

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
02nd October 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, C Amor, D Steele, C Hull, JS Daye, P Balbirnie, G Duffett

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

10/2023 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jeffries, Mitchell and Taylor.

10/2023 – 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. Cllr Botterell declared a Pecuniary interest in relation to payments this evening.

10/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP asked about the speed issues along Harwich Road.

Write to the police about the incidents/speed on Harwich Road.

The hedge along the Street is still uncut – contact NB Fuller.

10/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 04th September 2023

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

10/2023 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

10/2023 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

Ordered and paid for the bulbs

Ordered and received the commemorative bench

Bulbs to be planted by our contractor before the second week of November

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Work has started on the Phone Box project
Cllr Duffett has cleared the footpath opposite the blacksmith arms
Cancel the cut from Graeme Bush for the millennium green

10/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull was present and gave a presentation about local crime figures.
Regular shop lifter in cost cutters are being monitored.

10/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell gave a written report.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: The Blacksmiths Arms path is now cut – thanks!

Streetlights

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

The two posts that needed that need attention from UK Powernetworks have been reported. We have a couple of lights out on Tan Lane.

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.

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

Business Group

Will be having a meeting to consider the precept.

Resolved that the phone box will be proposed to situate on Elm Road Green. Proposed Cllr Amor, Seconded Cllr

Resolved that allocated monies from 106 will be allocated for an outdoor gym and pétanque pitch at Plough Corner Fields. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr Gray - all in favour.

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10/2023 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell updated that the director for planning and the leader of TDC were in attendance at the meeting as well as the campaign against pylons. Workshop to be held to find out about planning and enforcement.

10/2023– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- going very well, bookings are positive
- we have a car that is causing a nuisance
- maintenance is needed on the swings and other implements – can the PC contractor be used for this?
- the hall car park can no longer be used as a cut through for parents collecting children for safety reasons. There are no issues with cars parking outside the village hall on the road – away from the zebra crossing

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- a grant has been given from TDC for £2500 for trees
- a car was parked in front of the gate stopping the grass cutters accessing the field

10/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray gave an update on the 106 amounts allocated for Little Clacton – spend it was the message. Individual cases being dealt with. Stone Hall Drive ditches are a cause for concern. Fires are also an issue in the area.

10/2023 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- locality fund to be donated towards a SID (Speed indicator Device)

10/2023 – 14 | Adoption of CCTV Policy

Proposed Cllr M Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Amor - all in favour

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10/2023 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr JS Daye – all in favour.

10/2023 – 18 | Items for future Consideration

The bench on the green was vandalised and repaired promptly

Fence along the boundary of the village hall to be cut back

Digger to clear the ditch and skip

Bench has been purchased - a ceremony will take place to announce the new bench

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th November at 7.30pm, 2023

Signed Chairman