

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
04th April 2022 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

Four members of the public were in attendance.

04/2022 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting.

A minute's silence was held for the situation in Ukraine.

04/2022 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Balbirnie, Steele.

04/2022 – 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.

None.

04/2022 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public noted that a tree planting scheme would go ahead on land off The Street - Birches

04/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 7th March 2022

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

04/2022 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

Special thanks to Cllr Duffett for all his hard work around the grounds and facilities.

04/2022 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

Thanked Cllr Ward for his efforts during his time as a Councillor.

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Jubilee Steering Group met and the event has been pulled together. 12-5pm on Saturday 4th June at Village Hall / Harold Lilley Field.

Attended the planning committee meeting about Betts Green Road Applications which were all refused.

Chair has put in an FOI to TDC for planning application numbers in the local area.

The planters in the village need to be looked at **ACTION: Put an advert in the Village Mag for sponsors of the planters.**

04/2022 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined the police data was late coming in this month.

Crime over time has gone down in the village.

04/2022 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell submitted a report:

No issues of note.

Footpaths

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

Paths generally ok.

No issues – article in the village magazine noting about brambles being left on the paths.

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.

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

22/00035/FUL- Reedlands Farm, Holland Road, CO16 9RX

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The area which has been developed is situated on the corner of a busy cu through road and is extremely visual from the road. A new access point has been added much closer to the junction than before. The nature of the site would be open to risk of ever increasing size and permanently being lost for agricultural use forever. As a retrospective application it is clear to see from the road all stored goods. Although a perimeter has been created, the high storing height and nature of goods creates an overwhelming health and safety risk to the public. If incorrectly stored / knocked from within the site they will fall into the highway. The use of storage containers is out of keeping with the area.

We acknowledge as a retrospective application the site has been neaten up, is a popular business and gives employment to the area.

Neutral recommendation

22/00391/FUL - Land to rear of 8A Holland Road CO16 9RS

Proposed one self-build custom detached dwelling.

This site had an original application - 18/01272/OUT - Proposed erection of 5 Bungalows (Aug 2018), which was refused. They then can back with another application which was approved - 19/00005/OUT- Erection of 4 bungalows. (Jan 2019)

This new application is for the one property which was dropped out of the original application of 5 but with access route left in place within the design of the four properties. It should also be noted that the layout causes an additional land space to be created for a possible potential 6th dwelling, should this application be granted. The extension to the building site would have a yet more direct impact on the six existing properties along Holland Road. The site is not accessed by public road but a private lane hence the description 'land to the rear of'.

The classic creeping back garden development into a cramped area with restricted access still has all the valid reason of refusal from application 18/01272/OUT but now also has the added weight that the Council has a Local plan and the building numbers required. *Application form classes the development as Market housing and not Self-Build therefore plans to sell or rent on the open market.

Recommend refusal

22/00384/FUL - 23 Hazelwood Crescent CO16 9PB

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Proposed ground floor rear and side extension.

Recommend Approval

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

Business Group

Army lease and first registration for the field is still ongoing.

Business group needs to meet in relation to the car park project, we get a topography survey before we proceed. **Approved:** the council approve a spend up to a £1000 for a survey. Proposed Cllr JSDAYE Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour.

04/2022 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

04/2022– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to report – the MUGA is now open to the public.

Resolved: to agree an ongoing contract for legionella disease. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- Doing well
- Flooding problem to be looked at
- Grant from ECC Locality Fund

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- Thanks to Cllr Duffett for the hedge which has been cut
- Look at further signs

04/2022 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray updated on Local plan matters, the recent planning decisions that went to committee. Will attend the Jubilee event.

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04/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Speed test results have now been received for both Harwich and Holland Road. Both the sets of results came in higher than the average for the roads. Holland Road exceeded the limits set by ECC which means that follow up measures can be looked at, Essex Police have been informed of the results.

04/2022 – 14 | Queens Jubilee

A meeting has taken place and plans are moving forward.

04/2022 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved Balbirnie Taylor

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

04/2022 – 16 | Items for future consideration.

Meeting Closed 20:30pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd May at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman