

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON WEDNESDAY 08th May 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, L Gray, G Duffett, J Jeffries, D Steele, D Hull, C Amor

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

4 members of the public were in attendance.

05/2024 – 01 | Election of Chairman and Acceptance of Office

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

05 / 2024 – 02 | Election of Vice Chairman

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

05 / 2024 – 03 | Noted the continuation of council roles and responsibilities

Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

05/2024 – 04 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs A Mitchell and JS Daye.

05/2024 – 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.

05/2024 – 06 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 2nd April 2024

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

05/2024 – 07 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP mentioned about the parking on the path along Harich Road on weekends. Cllr Duffett explained the situation with the new football club and reasons for the matter.

05/2024 – 08 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

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- signs Harwich Road
- police glass phone box
- complaint about grass cutting
- complements from resident in elm road about the grass cutting
- windfarm extension

05/2024 – 09 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village: Congratulations WERE GIVEN IN RELATION TO THE k6 PHONE BOX, Cllr Amor had done a great deal of work. Thanks to DC Transport from Great Bentley for their help for this matter in terms of installation. It was recommended that we give a donation to DC Transport for their London Marathon effort. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Hull - all in favour. A plaque should be purchased noting the company who had helped to install it. The K6 box was discussed in terms of how the storage should be configured and how it could it be utilised. **Cllr Amor would put forward a sketch of the proposed layout.** We have had signs installed about the speed along Harwich Road.

Chairman attended the planning committee meeting on Amerells Road application, the committee proposed on the night that it be given approval. Cllr Bray also spoke against the application. We await the reserved matters application to come forward for further comments.

Chairman liaised with the grass cutting contractor about issues that have been encountered on Feverills Road with cutting schedule. The Chair said that a letter will be sent to the local roads to say they should not be parked on the verges on these roads.

Fly tipping was spotted in St. Osyth Road East which was looked into and the matter was quickly dealt with through evidence. A conversation about the prosecution protocol surrounding these cameras took place.

05/2024 – 10 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined that crime had reduced this month. The Special Constable noted that this was accurate and things were marginally satisfactory.

05/2024 – 11 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

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Cllr Mitchell sent his apologies.

Clerk noted that some lights had been fixed during the month.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported that they are passable but growth is starting. Blacksmiths Arms path is getting overgrown.

Streetlights

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

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

24/00455/FUL – Land to the Rear of 110 Harwich Road, CO16 9NJ

Three dwellings in lieu of 23/00931/COUNOT - Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed conversion of 3 no. existing barns in to 4no. two-bedroom dwellings.

Recommend Refusal

24/00437/LUEX – Rankmore Farm, Clacton Shooting Ground Lodge Road, CO16 9QH
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing use or Development for continued use as a shooting ground

Recommend Approval

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

Business Group

No report.

05/2024 – 12 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

05/2024– 13 | Committee Reports

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Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that the football club using the field had indicated that there were grants available for the condition of the grounds. Samples have been taken and we await the report. Cllr Duffett reported on the current situation in relation to the upkeep of the field.

Car Boot Sales will commence from the first Sunday in June 2024.

A classic car show will take place on the 19th May

A modern car show will take place on the 8th June

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- grass has been cut
- looking at identified issues at the hall, interior and external

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor noted:

- the AGM was attended and people were interested in helping out
- wild flower turf to be installed

05/2023 – 14 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray mentioned the following:

- bonfires
- planning committee timings
- phone box looks great
- bin opposite Kinfauns on green
- Local plan is being recalculated and significant uplift is possible

05/2023 - 15 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP scheme
- Locality Fund

05/2023 – 16 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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

05/2023 – 17 | Items for future consideration.

Bins in village

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Dog show this Sunday
Mowers

Meeting Closed 20:51pm

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

Signed Chairman