

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
04th October 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, D Hull, B Ward, L Gray

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

9 members of the public were in attendance.

10/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

10/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, M Balbirnie and J Bray

10/2021 – 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.

10/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

None.

10/2021 – 05 | Co-option of Councillors

Written responses were received from Diane Steele and Gary Duffett expressing an interest in becoming Councillors. A vote to co-opt both to Little Clacton Parish Council was taken. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour.

10/2021 – 06 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th September 2021

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

10/2021 – 07 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

Nothing to report – all events and local info is being put onto the PC Facebook page and related groups.

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10/2021 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:
Meeting with ECC Highways about the continual flooding along The Street (Kinfauns), a proposal is in the making to install four new gullies and a new soak away near to the village sign.

10/2021 – 09 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent a report this month. Thanks were given as always.

- Crime has reduced this month
- Excellent report
- Spikes are during the holiday times

10/2021 – 10 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell emailed to note little had happened within the month.
Cllr Taylor mentioned a bollard was damaged in The Street – Chairman to contact a maintenance contractor.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths:

- All ok except the path next to the pub

Streetlights

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

No issues this past month.

Highways/Devolution.

Money has been received for the year 2021-22.

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

- 21/01531/DISCON - Lindisfarne 59 London Road CO16 9RB

Discharge of condition 15 (Construction management plan) and 18 (NWS Ecological enhancement statement) of application 17/00790/FUL

Recommend Approval

- 21/01494/VOC - Land adjacent Grove House St Osyth Road CO16 9NX

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application 21/00027/FUL to allow for the dwelling on plot 1 to be constructed the same as the dwelling on plot 2.

Recommend Approval

21/01484/EIASCO - Oakwood Park Holland Road

- EIA Scoping Opinion for the submission of a hybrid application seeking full planning permission for the erection of circa 160 no. age restricted bungalows and an 80 bed care home and outline planning permission with all matters reserved for circa 700 dwellings, open space, ancillary works, mixed use local centre including primary school and 56 place early years and childcare facility, retail units, community building and residential on remainder of site.

Whilst this large plot of land is in the Local plan and therefore will always be built on the Parish of Little Clacton would strongly wish to be included in the discussions and agreements of this applications due to the huge impact on the village. We would remind the Planning team that Little Clacton already has a Primary school, open space and play area that all require a boost of funds to maintain and upgrade. A pelican crossing outside the village hall with permission but needing funds to complete (currently let down by promised monies). Highways that would be used by residents and customers of this new developments which require repairs and huge upgrade for drainage issues. Holland Road already has issues with speeding and receives regular volunteer speedwatch visits with huge results and would benefit from traffic calming measures etc.

We would ask for very firm conditions to be placed on the application to include:

-A phased building schedule which makes the erection of the school, community building and retail units compulsory. i.e. build 160 bungalow, then school, then care home, then the community building and finish with the 700 dwellings etc.

-Access to the large site is considered in detail. At present only two access point are shown for the whole site, one of these bottlenecking through the other planning application site. Both exits will feed into the traffic flow on Holland Road and Thorpe Road which we feel would be detrimental to the Village could not another access point be considered towards Telford Road /Stephenson Rd forcing traffic flow along Centenary Way. Amendments by Highways on Roundabout Thorpe Centenary Way which would prevent Traffic being able to turn right into Thorpe Rd with better signage directing traffic towards the A133.

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-Early years & childcare facility is not shown on the plan. We would ask for realistic consideration to be taken for this to be a completely separate facility to the school. As we are all aware a nursery attached to a school normally becomes a Preschool which only taking children from the age of three years old. The indication of a 56 place would support this theory based on the 1:8 ration regards Ofsted for the above three years age group requirements. This would therefore leave no support for the parents of all the children under three years old.

Recommend approval, Subject to conditions

Note: Thursday 7th October 1pm-6.30pm @ Little Clacton Village Hall – Public consultation event held by Scott Properties

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

Business Group

A meeting will be called shortly to consider the position of the Councils financial position. Meeting took place of the business group on Friday 1st October to review the finances and potential projects.

Clerk gave an update on the current financial position, healthy and enables us to push ahead with further improvements and upgrades

10/2021 – 11 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that there had been no meeting.

Chief Executive of TDC gave an update on their position.

A conversation about the car rally took place.

10/2021– 12 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

- Ongoing discussions with the solicitors over the CADENT lease
- The cadets are up to date with payments and the talks of a new lease are ongoing through solicitors
- Outdoor places have finished at the site
- Seven additional CCTV cameras to be installed
- Plans to have an apron installed around the edge of the MUGA - out to quote
- Potential to open up the MUGA for bookings

Village Hall

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Cllr P Balbirnie noted bookings are picking up including the Red Cross. Thanks to Lyn Gray for the ongoing cleanliness of the hall. There is a large bush which needs some attention

Millennium Green

Cllr P Balbirnie reported all looks nice, Kendalls have one last cut in November and the bushes should be cut. There are increased fish in the pond – tiddlers.

10/2021 – 13 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent his apologies.

10/2021 - 14 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Women's Tour
- Local Highways Panel Schemes, path on Harwich Road down to the Thorpe Station, Speed Strips, Pelican Crossing, Mobile VAS
ACTION: contact Lawford PC about their VAS – successes etc.
Cllr Taylor outlines that the bus route to TDC had changed and more kids were walking to school to avoid long bus journeys.
- Given £1000 of funding to the village hall
- Speed review of Harwich Road through to Station Road
- Flooding in the Street meeting
- Flooding in Holland Road
ACTION: could speed markings be painted on Harwich Road?

10/2021 – 15 | Queens Jubilee

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

Cllr Hull outlined that she had had a meeting with Cllr Jeffries and Mitchell about ideas. She has contacts in the entertainment and radio business and is eager to seek public involvement.

10/2021 – 16 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Seconded, Cllr J

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Smith Day – all in favour.

10/2021 – 17 | Items for future consideration

Are the Kitchen Centre happy to continue to supply electric for the Christmas Lights?

Could the Air Cadets supply a flag bearer for the Remembrance Sunday Service?

Meeting Closed 20.45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st November at 7.30pm, 2021

Signed Chairman