MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER ON MONDAY, 07th February 2022 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

Steele, B Ward

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

4 members of the public were in attendance.

01/2022 - 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

01/2022 - 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Hull, Jeffries, Mitchell

01/2022 - 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 and Mitchell declared pecuniary interests for works undertaken for the Parish Council

01/2022 - 04 | Public Forum - Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked if the field had been booked for the classic car show – ongoing discussions are being held. Had Speed marks on Harwich Road had advanced – awaiting the speed test results and noted that parking is now around the bend near the school on collections.

A member of the public asked about red lines in the village. Cllr Bray said he would take it up with TDC for affected locations, St. Osyth Road and The Street.

A member of the public asked why the council had approved an application in Thorrington Road. An explanation was provided.

A MOP / Developer suggested that the leisure facilities as part of a proposed site on The Street could be moved. The Council felt that because he had signed the 106 that was now a legal requirement and could not easily be altered. The Chairman also suggested that he used the names from the War Memorial for roads in the new development.

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01/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th December 2021 Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Botterell seconded Cllr Taylor - all in favour.

01/2022 - 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

Cllr Taylor gave a view of the planning teams views on 106 allocations from developers. The PC are open to discussions with developers in relation to 106 matter and also negotiate with TDC when these matters arise.

A suggestion for the naming for the new development

01/2022 - 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village: **ACTION:** Block Turning signs at the start of Elm Road LCTC grant awarded from TDC

01/2022 - 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

01/2022 - 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell submitted a comprehensive report.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: Nothing too much to report, wet, muddy.

Streetlights

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

Highways/Devolution.

Money has been received for the year 2021-22.

Posts have arrived, Proposal to contact Kendalls to install more posts along Harwich Road. Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded JS Daye – all in favour

Planning

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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

21/02099 - Plot 5 Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Erection of 1 cottage style dwelling (Variation to design of dwelling as approved under 18/00872/DET and 20/01073/DET)

The original application in 2018 was for bungalows and was allowed on a PIFOD. It seems the goal posts are being moved to higher buildings with more bedrooms, this does appear to be a domino effect with the other proposed properties. The Parish do not think that 2 parking spots and a garage are sufficient for a four-bedroom property, which would therefore turn this into a cramped site. The intended height would have an impact on views from the rear of properties in Harwich Rd. Recommend Refusal

21/02064/FUL - Plot 4 Land rear of Holly Lodge Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

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21/02077/FULHH- 314 Harwich Road Little CO16 9PZ

Proposed two storey rear extension (following demolition of Conservatory)

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Recommend Approval

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

Cllr JS Daye noted the TDC local plan had been approved by Full Council

Business Group

Army lease is ongoing Action: chase solicitors

01/2022 - 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there had been a meeting.

01/2022-11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Chairman said we are now over the line with the upgrade to the Tennis Courts and an official opening on Saturday 5th March is being suggested with Cllr Bray in attendance. The press to be invited. Chairman thanked all Councillors past and present for their efforts, thanked Gary for managing the facility.

ACTION: look into tennis net quotes.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- Positive bookings including St Johns Ambulance
- AGM is the 16th March at 7:30pm
- Thanks for the grant

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- The green is fine with no problems
- Hedge needs attention but the bulbs are coming through strongly
- Lake is looking good

01/2022 - 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray agreed that the inspector reports sometimes raise eyebrows. Feedback is sent but only route after that is Judicial Review. We now have a fully operational Local Plan in

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Tendring. Three applications have been called in on Betts Green Road.

01/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Road surface in The Street to be re-done, poor finish flooding Kinfauns
- Elm Road Re-surfacing
- Entry Gates to the village need to move them
- Speed test grove road
- Levelling Up new funds

01/2022 - 14 | Queens Jubilee

Cllrs Mitchell and Hull have been meeting regularly to discuss a possible event on the Plough Corner Fields. The Village Hall is the centre of the village and an idea to have an event for children and families could take place on the Harold Lilley Playing Field.

Cllr Steele said she would ask the school what their plans are and report back and would be happy to help and support in the organisation of an event.

01/2022 - 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr JS Daye Seconded, Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour.

01/2022 - 18 | Items for future consideration

Cllr P Balbirnie asked what possible date for the Jubilee – 4^{th} June, lighting on the 3^{rd} June of the beacon.

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman

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