

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
1st November 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, D Hull, B Ward, L Gray, J S Daye, D Steele

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

9 members of the public were in attendance.

11/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

11/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

None.

11/2021 – 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.

Cllrs Duffett, Botterell and Mitchell declared pecuniary interests.

11/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

Dave would like to thank the litter pickers, speed watch teams and the village hall team for the lovely Saturday celebration.

11/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 4th October 2021

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

11/2021 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

Five Estuaries update – comment made from LCPC

ACTION: letter to TDC to be kept up to date.

11/2021 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

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A zoom meeting took place in relation to the public booking system for the MUGA, we will be going with the software package.

The base of the bollard that was reported last month has been fixed and made safe. Kendalls have informed the council that they will no longer be servicing our contract. A new contractor has been transferred over to CGM Limited at the same cost.

Parish Fields had a problem with the billing for water during lockdown. A lengthy process to try to resolve the problem has taken place and now the bills have been reduced to £19 a month.

The flood alleviation works on The Street outside Kinfauns is due to commence in Nov/Dec.

Memorial clean-up will take place on Saturday 13th at 11am and the service will be in the village on 14th November at 11:30am.

Trees on Harwich Road – we lost one through ash die back, there is a tree next to this one in a similar condition. The stump needs to be removed from the old tree and new planting to take place.

The MUGA is being rented to local sports clubs. We have had a complaint from the properties at the rear of ECL owing to the floodlights. We have contacted the lighting company and a quote has come back to amend them. The Chairman has expressed that he is unhappy that we have to pay as the lights are still in early testing phase.

11/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

- Crime has reduced this month
- Package stolen from a door step, be vigilant
- Speed watch – bad few weeks of speeding, around 33 speeding vehicles in one 45-minute period – Chairman to contact Essex Police
- Excellent report
- Nuisance calls – roof loft installation

11/2021 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell noted that the grass has been cut, painter is booked to complete the works around the hall.

Footpaths

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

- All ok

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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.

ACTION: Salt scheme – look into this.

ACTION: Foot Bridge – are we looking at a restrictive post.

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

21/01485/FULHH - 1 Alan Drive CO16 9RH

Proposed erection of a new fence to front garden.

Recommend approval

21/01167/FUL – Bovills Hall, St Osyth Road West, CO16 9DJ

Proposed conversion of agricultural storage barns into 5 houses

The location of this site does not support new residential dwellings. Whilst a bus route runs past the location there is no pedestrian pathways towards St Johns Road and in the opposite direction the nearest shop is approximately a 1 mile walk, including using the crossing above the A133.

Recommend Refusal

21/00186/LBC - Bovills Hall, St Osyth Road West, CO16 9DJ

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21/01730/FULHH - 145 Harwich Road, CO16 9NJ

Proposed erection of detached garage

Recommend Approval

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

Business Group

A meeting will be called shortly to consider the budget for 2022-2023.

RESOLVED: to agree the quote for £6500 to undertake further works around the MUGA. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Taylor – all in favour.

11/2021 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that there had been no meeting.

11/2021– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

- Ongoing discussions with the solicitors over the CADENT lease
- Booking system for external rentals is in place
- Risk Assessment is complete and daily inspections are taking place

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted bookings are picking up. Thanks were given from the Chairman for the celebration event at the hall, a great spread and good attendance.

Millennium Green

Cllr P Balbirnie reported that the new contractors have to cut the bushes, everything is looking good and the pond is full of fish.

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11/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray update on the Tendring Speeding Strategy which would look at uniformed signage and greater awareness from other local councils.

11/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Verges have been cut
- Holland road speeding

11/2021 – 14 | Queens Jubilee

Cllr Mitchell would like a meeting.

11/2021 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr J S Daye Seconded, Cllr Jeffries – all in favour. Additionally agreed on the night, to spend up to £100 on a flag pole and flags for the entrance to the field.

RESOLVED: To approve the re-placement of the alarm system from the hall to the Parish Office. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

11/2021 – 16 | To note the findings of the External Auditor

The Council noted the findings of the External Auditor. Proposed Cllr Ward, Seconded Cllr Steele – all in favour.

11/2021 – 17 | Items for future consideration

A service will take place from 10.30-11.30am on November 14th at the church, similar to the Royal British Legion's contribution each year.

The pavement is being used for parking on the school drop off outside Belamacanda.

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm, 2021

Signed Chairman