

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Watson in the Chair

**Councillors Mrs M Balbirnie, G Bush, P De Vaux Balbirnie,
J Dunnett, Mrs H Smith and R Smith, Mrs L Gray, Mrs E Ward and Mrs A Wood.
There were 4 residents present.**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors R Bellamy and J Cutting sent their apologies.

2. ANY URGENT MATTERS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2013

The Chairman proposed and Councillor Smith seconded and all agreed the previous months minutes which were then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Millennium Green Meadow

The Chairman was unable to speak to Mrs Darnell and subsequently sent her an email explaining that until the existing Trust Members met and agreed their future intentions there was little that the Parish Council could do. Mrs Darnell left a message expressing her displeasure with the comments in the October edition of Parish news, although there was nothing controversial said, just facts. The Chairman proposed that the Clerk writes to confirm that the Parish Council will take over as Trustees following their EGM and then the Council will set up a management committee similar to Parish Fields.

Sladbury Solar Panel Farm

The Chairman reported that the application had been withdrawn. Push Energy had written to say that they were holding a public meeting regarding the Solar Farm at the Village Hall on 16th October 6-8pm. They are currently in the process of registering another planning application for the same solar farm. Until the full application is available the Parish Council must wait and see.

Parkgate Farm House 13/00084/LBC

The Council has written again to the TDC planning as three months have passed since our original letter. Still no decision has been published regarding the Parkgate Farm House application, but Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie has spoken to the Planning Officers, who informed him that the Preservation People had so far rejected all the work.

Apple Tree development 12/00241/FUL

There was no update on landscaping at the Apple Tree development as yet.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters: The Chairman stated that the repairs to Holland Road/ Rayners Bridge could begin at any time in the next 18 months, when they would last for 6 weeks. The 18 month period started on 9th September. There had been no work carried out up to today, October 7th.

(b) Parish Matters

i) VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman proposed that Brian Ward be co-opted on to the Council, Councillor Smith seconded and it was agreed. The Clerk is to arrange the necessary paperwork

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest and left the room for the next item.

ii) The Parish Council is considering selling a piece of land in Galloway Drive. The land is currently used to store several pieces of street furniture. The land was purchased from ECC twelve years ago in a combined bid, cost proportional to respective site size. Councillor Smith proposed that the sale went ahead, Councillor Ward seconded and it was agreed. The Vice chairman and the Clerk are to get valuations drawn up on behalf of the Council.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

The Clerk read out excerpts from the latest report, in which there were 7 incidents.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

The Chairman reported that the contractors are scheduled to start the drainage sump in the entrance road next week. The Chairman proposed that a contractor was hired to prune the trees around the street lighting units and in various locations around the village, before the nights get dark earlier. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie seconded and it was agreed. The replacement Village Gateway is fabricated and being galvanised and painted. Letters are going to ECC, Weeley Parish Council and Mr Barrington Fuller regarding installing the new village gateway in its previous position. Following the Fire and Safety inspection at the Youth and Community Building, smoke seals have been fitted to all of the required internal doors to ensure the building can be used by the public.

(1) **Street Lights** – Councillor Ward reported that the cost of the minimum work, which was for 9 lights to be fixed, would be approximately £1000. Councillor Ward proposed that the Council went ahead, the Chairman seconded and it was unanimously agreed. The next phase of major work will need to be done in the following year, from next year’s precept.

(2) **Footpaths** – Councillor Gray reported that rain was falling from a building along one of the footpaths, and she had spoken to the owner of the building who is to look at the problem.

(b) Planning and Development Councillor Wood reported on the following

(1).Applications:

13/00964/FUL	Ewden, Holland Road, Little Clacton	3 roof lights and door to side elevation
13/01085/TPO	19 Sunnyside Way, Little Clacton	Oak reduction in size.
13/00998/FUL	Land adj. 287 Harwich Road, Little Clacton	Proposed 2 bed det. house
13/01018/OUT	Land to West of Homing Road and Thorrington Road, Little Clacton	Proposed residential
13/01110/FUL	47 The Street, Little Clacton	Proposed Front and rear orangeries

(2). Decisions:

13/00874/FUL - Approval - Full	12 Weeley Road, Little Clacton	two bedroom dwelling and shared driveway with no.12 Weeley Road.
13/00964/OUT -Approval - Full	Ewden, Holland Road, Little Clacton	Proposed 3no Roof lights and Door to side elevation
13/00780/FUL - Approval - Full	27 Elm Road, Little Clacton	Reconstruction of 1 st Floor bedroom and en suite.

(3) APPEALS:

13/00729/OUT - Refusal	Land to West of Homing Road/ Thorrington Road	Proposed residential development
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Appeal reference: APP/P1560/A/13/2205337

8. INTERNET

A report from Councillor Bellamy said that all was operating well and there was nothing new to report this month.

9. TDALC

Councillor H Smith said it was suggested that each council create a communal gas syndicate so that parishioners could get a reduction in price by bulk buying. The RCCE website has more details regarding the scheme.

