

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
03rd October 2022 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, JS Daye

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Cllr Dan Land

7 members of the public were in attendance.

10/2022 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10/2022 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bray

10/2022 – 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 Mitchell and Botterell declared a pecuniary interest in relation to payments for services to the council.

10/2022 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public from Bentley Landscapes came to update on completed works and offer services in the village

A member of the public said the wood on the new development would be named the Coronation Wood now instead of Jubilee Wood.

10/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 5th September 2022

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

10/2022 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- AGAR has been approved
- Invoice has been sent to the Air Cadets.

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10/2022 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:
Will update as we go through the meeting.

10/2022 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence and our Special Constable Tony Rowntree, to whom we give thanks.

10/2022 – 09 | Future Ideas for the precept (wish list)

Christmas Trees

Entry signs and trees

Floodlights on Parish Fields to be reinstated

The land at the end of St.Osyth Road East – can we do anything to look at the issues that are occurring with fly-tipping, nuisance. Contact TDC about the use of the Camera.

10/2022 – 10 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell submitted a report:

Nothing to report except that lights have been fixed as and when reported.

Footpaths

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

Nothing of note to report with little rain – no issues.

Streetlights

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

Cllr Mitchell has replaced lights as and when they have applied.

Highways/Devolution.

It is coming back under a new name.

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.

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APPLICATIONS

22/01485/FUL - Land to The rear of 61 London Road CO16 9RB .Proposed erection of 3 bed bungalow with rear garden and off road parking. Recommend approval

22/01403/LUPROP - 268 Harwich Road CO16 9PX. Proposed single storey side extension and loft conversion. Recommend approval

22/01334/FUL - Land to rear of 85-95 Holland Road Little Clacton Essex CO16 9RT

Proposed change of use from agricultural land to leisure/recreational to provide 8 tennis courts and associated amenity block with car parking.

The land in question is outside the development boundary for the village and is actually part of the strategic green gap. We have no wish to lose the agricultural lands of the village and allowing this area to be used would be backland and creeping development.

The application statement refers to the Policies (HP2 + PP8) and the Local plan with the need community needs etc. This report fails to mention the existence of Little Clacton Tennis Club, situated at 52 Holland Road. This facility of over 70 years has historically struggled to maintain players/members. It had to make an application in September 2014 to build numerous dwellings – 14/01280/OUT.

“ This club now has to make the unenviable decision whether it can continue to survive or to close its doors. The latter option is unfortunately inevitable unless the club can invest in new facilities...”

The report also fails to mention the newly upgraded community facilities at Plough Corner. The high standard MUGA not only allows tennis to be played but also basketball and football. This Parish owned facility can be access completely free of charge by the residence of the village.

Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

Precept setting will take place soon

Can people on the business group meet at 6pm on 7th November.

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Grass Cutting Contract

The chairman noted that the new contract has been revised and will be marketed accordingly, including the PC website. He also noted that the grass had not been cut and this was put to the company and they withdrew the invoice.

10/2022 – 11 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell updated that the TDALC is looking at a new vision and purpose, under new leadership.

10/2022– 12 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

As per above – Chairman reported that the fees for the hire of the hall had increased.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- thanks for the works to remove overgrowth at the side of the hall
- hole in the door is still under investigation
- scuffle between two hall users

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- no news of the planning behind the green
- the bushes look the as good as they ever have – thanks for the works that took place by the contractors

10/2022 – 13 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following matters:

10/2022 - 14 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- pot hole / drain fixed on Harwich Road near the footpath

10/2022 – 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

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Duffett – all in favour.

10/2022 – 16 | Items for future Consideration

Look magazine to print the cost-of-living crisis leaflet - pay for an advert.

Millennium Green Pond weed is taking over a bit – any volunteers?

Cllr Taylor said that the police presence has been excellent.

Please can we contact the Chinese restaurant about the IVY which is obstructing the pavement and speed sign.

Trees missing on the parish fields need replacing.

Bell ringing is on Sunday morning at 10:30pm

Dog bin on Leys Drive

Meeting Closed 20:26pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman