

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
05th July 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P De Vaux Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, A Mitchell, D Hull , J S Daye

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

3 members of the public were in attendance.

07/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone. A briefing about covid regulations was presented.

07/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Jeffries, Cllr Gray, Cllr Ward.

07/2021 – 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.

There were none.

07/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

There were none

07/2021 – 05 | Roles and responsibilities

Cllr Mitchell was happy to take on the role of maintenance within the village. He accepted the role and it was agreed unanimously.

07/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 12th April 2021

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

07/2021 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

ECC Grass grant

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CIF – Essex County Council / EALC
Broadband in Office
Planning applications

07/2021 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:

Grant from ECC for grass cutting.

Grass cutting contract – Kendalls.

Planters have been done this year – there was some vandalism but a local company – Great Bentley Garden Contractors offered some free plants to help out.

A quote has been sought from Cochranes Tree Services for tree cutting in the middle of the village / lift crowns etc. Harwich Road also needs looking at.

Drainage work on the playing field has been completed – excellent speed and efficiency. Sump pump will be installed on the lowest point – additional acco drains have been put in.

Left over stone has been spread around on the entrance to the field.

Car boot sales have started and we are looking for volunteers.

07/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

Thanks were given to the local speed watch team, headed by Dave Birch. Thanks were given to Tony Rowntree for his continued efforts.

07/2021 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

The annual Street furniture clean was undertaken.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported all paths are overgrown. Cllr Land indicated he had emailed ECC about the cutting schedule.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention. There are currently no issues to our knowledge

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Highways/Devolution.

Money has been received for the year 2021-22
Potential for more bollards along Harwich Road.

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.

Cllr Taylor gave a report, she indicated that some sites were slow in coming forward from TDC. Cllr Bray gave an update on the situation indicating that some delays and extensions were being granted. Agencies had also been slow in giving their comments.

APPLICATIONS

21/01012/FUL – 4 Christopher Drive, CO16 9RJ

Erection of single storey rear extension & garage extension to side/rear
Recommend Approval

21/00933/FUL – Treetops Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Erection of single storey rear extension for swimming pool and pump house
Recommend Approval

21/00932/FUL – 209 Harwich Road, CO16 9PX

Proposed loft conversion, including front and rear facing dormers, alterations to garage and gable ends
Recommend Approval

21/00899/FUL – 11A Amerells Road CO16 9HA

Proposed garage conversion with removal of garage door and replaced with new window
Recommend Approval

21/00867/FUL - Lindisfarne 59 London Road, CO16 9RB

Proposed construction of new bungalow and detached garage
This application is a back garden development, although accessed via the new builds site next door, is against the ethos held by the council
Recommend Refusal

21/00895/TPO 110 Harwich Road, CO16 9NJ

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1 No. Oak - Reduce by 3m and remove the 2 limbs parallel with the neighbour's rear fence which are approximately 10cm in diameter.

Recommend Approval

21/00848/FUL – Ewden, Holland Road, CO16 9QH

Proposed change of use of part of the domestic garden to business use for open air storage of timber, fencing and landscaping materials up to 3.5 meters in height to match rest of yard. This large extension to the existing site will double the size of this industrial site, setting the precedent to make this a creeping development site. Future plans for houses enclosing this site need to be considered as a wider issue within the local plan.

Recommend Refusal

RESOLVED: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr J S Daye, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour.

Business Group

We are chasing a number of potential incomes, rent for the cadet site, ECC.

07/2021 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that there was nothing to report.

07/2021– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Awaiting the solicitor's final verdict.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie reported that users were starting to return and that there had some been some criminal issues in relation the hall. The CCTV had identified the individuals and the data has been passed to the police. The AGM is planned for Tuesday 3rd August.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported all was well, thanked Cllr Taylor's family for their Support along with Cllr P Balbirnie. Young Ducklings have been seen. The grass cutting is going well as per the contract. Thanks to Gina Cutting for the planters. Praise had been received from the public.

07/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

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Cllr Bray updated on the following points:

Online planning application reports.

Cllr Land and myself are working on an issue in Edward Close (Flooding).

Cllr Bray has some covered assistance funding if there is anyone needing that.

07/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following matters:

Harwich Road Hill LHP - ALL IN FAVOUR.

Pelican Crossing -??? The Council and numerous agencies were told it would happen and yet it has not happened. Embarrassing for the village. Drainage was promised 50 years ago. We have had a number of applications that have been approved which we could use via 106.

07/2021 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

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

RESOLVED: that a new finishing mower be purchased. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

07/2021 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Cllr Taylor mentioned Tendring Recycling Scheme have moved to the Community Centre (Essex Cares), behind the Parish Office.

Cllr Cutting mentioned that he needs support for the car boot sale.

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm, 2021

Signed Chairman