Parish Councils were asked to report 'stumps' of lighting columns, where an accident had taken off the top of the post and a new one had been placed next to it, rather than removing the stump.

A fund raising idea was put forward, by installing recycling facilities on Council land the recycled materials can be sold on to create income. It was mentioned that previously recycling facilities were installed at the Village Hall, but it caused a lot of trouble and not much income.

Councillor H Smith also said that complaints could be logged by using the County Councillors twitter account.

Parishes were urged to contact Highways representatives to request that they attend a Parish meeting.

Councillor H Smith asked if the Parish would be interested in setting up a first responders group. The Parish Office is to contact Harry Woolwich to come to a future meeting to discuss first response.

10. PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bush reported that the Car boot season has now ended and will restart at Easter Weekend next year. A report from Councillor Bellamy stated that another excellent Classic Car Show was held on 22nd September, and dates have already been booked for 2014 - 18th May and 24th August.

The football season is now in full swing and the Youth and Community Hall continues to be well used

11. PHASE 2 PAVILION EXTENSION

The Chairman reported that plans were now completed and have been submitted to TDC for Building Regulations. Tenders will be available for the end of the month. Councillor Bellamy is looking into grant applications and will tell of more details when available.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Dunnett reported that work is still continuing on the new extension to the rear of the Hall. The Committee are hoping to hear the outcome from the three grant applications in order to complete work on the project.

The Barn Dance held in the Village Hall Saturday 21st September was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

With regard to the field, the front hedge along the road has been cut. The Village Hall Committee is in the process of obtaining quotations for cutting back hedges and encroaching undergrowth on the other sides of the field. There is a lot of work to be done and it is likely to be very expensive.

13. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Mavis Balbirnie stated that there was very little to report this month, although it is understood that the Chairman has had contact with Mrs Darnell, as a she has had no further update regarding when the EGM is likely to be.

Councillor M Balbirnie thanked the members of the Council who helped to move the seat back to its position.

The paths are still being cut but there is evidence that someone has been lighting fires around the pond area and in other areas of the Green. Luckily the wet weather prevented the fires causing excessive damage to the area, as well as harming the person responsible. Councillor M Balbirnie reported that as a Trustee, she was saddened that little headway is being made in the situation and it is hoped that the Parish Council can move soon, as in the meantime the area is deteriorating and needs attention.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie gave a written report to members of the activities at TDC during the past month which included progress on the following ongoing projects:

Travellers Site at Weeley; Meeting with EEC re Weeley and Tye Bridges; Parking in Centenary Way on Car Boot Days and Proposals for Street lights to be turned off.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that MPs and TDC Councillors were continuing to fight for maternity services in Tendring.

The Crucial Crew older persons event held on 1st October was well supported, and the free micro-chipping surgeries for dogs were very successful and further dates had been added due to demand on 30th and 31st October 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Town Hall Clacton.

Tendring District Council is to invest £1.5 million on a new computer system which is meant to improve service for residents accessing information.

The local primary school, Engaines, has been sponsored to change to academy status by Powers Hall Junior School in Witham.

Essex County Council is reviewing the local bus routes, of which they pay for around 200. There are no proposed changes to the concessionary bus pass scheme.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie also mentioned that the 'Clinical Commissioning Group Board' will be holding drop in sessions on Tuesday 12th November 12.30-1.30 Sam's Hall (Clacton CVS), Rosemary Road, Clacton. This will be a chance to meet the CCG Board who will share their ideas about the Essex '5 year vision'. The NEECCG manages quality and performance in local health services.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Essex County Council

Making the Links

Tendring District Council

Review of Local Bus Strategy

Push Energy

Tree planting programme 2013/14

**Public Exhibition -Proposed Solar Farm,
Holland Road**

Parochial Church Council

Letter of thanks

Mr Solly, Natural England

Meadow Millennium Green

Audit Commission

Completion of Audit

RCCE

The Oyster

CPRE

Action Essex

TCVS

Health & Well being Day

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
HMRC (PAYE)	171.24
PJB Architectural Design	2,520.00
RB Design Solutions	100.00
E.ON	292.14
Tony Nash (WP132.)	159.14
Tony Nash (SF135.)	236.00
G R Harrison (PCM 130)	262.80
G R Harrison (PCM 131)	176.00
Global Collect BV (software)	41.99
Family Support – Clacton	100.00
Kendall Commercial Services (St James Churchyard)	281.03
Kendall Commercial Services (grounds maint.)	551.33
Clacton Business Services (payroll)	37.08
PKF Littlejohn (audit)	360.00
PJB Architectural Design	985.00

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that the revised Draft Development Plan was presented to the Cabinet last Friday and is available on the TDC website. The Parish offices have taken copies of the relevant maps covering our Parish and intended adjacent developments. The Chairman read out the relevant comments in the revised document and Councillors were urged to follow the comments using maps which were distributed by the Assistant Clerk. Any points of concern from the Parish Council will be put into a letter to TDC.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 4th November 2013.

**Chairman
4th November 2013**