

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
7 JUNE 2010 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr J Couzens in the Chair

**Cllrs R Bellamy, J Cutting, De Vaux Balbirnie, Mrs S Dass, J Dunnett,
Miss L Gray, Mrs T Ismaili, R Smith, P Watson and Mrs A Wood**

There were 5 residents and PCSO Barnes present.

ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Residents were concerned at the road traffic problems between Little Clacton Road and St Osyth Road West with heavy congestion and near accidents. It was agreed to communicate with County Highways and Tendring District Council to seek a resolution. It was suggested by PCSO Barnes that we should email Bob Sharman of the local police regarding the speed of the traffic.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Leatherdale and Ward.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2010

These were approved and signed by the Chairman following the addition of a final paragraph to the item under Planning Applications – 10/00427/FUL to read “A copy of the intended response to this application was given to each Councillor to read because of its complexity. The intended response was based on the list of objections previously agreed by the Council when considering two earlier applications for the same location..”

MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Cllr Watson has taken the time to go back and follow the trail of all three applications for the Firs Caravan Park proposed development and whilst appreciating that time has now passed he found one area which the Council did not clarify clearly.**

At the Parish Council meeting on 8 December 2009 regarding the second application (09/01170FUL – Firs Park) during an adjournment when considering this application, the Chairman suggested a compromise, where the proposed development extended straight down beyond the existing site to the old pig unit and the area of the application affecting the ‘green wedge’ would be allocation as the open space amenity area. Following a discussion period the Chairman proposed and Cllr Watson seconded this compromise but the motion failed and the Council then voted by a majority to lodge an objection on the proposed development on the same ground as listed for the previous application.”

Cllr Watson asked the approval of the Council for this statement to be recorded in the current meeting minutes with a cross reference to the Parish Council meeting Minutes of 8 December 2009. This was seconded by Cllr Wood and agreed.

- (b) Thursday Lunch Club – there is to be a meeting of the Village Hall Committee to discuss this matter and it was agreed to defer consideration until further information is available but to continue to support the club.**

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

- (a) Internet – nothing to report**
- (b) Highway Matters. – pothole in Harwich Road has been reported to County Highways and will be dealt with shortly**
- (c) Affordable Housing – Chairman closed the meeting from 8.20-8.23 to allow residents to make their comments. In view of the 200 houses being built on the boundary of Little Clacton with Clacton on Sea, what would be the position regarding our affordable houses What is your perception in this event. Meeting closed from 8.24-8.27. The Chairman explained the situation regarding the site. He closed the meeting again from 8.35 to 8.40 to allow Cllr Cossens to take part in the discussion on housing for the future.**
- (d) Parish Archives – nothing to report**
- (e) Youth and Community Building Extension – Cllr Watson reported that at the last site meeting the contractor advised us that completion would a further 2/3 weeks bringing completion near to the end of June. As you can see in here the carpet is down, the light fittings completed and the alterations in the hall almost finished. The decoration is the next item, it is the wrong way round but we have had to work around outstanding bookings and the contractors work rate. In the extension the decoration is well on the way, next it will be laying the floor coverings and with these laid the toilets and kitchen can be completed and the heating and water system tested. It is hoped that meanwhile external work to the drainage, paving etc will be completed.**
- (f) Local Council Insurance – we have received a very favourable quotation from a group called Suffolk Acre who specialise in local authority insurance. Comparing ‘like for like’ valuations , the new insurer’s quotation was over £1,350 lower than our current insurers. We have reviewed the Parish Council assets increasing the valuations where appropriate and included new additions ie this building extension. With the inclusion of the higher asset valuations it has resulted in an annual saving of £1,300.05. We have also taken up the option of a three year period of insurance which ensures that there will be no increase in the premiums for that period subject to asset values remaining the same.**

POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

PCSO Barnes reported on the crime incidents during May which included obstruction in Harwich Road (football tournament); two dogs attacked a child on Firs Caravan Park and one dog running loose in Weeley Road; car fire in St Osyth Road East (stolen); theft from motor vehicles in Holland Road (number plates) St Osyth Road East and Tan Lane (bull bars stolen); problem with parents at Engaines School; theft from Edward Close (statue taken from garden) and a cheque from Meadowview Park; three nuisance problems in Meadowview Park; Vehicle in dangerous position in Holland Road; male acting suspiciously in Amerells Road; theft of a motor vehicle in St Osyth Road West; an assault at the Lodge in Harwich Road; burglary in Holland Road; 10 missing persons at the Lodge in Harwich Road and a road traffic collision in Holland Road.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Watson reported the signs approved by the Council at the last meeting are on order as is the replacement of the seat and base on the triangle in Harwich Road. A collection of old brackets, signs and non working lights have been removed from the fascia on the south end of the Youth and Community building and the rotted timber boards replaced in uPVC.

