

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2009 AT 7.30
PM

PRESENT

Cllr J Couzens in the Chair

Cllrs R Bellamy, J Cutting, Mrs S Dass, De Vaux Balbirnie, J Dunnett, Miss L Gray, M Skeels, Mrs E Ward, P Watson and Mrs A Wood

There were 5 residents, County Councillor Mark Cossens, PC Barnes, Mrs Moira Groborz, the Rural Housing Enabling Officer and a member of the Press present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

None

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Ray Bellamy, County Councillor Mark Cossens, Mrs Moira Groborz and PC Les Barnes

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carter and Leatherdale.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2009

These were approved and duly signed by the Chairman after the addition of Mrs E Ward to the apologies

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Essex Speed Management Strategy

Cllr Cutting had looked at the Strategy papers. Changes in the way they view speed limits and calming measures set out by Government and Essex will be adopting these measures. They will separate areas between urban and rural with different speed levels with a standard speed limit of 30mph in villages

(b) Communities & Local Government- still in circulation

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Internet – nothing to report but it was agreed that a hard copy of the Minutes will be available from the Clerk if anyone requests it rather than post on notice boards

(b) Highway Matters

Cllr Watson reported that the replacement lamp standard has been connected to the power supply therefore, erection of the VAS sign should be imminent
Village Gateway – Holland Road

After much chasing and threats Cllr Watson reported he had received assurance that the car owner's insurance company does not dispute our claim for damages and we have sent details of the costs of replacement, repair and re-installation of the Gateway. ECC has been requested to supply a replacement 30mph sign.

Cllr Skeels reported that the pot holes in Bertram Avenue are being filled in. Land drainage pipes are causing problems throughout the village following the recent flooding.

(c) Affordable Housing

Ms Moira Groborz, the enabler for the RCC, was welcomed to the meeting and the Chairman gave a précis of the Council's view to all members.

There was a long and detailed discussion with Mrs Groborz as members wondered if there is a proven need as so few people responded to the survey.

After considerable discussion **the Chairman proposed that the Council**

proceed to identify a Housing Association at this time

A vote was taken with SEVEN in favour and THREE against.

Mrs Groborz said that she would let us have the names of suitable associations.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Groborz for her attendance at the meeting.

(e) Parish Archives – The matter is ongoing

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

PC Barnes gave his report on incidents in the village during February.

Flying tipping in The Street; abandoned vehicle in The Street; burglaries at Firs and Ashleys caravan parks, theft of bicycle at Meadowview Park; criminal damage at Meadowview Park, Holland Road and Harwich Road; road traffic collision in Tan Lane.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported that BT has not placed an order for a lock from their master suite lock suppliers. He has advised BT Building Manager of this by e-mail without any reply so he has been advised on 26 February again by e-mail that the entrance gates will be in operation from Monday 23 March 2009. He also explained that access during normal hours will be as existing but there could be some delay in accessing at other times when an emergency key holder will have to be found to come and unlock the gates.

Work to the memorial area is progressing and the 400 donated daffodil bulbs have been planted. The border alongside the car park fence has been prepared and two new trees planted together with a variety of 30 shrubs. Using a Working Party order he has proceeded with the initial part of the post and rail fence to be erected in front of this newly planted area to keep parked cars at bay. Also a replacement Silver Birch to be planted alongside the entrance road,

On 20 February an articulated vehicle from the Oakwood Centre demolished the new run of kerbs by reversing up and over them and then churned up the grass area behind, The Chief Executive of the Reuse Centre was aware of the damage and has been asked to supply us with details of the vehicle owners to enable us to claim the costs of the damage and repair. The Oakwood Centre appears to have several areas of concern regarding the car park and vehicles parking in the road during the working day. Cllr Bellamy has agreed to advise people using the facility to use the car park.

Street Lighting

No report

Footpaths

ECC say the footpath from Homing Road behind The Street has not been designated but that three or more people prepared to state they have used it for twenty continuous years or more can apply for a public right of way designation. Cllr Gray will look into the matter.

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following planning application:

09/00142/LBC Retrospective consent to retain a replacement window installed (after the previous window fell out) during period between submission of application 07/01412/LBC dated 10.09.07 and decision (refusal)

The Council welcome the use of a wooden window in this property.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm to allow the applicant of 09/000026/FUL to voice his concerns regarding our response to the application and reconvened at 9.10 pm

Applications determined:

08/01544/LUEX – Meadowview Park - REFUSED

08/011342/FUL - 4 Bertram Avenue - APPROVED

TDALC

No report

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported that pitch hire bookings have recovered with more settled weather and two new teams have made enquiries regarding next season..

Arrangement are in place for the Home and Garden shown and for the Car Boot season as previously advised. The Classic Car Show will be held on 30 May.

Little Clacton Carnival will be using the car park for setting up on Saturday 4 July.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett reported that the annual general meeting will be held on 18 March.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

No report

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Skeels said that £5,000 has been granted for the work on the Tendring Way.

The Chairman reported on a lunch meeting with David Lines where Great Bentley Council had two pages of questions. Mr Hawkins replied to most. The gypsies question is with the new regional plan. (A copy of the letter will be included with the Minutes).

CORRESPONCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Pathway between The Street and Homing Road

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 89

Lt Clacton Village Hall – Licence

09/00114/PREMVA – no objection

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie declared an interest

Tendring Wildlife Habitat Survey

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

St George’s Ball – 24 April

Swallow Farm, Holland Road

John Charles

Members had received a copy and there was no objection

Citizens Advice Bureau Tendring

Information and request for donation

It was proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Wood and agreed to make a donation of £250 towards the work

EPFA

The Playing Field – passed to Cllr Bellamy

Standards Board

Town and Parish Standards

Tendring Hundred Water

Corporate Responsibility Report

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

Parish Fields - £51.90 (cost of sign)

Cheques issued:

	£
E.ON Energy	272.77
Ashby Metalworks (SP89/1)	443.50
Kendall Contract Services	361.68
Kendall Contract Services (Parish Fields)	1566.73
EALC (Standing Orders)	6.66
CPRE (annual subscription)	29.00
Viking Direct (stationery)	95.75
L Humphreys (website)	136.00
Crown Nurseries Ltd (trees)	163.60

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said that the Council are to look into the matter of having Standing Orders. He had received a copy of a Parish Plan which would be circulated to Councillors for their comments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr Skeels - dog bins are in hand
- Cllr Cutting - flower tubs and board need clearing and replanting. Agreed he should go ahead
- Cllr Ward - free swimming in Tendring for under 16 and over 60
- Cllr Watson - a letter from Little Clacton Carnival Committee seeking finance towards their indemnity insurance costs if income inadequate due to weather or other circumstances to cover this expense.

It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie and agreed with one abstention to offer this finance.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 6 April 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Youth and Community Centre. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm

Chairman
6 April 2009