

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
17th May 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, L Gray, G Duffett, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, D Steele, D Hull, C Amor (coopted on night)

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

7 members of the public were in attendance.

05/2023 – 01 | Election of Chairman and Acceptance of Office

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

05 / 2023 – 02 | Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Cutting proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Taylor, no other expressions of interest – all in favour.

05 / 2023 – 03 | Co-option of Councillors

Chris Amor expressed an interest in Joining the council. Proposed Cllr Cutting, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

05/2023 – 04 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bray, JS Daye, M Balbirnie

05/2023 – 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 Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest owing to paid services to the council this month.

05 / 2023 – 06 | Appointments to committees 2022-23

Chairman expressed that anyone that wishes to change their responsibilities may do so – otherwise the status quo remains. Cllr Amor offered to assist M Balbirnie with the Millennium Green. Resolved that St.Johns Ambulance are given £50 for their contribution towards the Coronation event – all in favour.

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.

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05/2023 – 07 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 3rd April 2023

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

05/2023 – 08 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

None.

05 / 2023 – 09 | Donation from a local villager

Proposed that we put together the master plan for the village and once the appropriate approvals and permits have been granted, receive the money from Mr Roper to go to the overall project costs.

05/2023 – 10 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

05/2023 – 11 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village: Congratulations were given to the Coronation Party Team, a splendid effort with all of the volunteers also contributing to the day.

05/2023 – 12 | 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.

05/2023 – 13 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell submitted a report:

Three lights fixed, the grass contractor is doing a better job.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: Paths are ok but growing quickly and there are branches down on the path next to The Blacksmiths arms.

Streetlights

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

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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

23/00500/FULHH - Garden Cottage Harwich Road CO16 9QA

Demolition of an existing dilapidated outbuilding and construction of a new timber framed structure of similar size and scale to be used as workshop space to the rear and annexe accommodation to the front.

Recommend approval

23/00438/WTPO - 19 Sunnyside Way CO16 9PE

1 No. Oak- cut back to behind old cut points and remove epicormic growth on trunk.

Recommend approval

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 P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour.

Business Group

No report

05/2023 – 14 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

05/2023– 15 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

JS Daye is fulfilling the accounts which will go this year to an external auditor.

Vandals have damaged a mechanism on the MUGA which will be dealt with by the Police including our Special Constable Tony.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- bookings are steady
- grants have had to be put on hold

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Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- buttercups are beautiful this year
- fish are hungry
- kestrels are flying and swooping nicely

05/2023 – 16 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent his apologies.

05/2023 - 17 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP scheme
- Locality Fund

05/2023 – 18 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Steele – all in favour.

05/2023 – 19 | Items for future consideration.

Meeting Closed 20:35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th June at 7.30pm, 2023

Signed Chairman