPC)
19/00947/FUL	155 Harwich Road, CO16 9NL	Variation of condition 2 of approved application 17/01863/FUL to change size and location of garage for plot 2. Approved (Matches LCPC)
19/00959/FUL	31 Feverills Road, CO16 9NA	Demolish Garage and erect a two storey side extension Approved (Matches LCPC)

Both the applications are to be called in by the District Councillor.

Councillor J Taylor read out the comments on applications made by the Planning Group above, Councillor D Botterell proposed, Councillor L Gray seconded and all agreed.

iii) Local Plan – Currently at the consultation stage. District Councillor Bray will make enquiries regarding the next meeting.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that the website was up to date.

9. TDALC

Councillor D Botterell reported that there was no meeting last month and the next meeting would be later in September 2019.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST

The Chairman reported that he had received back one estimate so far and was waiting on another. The one that has come in looks to be in the range we were expecting. This is to be discussed at Full Council when both estimates are received.

11. VILLAGE HALL

The entire Village Hall has been upgraded with a 20 year guarantee on the paint finish. They did 5 coats to finish. The last vandalised play equipment has now been mended. The footpath around the edge is almost complete, the expansion joints just need to be sealed. The new lighting is to be more economic and will be done next, expected to be done at the school half-term in October. The hedges need cutting again, but funds are beginning to run short. A barn dance is planned for November, the date to be confirmed.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that all was looking good. They were waiting to hear about the tree being planted in Harold Wagstaff's memory. It is to be planted on 10th September with a celebration on Thursday 12th September at 3pm. Can anyone planning to attend please inform Councillor M Balbirnie so that she can gauge numbers. A sweet chestnut 1 to be planted.

13. TDC REPORT

District Councillor Bray reported that he had received a phone call regarding travellers heading towards Little Clacton. The Betts Green Road residents still have not received their Weeley bins. The problem that Leys Drive residents had with rubbish not being collected was now sorted out. The weed spraying which had halted due to a broken quad bike, was now back on target.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Grant funding Request
Table Tennis Tables	New Brochure
ECC	Foster Carers needed in Essex

A planning prospector emailed to meet regarding a new development. The clerk replied with our meeting dates and gave phone numbers but nothing has been heard since.

15. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

	£
Cheques:	
A & J Lighting (4 whole light replacements)	2,696.40
Tendring Eldercare (June and July)	200.00
P H Schooling (painting of village benches)	930.00
Eon (Aug)	178.16
GB Maintenance (Millennium Green)	80.00
GB Maintenance (Parish Fields)	110.00
Bank Charges August	14.15

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

16. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

17. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman reported that the Camera Club who use our facilities at Parish Fields have a storage problem. They were using the changing rooms at the pavilion but cannot use them now that they are being used. They wish to build their own secure unit at their cost to store their equipment. They also asked if they could use our wifi for their meetings. The Chairman said that we would discuss this at the next meeting. We need to consider whether to charge rent on the site. We are to ask for more details before we agree to anything.

The Chairman stated that we are still short of one councillor. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie with the Chairman proposed Debbie Hull who was in the audience. All agreed and the Clerk is to get the paperwork prepared for the next meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday,
6th OCTOBER 2019**

**Chairman
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