

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
04th September 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

8 members of the public were in attendance.

09/2023 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

09/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hull, P Balbirnie and Bray

09/2023 – 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 of Conduct for Members.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal pecuniary interest for payments made for as did Cllrs Cutting, JS Daye and Land (Clerk).

09/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP asked about the hedge line along The Street – ACTION: to write to NBF about his offer to cut the hedge at the August meeting.

MOP asked about the council’s proposal to improve the village, how were we getting on with this? Cllr Cutting gave an update on the situation.

09/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 07th August 2023

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

09/2023 – 06 | 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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09/2023 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:
Bench for the John Dunnett Memorial
Village improvement project

09/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull was not present but a report was sent around prior to the meeting.

09/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported that the grass looks smart, the village project will only improve the village.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: The Blacksmiths Arms path still has a tree overhanging the path, Cllr Duffett asked to attend and rectify the situation.

A discussion concerning Footpath 4 in Little Clacton (Elm Road) which has an approximate length of 485 metres. To the left of this footpath is another path that runs down to the bypass which was being cut up until covid but is now not likely to be done moving forward. These paths could be referred to as Dead Lane East and Dead Lane West. Clerk to contact our contractor to see if they can pick up the work.

Streetlights

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

There are two lights that need attention from UK Power networks – Cllr Mitchell to source the post numbers and supply to the clerk. They are ‘cut outs’ and should not cost the council anything.

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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23/01162/NMA - 8A Holland Road

Non Material Amendment to application reference 20/01621/DETAIL for minor alterations to the layout.

Recommend approval

23/01061/LUPROP - 6 The Street, CO16 9LQ

Proposed roof enlargement for loft conversion.

Recommend approval

23/00999/FUL - Brays DIY 54 The Street

Proposed change of use from Class E to Sui Generis for hot food takeaway with ancillary flat above (resubmission of approved planning 19/00840/FUL).

Recommend approval

23/01090/COUNOT - Bonds Farm Lodge Road

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 an agricultural storage building into a dwelling.

Recommend approval

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

Business Group

No meeting last month.

09/2023 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell updated that the energy upgrades coning across the district (pylons) were the main talking point and there is grave concern from Parish Councils across Tendring.

09/2023– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The car boots have not been well attended, weather affected. Will look to revamp the operation next year. The lease is still being discussed and a further chasing email has gone to the solicitors.

Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- bookings continue to be strong with a new Tai Chi group starting

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- Yoga demonstration on the field with money raised going back to the hall

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie, Taylor and Amor noted:

- rubbish is noticeable
- plenty of use
- grass cutting schedule needs considering
- can we consider having

09/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent his apologies.

09/2023 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- pot hole scheme
- VAS

09/2023 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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

Resolved: Phone Box and transport - Proposed by Cllr Amor, Seconded Cllr Mitchell – all in favour

Resolved: Painting of the village hall – proposed Cllr Steele Seconded Cllr JS Dayes – all in favour.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Amor, Seconded Cllr Jeffries – all in favour.

Resolved: Bench on the memorial green - Proposed Cllr Mitchell, Seconded Duffett – all in favour.

09/2023 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Cllr Gray sent thanks to the resident who waters the plants up by the church.

Meeting Closed 21:00pm
The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm, 2023
Signed Chairman