During recent weeks we have been attending to electrical services to various areas around the complex, for example, disconnecting and removing the cables across the field which supplied power to the old containers, replacing circuit breakers, sockets etc to provide power supplies to external locations and bring the installation up to current standards. On completion of the work, circuits will be tested to enable the annual NICEIC and minor works certificates to be issued.

Street Lights - no report

Footpaths - no problems

Planning and Development

Cllr Wood reported on the following applications;

10/00505/FUL Conservatory (extension of time of previous application
07/00594/FUL), Ashleigh, Tan Lane

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

10/00515/FUL Single storey front extension and replacement of existing porch at
67 St Osyth Road East

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection.

10/00518/FUL New UPVC conservatory to rear of 68 Holland Road

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

10/004789/FUL Summer house to be built at the end of the garden at Elmshaven,
1 Stonehall Drive

It was agreed to write to TDC with no objection

Applications determined:

10/00282/LUEX - 110 St Osyth Road West. Lawful Use Certificate Granted

10/00383/OUT - Land adj. 15 Holland Road. Refusal - Outline

10/00418/FUL - Replacement dwelling, Shires, Thorpe Road. Approval – full

10/00445/FUL - Extensions, 124 The Street. Refusal –Full

10/00362/FUL - Domestic garden, land rear 5-9 Holland Road. Approval – full

10/00538/AGRIC – Store, Telstar Nurseries, Holland Road. Application not
required.

TDALC - No report

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Bellamy reported a busy month starting with a very successful Classic Car Show, followed by another two day Junior Football Tournament and then the start of the Car Boot season. As in previous years, we hope we may look to members of the Council to assist with the collection of the Car Boot pitch hire fees on a rota basis. Activities in the Youth and Community Hall have been somewhat restricted due to the ongoing building work.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dunnett reported there had been a very good Spring Fair on 29 May. The Committee are seeking grant applications for improvements to the building. They are having problems with the glass on the playpark.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Mr Wagstaff has written to say that grass is cut too short and we have lost owls, voles etc. Cllr Dass will take this matter to the Committee.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie said there is not a lot to report at the present time. They are awaiting the Government Auditor's report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Land rear of St Osyth Road East for sale

Mobile Library Service changes from 30 June

Highways Community Infrastructure Fund

Proposed diversion of part of Footpath 3, Little Clacton. Highways Act 1980 Section 119.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed diversion

Tendring District Council

Forward Plan 104

EPFA

The Playing Field - Passed to Cllr Bellamy

FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:

ECC Community Initiatives Grant: £33,794.00

Cheques issued:

	£
Family Support (lunch club donation)	125.00
E.ON Energy	279.11
Bendale Web Design	146.00
P A Bray Ltd	13156.12
Viking Direct (stationery)	150.22
ASHBY METALWORKS	1373.10
Ashtead Plant Hire (digger etc)	424.95
May Gurney Ltd	145.08
Keys of Clacton Ltd (curtains)	452.00
Local Landscapes	268.75
A & S Farm Services Ltd (planings)	220.01
Kendall Contract Services	387.99
Suffolk Acre Insurance	3614.66
Viking Direct (Parish Room furniture)	850.00
Viking Direct (phone etc Parish Room)	189.60
Mr G R Harrison (electrical work)	2324.75

ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported on the details of the Relay for Life Organisation for Cancer relief holding a run or walk around the Harold Lilley Playing Field on 17/18 July for a 24 hour period.. Teams of 8/15 people to take part.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.10 pm to allow an informed resident to explain the details. Re-opened at 9.12 pm and recorded the cost was £15 per team or £10 for pensioners and teams must register on line.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Wood said that cars are being sold at the end of Bertram Avenue and on grass verges.

Cllr Cutting asked if anyone knows of a resident who would like to use an allotment in a gentleman's back garden in Harwich Road.

The Chairman said that a special meeting to approve the accounts on 30 June will be called if necessary.

There being no further business in the public sector the Chairman closed the meeting to press and public at 9.18pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 5 July 2010

**Chairman
5 July 2010**