

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER  
ON MONDAY,  
02<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, A Mitchell, D Hull, B Ward

**District Councillor:** Jeff Bray

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

**08/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**08/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Jeffries, Cllr J S Daye, Cllr P Balbirnie.

**08/2021 – 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.

None.

**08/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public**

None.

**08/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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

**08/2021 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence**

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

Gary Duffett enquiry Parish Council

ECC Grant

BT fibre upgrade

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**08/2021 – 07 | Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:  
Quiet month – MUGA 99% complete.

**08/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention**

Cllr Hull sent a report this month. Thanks were given as always.  
Increase of crime this month - 20 incidents, double from last year. Neighbourhood watch have been in contact and the village should try to engage with this. Incidents appear to be happening in key areas of the village.  
Police meet and greet outside St, James Church on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**08/2021 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports**

**Maintenance and Services**

The grass is looking good, village tidy. All looking good.  
Meet with Clerk to do a village walk.  
Bollards are cracking – clerk to enquire to Anglia Timber.

**Footpaths**

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported all paths are overgrown. ECC have one cut a year.  
Part ECC devolution money to be used for cuts. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour.

**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.

**Highways/Devolution.**

Money has been received for the year 2021-22.  
Use for footpath cuts discussed and agreed.

**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.

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**APPLICATIONS**

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21/00503/FUL - 1 Stone Hall Gardens CO16 9GD

Erection of single storey brick built garden storage shed with timber and felt roof and wooden doors to the front and rear

Recommend Approval

21/00126/FUL - 43 Harwich Road CO16 9ND

Proposed hip to gable extension with new dormers

Recommend Approval

21/01056/FUL - 61 Elm Road CO16 9LR

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

Recommend Approval

21/01001/FUL - Land between Hawthorn House & 15 Weeley Road CO16 9EN

Erection of single storey residential dwelling

Recommend Approval

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

**Business Group**

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

**08/2021 – 10 | TDALC**

Cllr Botterell noted a meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Zoom. Chairman and V Chair of EALC were the guest speakers. Talk about pandemic, courses and activities.

EALC requesting a TDALC representative to attend meetings, Cllr Botterell is now the second rep for TDALC.

Climate emergency was discussed.

**08/2021– 11 | Committee Reports**

**Little Clacton Playing Field Trust**

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Awaiting the solicitor's final verdict.

MUGA is 99% done with a few snagging issues to report back.

Electronic entry system is being looked at.

Pleased with the work, praise to Gary (groundsman) for all of the additional bits that have taken place, including drainage, cutting of hedges, removal of rubbish etc.

Cllr Mitchell reported that the football pitches are looking good.

Gary, (groundsman) indicated that a lack of signage at part of the field would assist with informing owners to keep their dogs under control.

**ACTION:** Sign - Open Ditch.

**ACTION:** Sign - Football pitches in use (no dog fouling symbol).

#### Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie noted the AGM is on Tuesday 03 August 7.30pm

Up and running, some hirers still apprehensive.

A few incidents of vandalism.

Some money was retrieved following one of the incidents.

Another incident occurred during a hire on a Saturday and that incident is ongoing.

#### Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported all looks nice, wild flower area in full bloom. Thanks to Jo for looking after the pond. Thanks to Danny for the camera on the pole.

#### 08/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray updated on the following points:

- Quiet month
- Local plan progressing
- Clacton 150 crest designed and runner up was Engaines Primary and Cllr Bray reported he presented the award as Chair of TDC

#### 08/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP Schemes – Harwich Road
- Flooding – The Street – **ACTION:** Chase temporary fix options? Drains have been sucked
- Speed Survey - Harwich Road
- Holland Road – intelligence seeking
- Frontage flooding - Harwich Road

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- Flooding Edward Close
- Elm Road Surfacing and flooding
- Locality Fund available

**08/2021 – 14 | Queens Jubilee**

Any Councillors wish to throw their hat in the ring, please let us know.

**08/2021 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation**

To receive monthly payments.

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

**08/2021 – 16 | Items for future consideration**

Clerk - Tending Recycling Scheme have moved to the Community Centre (Essex Cares), behind the Parish Office.

Cllr Mitchell asked about planters for the ends of the village. Clerk to undertake the necessary paperwork.

**Meeting Closed 20:45pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, 2021**

**Signed Chairman**