

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE (via Teams)
ON MONDAY,
12th APRIL 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, D Hull, B Ward, J S Daye

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: not in attendance

No members of the public were in attendance

04/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

04/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Perkins.

04/2021 – 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.

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

Joe Shearer from Garden Cottage, Harwich Road, St Chads Nursery. **Point one** concerns an application for a solar farm on land from Thorpe Bridge over to Great Holland. Mr Shearer pointed out that the area is in a flood plain, what will the benefits be to the local community, is the land now unable to be used for agricultural purposes?

Point two is in relation to the layby at the top of Harwich Road and the ownership of that piece of land. It has been determined by ECC that it is not part of their highways network and potentially owned by the owners of the nearby properties.

The Chairman made comment that the recent sourced maps look like an extension of the existing roads from Little Clacton and Thorpe. Mr Shearer made the point that if they residents had to upkeep the area then they would fence it off for public use.

Action: confirm ownership of the road via email to ECC

04/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 1st March 2021

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

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04/2021 – 06 | Clerk's Report

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

04/2021 – 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on matters concerning the village.

Been in touch with David Prudence from ECC Highways over the continued Flooding and Elm Road issues.

Cllr Taylor reported that Highways have attended Elm Road and issues were remedied. A longer-term plan will hopefully be considered for the road.

Ingent produced a flooding report on the tennis court flooding issues. The report outlines what needs to be done to resolve the issue. We have sought quotes from multiple contractors and will look to appoint someone to do the work as soon as possible.

Resolved: that the Business Group be given power to award the contract based on best value for money. Proposed by Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Ward - all in favour

04/2021 – 08 | ATC Lease Renewal

ATC have proposed a 15-year lease at £700 a year. The Chairman suggested he thought the annual rent should be raised and that a sum of £1000 per year rent, 10-year lease with a rent review after five years. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour

04/2021 – 09 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent a report this month. Thanks were given for her efforts.

04/2021 – 10 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Nothing to report

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported all paths are fine.

Streetlights

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

Highways/Devolution

Bollards look good along Harwich Road having been installed.

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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

20/01073/DETAIL - Plot, Rear of Holly Lodge, Betts Green Road, CO16 9NH
Erection of 1no. cottage style dwelling (variation to design and position of dwelling as approved under 18/00872/DETAIL and 20/01073/DETAIL).

Recommend refusal

21/0345/OUT - 35 Holland Road, CO16 9RT

Outline application for the demolition of the existing bungalow and outbuildings and construction of six bungalows with all matters reserved (resubmission of 19/01726/FUL)

Recommend refusal

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

Business Group

Nothing to report

04/2021 – 11 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that Tim Clarke attended the meeting from TDC. Carbon neutral by 2030 is the goal and any support from Parish Councils is welcomed. Further info is on the website via the action plan.

04/2021– 12 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to report – seeking grants

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie awaiting people to return for hall bookings

Millennium Green

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Cllr Cutting reported it looked lovely – thanks to the committee

Cllr Taylor asked about flowers that had been left on the benches – was there a timescale for these remaining. Cllr M Balbirnie said she would let people know to remove.

04/2021 – 13 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray updated on the following points:

Now in PURDAH for County Council Elections – limits what can be achieved.

04/2021 - 14 | Essex County Councillor Report

No report.

04/2021 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Hull Seconded, Cllr J Taylor – all in favour.

04/2021 – 16 | Items for future consideration

Council agreed to install camera on a post to monitor antisocial behaviour – all in favour

Meeting Closed 21:12pm

**The next meeting will be held ONLINE on Monday 3rd May at 7.30pm
2021**

**Signed Chairman
12th April 2021**