

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE (via skype)
ON MONDAY,
7th December 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P De Vaux Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J Taylor, B Ward, D Hull, J Smith Daye, J Jeffries

District Councillor: Apologies received

Essex County Councillor: not in attendance

No members of the public were in attendance

12/2020 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman explained that the last month had been quiet.

12/2020 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Rowland, Cllr Bray, Cllr A Mitchell

12/2020 – 03 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interest relating to the items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members.

Cllr Botterell declared an interest in the CCTV works due to take place on the new MUGA project.

12/2020 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

There were none.

12/2020 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 2nd November 2020

RESOLVED: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Hull seconded by Cllr M Balbirnie - all in favour.

12/2020 – 06 | Clerk's Report

The clerk gave a verbal update on local matters including lighting, roadworks and other matters of interest.

The Clerk has passed his professional qualification

12/2020 – 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on matters concerning the village.

The MUGA project is coming along at a pace.

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There is some correctional work to do with the electric and until that is fixed, payment will be held back.

Flooding on the old tennis courts has been discussed owing to heavy rain recently and pools of water forming. The water dissipated quickly however.

A discussion took place about the potential for a soakaway to be installed on the advice of the contractors. It was agreed the Chairman would find out the cost and that Cllrs should email in their response so that the contractors can be told our decision and continue the work.

12/2020 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull reported no crime this month.

12/2020 – 09 | Working Party Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Rowland asked if the Essex Signs around the village could be cleaned out of the devolution pot. Cllr Botterell asked if the rangers could be contacted to see if they could do the work. **ACTION: Contact rangers**

Footpaths

Cllr Gray said the debris had been cleared on St Osyth Road West.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention.

Highways/Devolution

The Clerk reported that the paperwork had been submitted in order to release the funds

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council
Councillor J Taylor read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

APPLICATIONS

20/01621/DETAIL - Land rear of 8A Holland Road CO16 9RS

Approval of reserved matters for outline application 19/00005/OUT for erection of 4 dwellings. Whilst we acknowledge this site has outline approval, we cannot give any approval for development of this site. The site is back land development with access squeezed between existing properties.

Recommend Refusal

20/01509/FUL - 26 The Street CO16 9LD

Proposed single storey rear extension and front boundary wall.

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Recommend Approval

20/01481/FUL - Land to the rear of Ewden Holland Road CO16 9QH

Erection of workshop.

Recommend Approval

20/01476/FUL - Telstar Holland Road CO16 9QG

Removal of condition 1 of application ENE/TEN/492/61.

Recommend Approval

20/01592/FUL – Land adjacent Batemans Lane, Weeley Road, CO16 9EN

Proposed 4no. dwelling houses and associated works.

This amended application for development remains a site located in severely close proximity to a very dangerous bend in the road. This site sits outside of the village envelope of the building boundary outlined in draft local, its development would not be in accordance with the development plan and emerging Local Plan. With the Local Plan inspector confirming that Tendring's housing supply is sound there is no longer a presumption in favour of development. This parcel of land is the last open stretch of green land on this side of the road (as the determined application 20/0016/detail swallows the other open land). This reason has already been given for a rejection of proposed erection of two properties within the village (17/00726/OUT). Infill building in Little Clacton has a very negative impact on the village, causing it to lose view across open fields which is to be expected in a rural village. Without gaps it becomes a continual developed area found in towns. This site is low lying and now the site has been completely bulldozed of all greenery is a flood risk zone, already fully water logged at present.

We question the design layout to all four dwellings. All have large open plan 'roof spaces' with permanent staircase access and multiple windows. Current design states '3 bedroom' properties which is what will be used to calculate S106 contributions, effect of the buildings on the local area i.e school places, doctors places etc.

Later adaptations to make additional bedrooms, another three bedrooms could be added at any time into the 'roof space', will result in all calculations being wrong and parking on site being completely inadequate.

Recommend Refusal

RESOLVED: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour

Business Group

RESOLVED: That the council approve the Business Group recommendation for a precept for 2021/22 of 80k Proposed Cllr Smith -Daye, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour

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12/2020 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell reported that the group had a presentation from the TDC Rangers.

12/2020 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to report – as per Chairman’s report on MUGA upgrade.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted that the hall has some ‘small’ bookings of 6 people.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported that the green is looking good, some stone will be delivered to the entrance for improvements to take place. We have spoken to Harveys and Hubbards and a price for cherry blossom is being devised.

12/2020 – 12 | District Councillor Report

No report

12/2020 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

No report

12/2020 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments

RESOLVED: the month’s cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Smith Daye Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour.

Council **NOTED** the report from the External Auditor.

12/2020 – 15 | Councillor Vacancy

The Chairman asked Cllrs to email in to the clerk if they would like to accept Mr Perkins

12/2020 – 16 | Items for future consideration

**The next meeting will be held ONLINE on Monday 4th January at 7.30pm
2021**

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**Signed Chairman
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