

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
07th March 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, J Jeffries, A Mitchell

District Councillor: Apologies sent

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

03/2022 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting.

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

03/2022 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bray

03/2022 – 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.

03/2022 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

No comments

03/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 7th February 2022

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

03/2022 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

The council has a new website which is now more functional and practical for the public.

03/2022 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

The local special constable is back on the beat

A tree and the Christmas Lights came down in the storm on the green in the centre of the village. The Tommies were also damaged and have been sent off for repair.

MUGA official opening on Saturday was successful and well attended. Thanks to Cllr Duffett and the Clerk.

Millenium Green Hedge – the existing contractors are unable to do the work. Cllr Duffett has been asked to complete the work.

Whips have been sourced to go in around the village.

03/2022 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

Been a theft of tools from a car – £2k

Domestic matter

Burglary

03/2022 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell submitted a report:

Street lights have been reported and fixed throughout the month.

Christmas lights have been taken down and made safe.

Footpaths

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

Paths generally ok.

The wind/storm has affected trees which are overhanging.

Litter picking has been done throughout the month.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention. Cllr Mitchell updated on repairs throughout the month.

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

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listed below.

APPLICATIONS

22/00196/FUL - Former Methodist Church The Street

Proposed conversion of former Methodist church into a single dwelling house.

Recommend Approval

22/00067/FULHH – 1 Stone Hall Gardens, CO16 9GD

Proposed conservatory to side of property

Recommend approval

22/00072/FUL – LITTLE Clacton Lodge, Lodge Road, CO16 9QD

Continued use of existing shepard's hut and proposed erection of 2no. removable self-contained holiday units, including the conversion of the existing garage to a wellness/yoga building with associated parking and landscaping.

Recommend approval

Info only

22/00120/AGRIC - Land adj to Villers Barn, Tan Lane

Proposed construction of an agricultural water storage reservoir using in-situ soils only.

Resolved: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr J S Daye, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

Cllr Cutting noted that there is a planning committee meeting next week to look at development proposals in Betts Green Road.

Business Group

Army lease is ongoing

Action: chase solicitors

03/2022 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

03/2022– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

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

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Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- Play area works have been complete
- Utilities have been changed to smart metres
- Hall hire is nearly back to capacity – Kung Fu, Yoga
- Cllrs Gray and Balbirnie have taken over the caretaker's job
- Booking secretary is doing well
- Cllr M Balbirnie is doing the secretary and treasurer's job
- Grant from TDC received
- AGM on 16TH March - 6:30pm
- Roof damage from the storm

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- The trees are looking well
- The bushes are to be cut
- Pretty with the winter/spring flowers
- Trees are in bud and will look nice
- Pond is looking nice

03/2022 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent apologies.

£1000 of funding has been allocated to District Councillors for Jubilee Celebrations.

03/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Speed test results waiting for Harwich and Holland Road

03/2022 – 14 | Queens Jubilee

Cllrs Cutting, Mitchell, Steele, Hull and Jeffries have had a meeting and plans are afoot.

03/2022 – 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 Gray – all in favour.

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03/2022 – 16 | Items for future consideration

Disaster's emergency Committee - £100 grant. Proposed Cllr Hull Seconded Cllr Taylor – all in favour.

Meeting Closed 20:27pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th April at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman