

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06th November 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, C Amor, D Steele, JS Daye, P Balbirnie, G Duffett, A Mitchell, J Jeffries

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

4 members of the public were in attendance.

11/2023 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hull and Bray.

11/2023 – 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. Cllrs Botterell and Mitchell declared a Pecuniary interest in relation to payments this evening.

11/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP asked about the following matters:

On Harwich Road, Thorpe Bound Carriageway there is a hole by the drain. **Investigate through ECC.**

The hedge along the Street is still uncut – We have contacted the landowner and asked once again for this to be done.

11/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 02nd October 2023

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

11/2023 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

11/2023 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:
Bulb planting is underway and three quarters complete, further bulbs have had to be purchased to accommodate the identified sites. We are in dialogue to ECC over trees, location and approvals. We had a complaint about a tree being pruned on Harwich Road. The Clerk is in dialogue with ECC and an inspection is due to take place in due course. New heading for the village notice board has been sourced with 'John Dunnett memorial garden' added.
The phone box is being applied for through ECC.

11/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Cutting gave an update about the spread of crime around the village. Thanks to Cllr Hull for her report.

11/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell updated that a meeting took place concerning the positioning of the Phone Box. The agreed position is on the Green in between the notice boards. Proposed L Grey Seconded J Taylor – all in favour. There was some debris left from the recent strimming along The Street.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: All are fine.

Streetlights

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

4 lights

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council
Councillor D Botterell read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

22/02098/FUL - 58 - 62 The Street CO16 9LG

Proposed demolition of No. 58-62 and redevelopment of the site for 11 no. market dwellings (net increase of 9). (Changes made to original application 15/12/2022)

Resubmit the original comments of the 07 Feb 2023, along with additional information.

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This site is unsuitable and totally unneeded for this application for additional large multiple properties. The site is accessed by a narrow width road which joins the highway at a dangerous and busy turning point. Residents have already complained to the parish council about vehicles parking and lack of visibility all around the only access junction. The size of the properties (1*2 bed, 5*3 bed, 2*4 bed + 3*5 bed) raised concerns not only for additional traffic flow but also the amount of parking for the households. As a mini estate the only visitors parking would be in the dead end road or within the car park servicing the animal rescue facility.

This site is not with the accepted Local plan and the village has already been overwhelmed by the constructions of new dwellings within the last few years. (Multiple mini estates including Stone Hall, Harwich road, Holland Road, The Street) The Parish has large developments approved yet to be built - 96 homes on the Street, mini estate at Hayes garage etc)

We as a Parish have already provided enough of the 'numbers' required by the Council for new dwellings and find no requirement for this contribution to numbers.

Since the original application the approval of application 23/00999/FUL (Brays DIY 54 The Street CO16 9LF) needs to be taken into account. This site is adjacent to the turning/long driveway of this application meaning an increase of vehicles at this precarious location.

Along with the high frequency bus stop opposite this opening, we feel it will be too dangerous a location to add more housing exiting at the same location.

23/01471/LBC - Reedlands Cottage Holland Road CO16 9RX

Proposed re-pointing of the two inglenook fireplaces, raking out the existing grey cement mortar and re-pointing with traditional lime mortar. Replace approximately thirty isolated bricks using reclaimed soft clay Tudor or Imperial soft red bricks

Recommend approval

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

Business Group

We have had a meeting and come up with a proposal for the December meeting in readiness for January Submission.

Cllr Mitchell will work towards getting the Christmas Trees Lit

Remembrance Sunday service will be at 12pm on Sunday and then the opportunity to go back to the village hall after.

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Cllr Botterell updated that no meeting had taken place.

11/2023– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Solicitors have communicated tonight and we will look through the particulars to 'hammer out' the remaining work.

Drainage ditches have been cleared with Cllr Duffett assisting a hired digger, MUGA upgrade is now complete, the hall has been painted, a jumble sale raised valuable funds for the hall committee, barrier damage once more on the entrance to the car park, tree stump to be carved into an animal.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- bushes have been cut around the perimeter – looks better
- successful in obtaining a grant for trees

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- Eldercare have approached the committee to have an oak tree and time capsule
- wildflower turf – chase.

11/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray gave his apologies.

11/2023 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Pot holes and the roads are being marked up all over the district – extra money for 2023-24
- The section 106 officer has now reported that approx monies available for additional improvements to parish fields

11/2023 – 14 | Note the findings of the External Auditor

Noted.

11/2023 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr A Mitchell, Seconded Cllr G Duffett – all in favour.

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11/2023 – 16 | Items for future Consideration

Cllr P Balbirnie is looking for a seamstress for curtains in the village hall

Cllr Gray asked about the kissing gate at Plough Fields

Cllr Mitchell asked about the signs on Dead Lane – the parking sign has been removed

Cllr Duffett mentioned about the laurel bushes to be planted around the MUGA and that dog fouling has increased

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm, 2023

Signed Chairman