

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06th December 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, D Hull, L Gray, J S Daye, A Mitchell, J Jeffries, G Duffett

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

12/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

12/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Steele, Ward and Bray

12/2021 – 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.

12/2021 – 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.

12/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 1st November 2021

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

12/2021 – 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 – meeting held.

Thanks for the upgrades to technology within the parish office.

The parish field is looking good as made known by local people through feedback.

12/2021 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

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The Chairman noted comments about the development in the street. A unilateral undertaking was discussed and noted that it can be re- contracted through the council and district council. **ACTION:** to move this item of discussion until next month.

The Kinfauns drainage is now coming to a close but we hope that other issues are dealt with in good time.

Had a meeting with Holland Road residents and Councillors about the potential issues from the Oakwood development along Holland Road.

12/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

- Crime has gone up in Little Clacton
- Items of lower-level crime
- Thanks to Cllr Hull
- Speed monitoring along Harwich Road has been implemented by Essex Police
- The CCTV camera was discussed owned by TDC

12/2021 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell noted that the:

The Christmas lights are on with a few old lamps needing replacing

The shop is changing hands

Relocate the switches and timers and re-locate onto the outside of the building

Repairs needed on the lights

Bollard in front of the shop is missing a top

Verges have been cut

Litter picking has been done in some areas – thanks

MUGA lights have been moved x 2

Lights have been fixed in various areas

Millennium green sign is damaged

New works outside Galloway Drive has been completed

Resolved: Cochrane tree services to remove a further tree, stump grind (2) and replace with two trees on Harwich Road for a fee of £1454.60. Proposed Cllr J S Daye Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour. Letter to be delivered to local residents.

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Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths:
Nothing to report.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention.
Two lights have been replaced in Harwich Road.

Highways/Devolution.

Money has been received for the year 2021-22.
Posts have been ordered but still waiting on delivery (international). Look at other options.

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

21/01856/FUL - Plot 6 Land rear of Holly Lodge Betts Green Road
Proposed erection of 1 cottage style dwelling (Variation to design of dwelling as approved under 18/00872/DET and 20/01073/DET).
Recommend Approval

21/01860/FUL - Thorpe Park Solar Farm Land South of Thorpe-Le-Soken
Proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substations, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.
Recommend Approval

21/02000/FULHH - 15 Clapgate Drive CO16 9PP
Proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion
Recommend Approval

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

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Business Group

The Cadent contract has finally been resolved and paid.

Army lease is ongoing

Resolved: that a grant of 1000 pounds for the village hall is approved. Proposed Cllr Jeffries Seconded Cllr J S Daye – all in favour

Resolved: that a grant of £250 for painting for pleasure is approved. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour

Resolved: that a grant of £250 for Plough Corner art club is approved. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour

Resolved: that a grant for Little Clacton Playing Field Trust is approved. Proposed Cllr Talyor Seconded Cllr Jeffries - – all in favour

Resolved: that a grant of £350 be approved. Proposed Cllr Hull Seconded Cllr Mitchell - all in favour

12/2021 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there had been a meeting.

Grounds contracting questions were raised in light of the new contract that has been transferred. **ACTION:** To review the contract under the new terms.

12/2021– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

- Charity commission update - under £25,000 a year

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- Positive bookings
- Play area needs some maintenance
- Village Hall committee wished everyone a Happy Christmas

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- The heron has been busy
- Accounts have been done

12/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

No report.

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12/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

CLlr Land reported on the following points:

- Verges have been cut
- Harwich road speeding review is underway

12/2021 – 14 | Queens Jubilee

CLlr Mitchell noted:

A meeting to take place with the council over the events.

12/2021 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

Query the payment to the Special Constable

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by CLlr P Balbirnie Seconded, CLlr Duffett – all in favour.

12/2021 – 16 | Precept

Resolved: That the parish council precept for 2022-23 is set at £80,000. Proposed CLlr Gray Seconded CLlr Botterell – all in favour.

12/2021 – 17 | Staffing

Resolved: that the clerk be upgraded two salary scale points: Proposed CLlr Taylor seconded CLlr Mitchell – all in favour

12/2021 – 18 | Items for future consideration

Grass Contract

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd January at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman