

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
02th May 2022 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

05/2022 – 01 | Election of Chairman

Cllr P Balbirnie nominated Cllr Cutting, Seconded Cllr JS Day, no other expressions of interest - all in favour.

05 / 2022 – 02 | Acceptance of Office (Chairman)

Cllr Cutting duly signed his office of acceptance.

05 / 2022 – 03 | Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr P Balbirnie proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr Mitchell, no other expressions of interest – all in favour.

05/2022 – 04 | Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bray

05/2022 – 05 | 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.

Cllr Botterell and Cllr Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest via paid services to the council.

05/2022 – 06 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

None.

05 / 2022 – 07 | Appointments to committees 2022-23

Cllr Steele asked to join the Business Group. All other appointments to remain the same. Proposed Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour.

05/2022 – 08 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 4th April 2022

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

05/2022 – 09 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

VAT | Insurance | Accounts | MUGA.

05/2022 – 10 | Chairman’s Report

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

Email from ECC about the Crossing on London Road – the design for the scheme has been produced.

ECC have sent details of new signage to be installed on London Road near the Church. Great Bentley to increase the size of the school.

05/2022 – 11 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined the police data was late and gave an update from her local intelligence and our Special Constable Tony Rowntree, to whom we give thanks.

05/2022 – 12 | 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 now starting to grow, incident of fly tipping was reported to the Clerk.

Streetlights

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

Highways/Devolution.

Projects for the past year included street bollards and tree planting.

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

22/00534/FUL – 72 The Street, CO16 9LG

Proposed change of use from domestic garden, conservatory (Class C3(a)) use to commercial garden for tea room (Class E(b)) use.

Although we support the start up of new businesses within the village it must not have a lasting negative effect on the village. Unfortunately the location of this premise, wishing to serve upto 34 covers, does not provide any adequate parking for visitors. The nearby Kin-fauns cottage has no off road parking and with the huge amount of drop kerb along this road their is only 7/8 spaces on the street. Spaces which are used by residents, especially on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. These residences still struggle to find parking spaces and overflow into Elm Road. Although parking is available further down the road, by the Post Office, this is actually as very busy convenience store and spaces are constantly being used by their customers.

Recommend Refusal

22/00562/VOC - Lindisfarne, 59 London Road, CO16 9RB

Variation of condition 2 of application 21/00867/FUL to amend the materials shown on approved drawing.

Recommend approval

22/00518/FUL - Land North of Hartley Wood Weeley Heath Essex

Proposed development of a solar farm with associated infrastructure.

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The site and panels would sit extremely close to the edge of the Meadowview Park. We would ask for consideration to be given when siting and angling that the site is not adversely affected by any reflecting, glare etc.

Recommend approval, with condition

22/00537/OUT- Land East of Thorpe Road And South of Holland Road

Hybrid Planning Application consisting of:

Full Planning Permission for the erection of age-restricted dwellings, care homes,

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allotments, community building, public open space and associated works.

Outline planning permission for erection of up to 710 no. dwellings, 2FE primary school, early years and childcare facility, local centre, open space and associated works (all matters reserved).

We acknowledge this application falls within the accepted local plan. We feel that the current Highways infrastructure is inadequate and would need a condition in place that protects the Little Clacton village roads. We would request traffic calming measures put in place to protect Holland Road (recent traffic survey proves the speeding traffic is already an issue) and London Road. Ideally traffic leaving the site using Thorpe Road would be made to turn left towards Centenary Way, which is the indicates route within the application. With such a large development which affect the local residences we request that the affordable housing be allocated to residents on the waiting list for Little Clacton first then Tendring.

Resolved: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Vote taken on application in the Street – Tea Room. Seven Against, Four in favour, one abstention. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour.

Business Group

Army lease and first registration for the field is still ongoing.
Business group need to have a meeting to review the accounts.

05/2022 – 13 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

05/2022– 14 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Statement of accounts was presented to the Council.

The MUGA is managing itself nicely in terms of public use and rental income.

Resolved: that the council approve a quote for £2220 to implement a drainage proposal
Proposed Cllr Gray Seconded Cllr Taylor - all in favour.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- Incident of vandalism
- Bookings doing well

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Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- Pair of Kestrels are nesting in one of the boxes
- Spinney looks beautiful with flowers
- Pond is fine

05/2022 – 15 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent his apologies.

05/2022 - 16 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP scheme, Crossing and Signage on London Road.
- Locality Fund

05/2022 – 17| Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved Proposed Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour.

05 / 2022 – 18| Approve Clacton Business Services as the Internal Auditor 2022-23

Resolved: that CBS are appointed the Internal Auditor for 2022-23. Proposed Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr Hull - all in favour.

05/2022 – 19 | Items for future consideration.

Jubilee

Meeting Closed 20:35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th June at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman