

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2008 AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Cllr J Couzens in the Chair

Cllrs J Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, B Leatherdale, M Skeels,
Mrs E Ward and P Watson

There were five residents present

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carter, Cupman, Dass and Wood.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2008

These were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

In response to a question from Cllr Cutting, the Clerk confirmed that the poppy wreath was available and would be laid by the Vice-Chairman on Sunday afternoon.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) Internet – the Clerk had attended a session with the Planning Officer regarding the use of the website for reporting planning matters.
- (b) Highway Matters
The Vice-Chairman is in contact with the appropriate officer at County Highways regarding the VAS sign.
- (c) Affordable Housing
The Chairman thanked members for stuffing the envelopes. 1260 forms have been sent out.
- (d) Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
Cllrs De Vaux Balbirnie and Skeels declared a personal interest.
The Gutteridge Hall Lane site has been refused but it is expected that the owner will go to appeal. There are no further developments on the 15 pitches..
- (e) Parish Archives
The matter is ongoing
- (f) Lorries, Feverills Road
Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie is in discussion with the Planning Officers
- (g) Lorries – 160 Harwich Road – no further information

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

The Clerk read a report showing three motor vehicles stolen from Lees Drive, Feverills Road and The Street. One had been burnt out. Road traffic collisions – two in Thorpe Road, one in St Osyth Road and one in Tan Lane. Nuisance Youths in Holland Road with criminal damage.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that an order has been placed for clearing and seeding the memorial tree area and the work will proceed as the weather permits. He had been advised that the

bus shelter between Amerells and Feverills Road in the Street has two broken glass panes. A price has been obtained to clear away the broken glass, supply and fit two panels of 10mm thick laminate at a cost of £588.00.

It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed to go ahead with this work.

The 3 No. name boards 'PLOUGH CORNER' for fitting to the flower tub on the corner of The Street and Harwich Road will be delivered this week and our contractor will fit the signs.

The road entrance gates – Cllr Watson has been contacted by BT Buildings and Site maintenance manager that we cannot have the current locked gates across the road. If gates are to be erected one gate must lock with a key from the BT master suite system as they require access 24/7 and operatives could arrive from anywhere in the UK. It was explained that both gates must be available to be opened by all users. Cllr Watson suggested that they provide a lock from their master system that would open a box attached to the gates, containing one of our FB2 keys on a chain. This would allow them to open the gates and us to retain our key. He agreed, in principle, with the idea but was concerned about the cost and who would pay for their key. Further comments are awaited.

After issuing further ultimatums, the National Grid Gas plc has paid the £3,000 and Cllr Watson collected it from our solicitors today.

Street Lighting

Cllr Ward reported two Parish lights out – one for the third time recently. ECC lights reported out in The Street and she has also requested that something be done to the half lamp post at Plough Corner as well as the lamp post opposite the memorial on the green reported damaged during the summer.

Footpaths

No report

Planning and Development

08/01387/LUEX Development Certificate for an existing use or operation, ie residential usage of mobile home on land situated in Batemans Lane known as Howards Nurseries The Chairman reported on his reply quoting policy HG21 stating none of the criteria has been met and the issue of a licence could lead to a replacement dwelling under Policy HG12 and stressing our opposition to granting a licence.

A reply had been received from John Lambe Associates regarding the Firs Caravan Park saying that when the plans are finalised they will contact us again.

The enforcement officer had reported that the problems at Cherry Tree Garage had been dealt with but if there was any further problems to let him know.

Cllr Watson said we had received a letter from ECC Area Highways Manager advising us that interest has been shown in purchasing a parcel of land at the rear of Nos 80 to 90 St Osyth Road East. He had telephoned the officer to confirm that conditions would be made on the use of the land – amenity/garden but not for development. Adjacent residents had been informed.

There were no planning applications received this month.

Applications Determined:

08/01291/FUL – proposed alterations etc at Danehurst, Tan Lane – APPROVED

TDALC

Cllr Leatherdale reported on various matters discussed at the recent meeting which included crime figures; condition of footpaths; training courses which are not taking place due to lack of interest; topics for discussion at liaison meetings needed; 20mph zones around schools which are still under discussion.

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Cutting reported that hall and football pitch bookings continue. Users of the hall in the evenings have drawn attention to the lack of illumination to the outside of the building once the interior lights are switched off, making it difficult to lock up and make their way off the complex. Would it be possible for one or more of the lamp standards along the access road to be brought into use now that the darker nights are upon us? It is still hoped to hold table top sales if the necessary equipment and volunteer assistance can be obtained.

The Chairman explained the situation regarding the lamps in the access road which are controlled by ECC Centre. Following discussion, it was felt that they should be asked to remove the four standards and to see if the one nearest the Youth Centre could be brought into use by us. Cllr Watson agreed to see what could be done.

Youth Bus

This will be returning to Little Clacton in November..

VILLAGE HALL

Nothing to report.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Nothing to report

AWARD OF PARISH CUP AND SHIELD

Parish Cup

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed that the Cup be awarded to Mrs Pat Keeble.

The Chairman and Cllr Dunnett will present this Cup together with a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Keeble on a suitable date.

Parish Shield

It was felt that the Shield should be awarded for some work for the environment and it will be discussed at the December meeting.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie reported that money held in Icelandic accounts had been removed before the problems arose. New powers are held to remove cars which are untaxed, including from driveways if the occupant is a dealer. The fountain is still under discussion due to new water laws and the Council is seeking guidance.

Intend Company was to be discussed but the motion was withdrawn.

Permitted development rights etc are available on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the links

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 85

Statement of Accounts 2007/8

Budget 2009/10 – Finance Committee to discuss

Portable framed building – electricity substation,
Holland Road

Reply saying that brick building are not temporary. Ask officers to meet with members of the Parish Council on site

Communities & Local Government Codes of Conduction for Local Authority members and employees - Circulate

First Bus Bus stops in The Street
Reply starting we would prefer the bus stop to be in the original place and query the health and safety concerns which have changed the site.

National Probation Service Enhanced Community Service
Chairman closed meeting at 8.58 pm – reopened 9.00 pm,
It was suggested that the pavilion could be painted by these people

Ash Prior Bates Voluntary First Registration of Parish Council Lane
– Land Registration Act 2002
Check that our land at Plough Corner and the Millennium Green have been registered.

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

The up-to-date balance of the Council's funds were noted.

Cheques issued:

	£
E.ON Energy	278.70
Apex Publishing Ltd	60.00
Ashby Metalworks (repairs etc)	828.38
Kendall Contract Services (Sept.)	369.53
Local Landscapes (millennium field)	243.75
C A Cadman & Son	4117.49
Viking Direct (stationery)	72.79
Viking Direct (toilet signs)	12.64
Clacton Business Services (internal audit)	211.50

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Tendring Way – meetings at County Hall. Broadly it covers footpaths, cycle way, bridle paths. TDC looking at it being part of the Local Plan. Chairman asked for a progress report at the next meeting

David Lines wants to know anything we have to raise with him.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie – phone scams

Flooding in The Street by the Chinese takeaway and Church Corner. Write to County Highways

Cllr Skeels - Lawford Place. Grade II listed building, marvellous renovations

Cllr Cutting - Flower tubs stripped out and replanted. Crossways need a letter asking for sponsorship

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 1 December 2008 at 7.30 pm at the Youth and Community Centre.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman
1 December 2008