

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
5th December 2022 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

10 members of the public were in attendance.

12/2022 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone and expressed our consideration and thoughts towards the families of Vera Rogers and John Dunnett who had passed away in the past month. Vera was always visible and John had been involved in many of the village projects and initiatives over the years. Proposal that the memorial green be named after Mr Dunnett via a plaque.

12/2022 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hull.

12/2022 – 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.

12/2022 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

Member of the public asked if the premiere store could be asked to have a bin outside? Could we have a regular inclusion in the village magazine – before the 12th each month. Member of the public mentioned he had some Christmas decorations should the Parish Council want some.

Member of public outlined concerns about the traveller site that has recently appeared on the Clacton Road.

12/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 7th November 2022

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

12/2022 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

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matters of interest.

12/2022 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- attended remembrance Sunday service
- met with three contractors over the proposed upgrade of the car park
- went to Weeley parish council
- attended the winter warmer tea club opening

12/2022 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

12/2022 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell noted that some repairs had been done around the village.

Resolved: that Bentley Landscapes be awarded the Grounds Maintenance contract for the next 3 years. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Mitchell – all in favour

Footpaths

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

- the CCTV sign on St. Osyth Road East has helped

Streetlights

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

A few have been repaired/replaced over the month.

Highways/Devolution.

We await the scheme to be reborn.

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.

22/01820/TPO - 22 Leys Drive CO16 9RE 1 No. Oak - reduce crown by 30%.

Recommend Approval

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22/01807/FULHH - Lindisfarne 59 London Road CO16 9RB

Proposed single storey side extension to replace existing garage and detached single garage.

Recommend Approval

22/01808/DISCON - Former Methodist Church The Street. Discharge of conditions 3 (Archaeological Building Recording) and 4 (Scheme of Hard and Soft Landscaping) of application 22/00196/FUL

Recommend Approval

22/01869/FUL - Land to the Rear of 8a Holland Road,
Proposed detached dwelling and detached garage

This application is a creeping development following applications 22/00391/FUL and

20/01621/DETAIL, to create 6 dwellings in a tight and restricted location. This back land development was original refused as 5 dwellings on application 18/01272/OUT.

Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

A meeting has taken place to discuss the budget for 2023-2024. Cllr JS Daye noted that until we know the tax base from TDC, we are still looking a small proposed increase in line on the inflationary pressures.

Resolved: that the precept for 2023-24 be set at £85,000. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Duffet – all in favour

Resolved: that £500 be spent of gift vouchers, Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour

Resolved: that a float of £100 be given to the winter warmer tea club. Proposed JS Daye, Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie.

Resolved: that grants of £200 be given to both of the art clubs who meet in the hall. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Jeffries.

12/2022 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that a meeting had taken place and that our special constable had been in attendance and praised the work of special constables. The potential pylons in the Ardleigh area were discussed and the objections against them.

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12/2022– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

MUGA is booked, members of the public are using the facility and keeping the

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted that he is looking to visit the head teacher of the school in relation to the damaged door.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported that the area was looking nice.

12/2022 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray gave his apologies.

12/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Holland road verge to be done under the pot hole scheme
- Winter warmer tea club is a great success
- Flooding on the street

12/2022 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

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

12/2021 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Meeting Closed 20:29pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm, 2023.

Signed Chairman