

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE (via skype)
ON MONDAY,
4th January 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P De Vaux Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J Taylor, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, K Perkins

District Councillor: Apologies received

Essex County Councillor: not in attendance

1 member of the public was in attendance

01/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed Keiran to the Council.

01/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Ward, Cllr Hull, Cllr J.S Daye, Cllr Rowlands

01/2021 – 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.

01/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

There were none.

01/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 7th December 2020

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

01/2021 – 06 | Clerk's Report

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

The Clerk noted income that had come in from Section 106, VAT reclaim and ECC Devolution.

01/2021 – 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on matters concerning the village.

Chairman had a meeting with ECC about the continued flooding along The Street in Little Clacton. ECC know there is a problem and that investment needs to come forward. A

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capital project will need to take place and it is on their agenda moving forward following further investigation.

01/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent apologies and was not in attendance. Regular reports come in from the Special Constable and are distributed to Councillors.

01/2021 – 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. TDC have been contacted and they are happy to help with this matter if the signs are outlined to them

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries said the paths are clear. There is an issue on the footbridge where the railings have come loose on the other side to the original complaint. Cllr Botterell noted the new CCTV camera would be installed near the footbridge over the Bypass.

Action: Contact highways about the matter.

Streetlights

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

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mitchell for his efforts with the Christmas lights.

Highways/Devolution

The Clerk reported that the funds for this year had been received. The Chairman reported that Kendalls had quoted for the installation of the wooden posts around the village and he would report back accordingly.

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

20/01694/TPO 24 Sunnyside Way CO16 9PE |

2 No. Oak - reduce crown by 30% and selective removal of lower branches

Recommend Approval

20/01719/FUL - Betts Green House Betts Green Road CO16 9NH | Proposed 2 bay carport

Recommend Approval

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20/01495/FUL - Telstar Nurseries Holland Road CO16 9QG |

Proposed four new agricultural sheds of various sizes: two for insect rearing, one for research and development the fourth for storage and distribution. Proposal to include additional staff car parking

Recommend Approval

20/01714/FUL - 18 Weeley Road, CO16 9EX |

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to change the proposed layout of house and remove garage

Recommend Approval

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

Business Group

Nothing to report

01/2021 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was nothing to report this month as no meeting had taken place

01/2021– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman outlined to new Councillors, that the Parish Council is not in charge of the fields at Plough Corner, it is the responsibility of the Playing Field Trust. Chairman updated Council on the project to update the MUGA pitch.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted that the hall has been in lockdown for some time, with few bookings. A small issue was resolved involving a vehicle through the local Special Constable, thanks to him. Julie and Lyn continue to work hard.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie thanks Cllr Mitchell for his efforts with the entrance – fabulous job. The green is looking soggy but the daffs are coming up!

01/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported that the Local Plan (Section 1) is about to be approved. Found sound by the plan inspector, goes the Local Plan Committee and then onto Full Council where it should be ratified. 550 houses per year is the number we are dealing with, meaning the 5-year housing supply is in place. Cllr Bray has been heavily involved in the plan over the

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past 5 years and lobbied for lower numbers at every stage of the way. Part 2 should not be too complicated to approve and this is a huge milestone for our Village.

Cllr Bray is dealing with local issues as and when they arise and is always available if people need support. The Chairman thanked those involved for their efforts on this matter.

01/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

No report.

01/2021 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

01/2021 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Highways devolution - installation of wooden posts

**The next meeting will be held ONLINE on Monday 1st February at 7.30pm
2021**

**Signed Chairman
1st February 2021**