

The LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 7th JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: R Bellamy, Danny Botterell, L Gray, M Reed, and Steve Rowland, John Smith-Daye and J Taylor

District Cllr Brown

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

PC Watson

3 Residents

Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

No issues raised by residents.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, Cllr L Moules, Cllr J Rowland, Cllr B Ward and District Cllr Bray and Essex County Councillor Andy Erskine.

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 3rd December.

3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman introduced PC Watson as the new PC for Little Clacton. PC Watson then explained the current set up and how he would be able to help Little Clacton.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that there were planning issues which he would talk about under planning.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

The Chairman reported the usual problems this month. Flooding along by Kinfauns Veterinary Surgery and The Street. The Chairman will contact Andrew Erskine again.

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

Councillor J Rowland read a police report with crime figures for October and November.

Crime figures were : Oct total 9, Nov total 11.

The Chairman reported that the posters were ready to go into the boards for recruitment of Specials.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

The Chairman asked Councillor S Rowland if the Insurance list of Parish Items could be checked ready for the next renewal. The Clerk is to email the current list to Cllr S Rowland. There were no other reports.

(b) Street lights

Councillor M Reed reported that now three lights were out he would arrange them all to be repaired as soon as possible. He is aware that one light out is due to a power issue and UK Power would have to fix it.

(c) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that there was a report of 'sharps' left on the footpath next to the Blacksmiths Arms. They have been removed. There was also a dead badger reported along a footpath off of Harwich Road, Councillor Gray is going to make further enquiries with a view to getting it removed.

(d) Planning and Development

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

18/01952/FUL	17 Amerells Road CO16 9HA.	Rear Extension and loft conversion. Recommend Approval
18/01934/FUL	214 Harwich Road CO16 9PY.	Change of condition to accommodate children between 6-18. Currently the age range is 13-16, the change is to maximise the use of the facility by broadening the range. We have concerns over how the broader age range will be managed and the structure of its administration. There is significant difference between children of 6-12, primary, and those who are 13-18, teenager/young adult especially at the extremes and how this will influence the younger children within the range.
18/02061/FUL	55 London Road CO16 9RB.	Extension to rear of existing outbuilding. 3.6m x 3.5m extension to an existing store. Recommend Approval.
18/02059/LBC	55 London Road CO16 9RB	Internal renovations of a Grade 2 listed building. To be left to decision by LBC Officer.
18/01968/FUL	153 Harwich Road CO16 9NL	Side or rear extension and external fenestration (the arrangement of windows in a building) alterations. Recommend Approval

(ii). Determinations:

18/01527/LBC	Grove Farm CO16 9PT.	Discharge of condition 3, external materials. Approved
18/00460/FUL – 18/00461/LBC	Grove Farm CO16 9PT	Discharge Conditions 3 external materials and 5 External joinery. Approved
18/01803/DISCON	St Olaves CO16 9NG.	Discharge of conditions 3 external materials, 4 landscaping, 6 vehicle access for highway safety, 7 unbound materials on Highway, 9 bin enclosure and 10 site investigation. Approved.
18/01587/OUT	Land adjacent Grove House CO16 9NX.	Erection of 2 self-build dwellings. Approved.

18/01859/DISCON	Amida Betts Green Road CO16 9NH.	Discharge of conditions 4 landscaping and 6 materials. Approved.
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The comments were proposed by Councillor D Botterell, Councillor Bellamy seconded, and all agreed.

A statement regarding the 'Piggeries' rear of 59 London Road was sent round to Councillors by email before being read out at the TDC Planning Meeting. The Chairman spoke to District Councillor J White, who is head of the Planning committee. Councillor M Reed and Councillor Taylor proposed a letter was sent to Ian Davidson, the Chief Executive of Tendring District Council detailing all the irregularities from the Planning department, as well as the Minister for Local Government, Councillor Botterell and Councillor Smith Daye seconded, and all agreed.

(iii) Local Plan

Nothing to report this month.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that the website was currently running without any issues.

9. TDALC

Councillor Botterell reported that there was no meeting this month to report on.

(a) Speedwatch

Councillor Botterell reported that he had contacted ECC regarding risk assessments again but was still waiting for a reply. The Chairman reported that he had not heard from Essex Police regarding the FOI request on speeding from Jan to Jul 2018 that he asked for.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

Water Leak

Regrettably our insurers have advised us that replacing the water supply pipe is not covered by our policy, although they may cover any damage caused by the leak. We have no evidence of any such damage. It will therefore be necessary for the repair to be covered from Parish Council resources together with some assistance from Parish Fields. With the Councils agreement we would hope to commence this work over the coming weeks.

Youth and Community Hall – Most of our user groups are re-starting after the Christmas and New Year break. We also have a new whist group starting shortly. We would also mention that a new group have hired the hall for Sunday 13th January with a view to forming a Little Clacton Residents association.

Playing Fields - As reported last month, our groundsman Graham Bush is moving out of the district later this month, but we are pleased to confirm that a replacement has been arranged. Football resumed yesterday.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Gray reported that the decorations from Christmas have now been taken down. All was running okay.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chairman reported that the British bird sign was nearly ready. The bushes have been cut and the Green looks more open now.

13. ECC

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Brown stated that there wasn't anything to report on this month.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out correspondence for the month:

EALC	e- bulletins
EON	Price Change
Birds Farm Trees	Advert for Tree planting etc.

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
Clacton Business Services Ltd (Qtly payroll)	36.00
Eon (Dec)	139.65
GB Maintenance (Parish Fields Trees)	110.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	124.80
Namesco (2yrs domain name for website)	47.99
SLCC and ALCC yearly subs	162.00
Bank Charges (Dec)	11.55

Cheques were proposed by Councillor Botterell, seconded by Councillor Bellamy and all agreed.

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None this month.

18. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

A resident had complained about the Christmas lights keeping her awake at night.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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

**Chairman
4th February 2019**