

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 18th May 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Watson, Councillors M Balbirnie, J Cutting, P De Vaux Balbirnie, J Lovell, D Reed, M Reed, J Rowland, S Rowland, J Smith-Daye, H Smith, R Smith, L Gray, B Ward

Tendring District Councillor J Bray

In excess of 20 residents

1. Election of New Chairman

Councillor Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting then made enquiries regarding Chairman nominations. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed Councillor Cutting and as there were no other nominations, Councillor Ward seconded and all agreed. Councillor Cutting was duly elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2. APOLOGIES

Essex County Councillor Erskine and Audrey Owens (Clerk) sent their apologies.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th April 2015

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and all agreed the previous months minutes subject to adding the planning application 15/00131/OUT and the Parish Councils decision, which was then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Cutting thanked all the retiring Councillors for all their hard work over the many years that they had stood. He hoped that the new administration would also serve as a good unit for the future.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Vice Chair

Councillor H Smith nominated Councillor Balbirnie to be Vice Chair. Councillor R Smith Seconded.

Councillor Lovell nominated Councillor M Reed to be Vice Chair, and Councillor D Reed seconded.

The Chairman called for a show of hands:

For Councillor Balbirnie, 6 for, plus the Chairmans casting vote for, totalling 7 overall.

For Councillor M Reed, 6 for.

Councillor M Balbirnie duly elected.

(b) TDALC

Councillor Smith-Daye nominated Councillor M Reed, Councillor DeVaux Balbirnie seconded and all agreed.

Councillor M Reed will represent the Parish at the TDALC.

(c) Community Care and Passenger Transport

These will now be merged together as the Community Care is currently not active.

Councillor Gray is to continue as representative, as there were no other nominations and all agreed.

(d)Village Hall

The Chairman nominated Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie, Councillor H Smith seconded and all agreed.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie to be the Parish Councils Village Hall representative.

(e)Passenger Transport

see (c) above.

(f)Parish Fields

The Chairman is to read a report each month, prepared by the Parish Fields Committee.

(g)Hubbard's and Harvey's Charities

Mr Peter Watson is to retain responsibilities for the Charities until such date that the paperwork is able to be passed over to the Parish.

(h)Millennium Green (4)

Councillor M Balbirnie explained that there were already mandated trustees, including herself and Councillor Ward. Three new Councillors M Reed , D Reed and J Lovell are to join the group. Councillor M Balbirnie will report to the Parish each month.

6. Working Parties Membership

(a) Maintenance and Services (3)

Councillor S Rowland , Councillor J Rowland and Councillor J Lovell were nominated and all agreed.

(b) Planning and Development (4)

Councillor H Smith, Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie, Councillor D Reed and Councillor M Reed were nominated and all agreed.

(c)Crime Prevention (1)

Councillor J Rowland was nominated and all agreed.

(d)Finance and Organisation of Business

Clerk,Chairman and Vice Chairman plus 2 others.

Councillor Lovell and Councillor Smith-Daye were nominated and all agreed.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a)Maintenance and Services

Councillor Smith reported that the 30mph repeater signs were still to be done. Work needs to be done at Cooks Green end of Holland Road. Monitors are to go in. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that people were needed not monitors. The Clerk was requested to write to Rodney Bass and Douglas Carswell, with a copy to The Chairman and Vice Chairman, stating 'further to our previous letters... nothing has been done.' Councillor M Reed enquired whether it was wise to lift the weight limit on the bridge, now that the larger trucks are using the Village to cut through. He said we need to make them go down the Bypass route. The Clerk is required to write to Morrisons, Tesco and B and M to request that they change their route.

8.14pm The Chairman closed the meeting

8.16pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.

8. Maintenance and Services

(a) **Footpath Lights** – Councillor M Reed is the new Footpath light representative.

(b) **Footpaths** – Councillor Gray is to continue to represent Footpaths.

(c) **Finance and Organisation of Business** - The Financial Code was discussed.

8.24pm The Chairman closed the meeting.

8.25pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.

9. **Planning and Development** Councillor Cutting reported on the following

(1).Applications:

15/00372/FUL Mr & Mrs P Norris	Proposed two storey side extension.	16 Weeley Road Little Clacton Conditions to be added – Traffic control due to proximity of bend
15/00497/OUT Miss Y U Clark	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of one detached dwelling.	Crackstakes Farm Tan Lane Little Clacton No Objections – but must have sewer/water drainage installed
15/00361/FUL	Variation of condition 2 of 14/01302/FUL to alter approved materials and detailed design.	Ivy Rose Cottage, Grove Road, Little Clacton Refusal recommended against alteration of conditions – due to size of property
15/00550/FUL	Removal of lean to structure and erection of a single storey rear extension to form lounge, w. c. and boot room.	285 Harwich Road, Little Clacton No Objections
15/00523/FUL	Demolition of existing garage workshop and erection of three 4 bedroom chalet style bungalows	St Olaves, Grove Road, Little Clacton Refusal – Back land development and unsuitable access to unmade road
15/00651/FUL	Variation of condition 03 of Planning Permission 11/00535/FUL (allowed under appeal APP/P1560/A/11/2159056/NWF)	The Orchard ,Grove Road, Little Clacton Refusal – conditions to stand in accordance with wishes of Inspector.

15/00596/TPO	1 No Ash = fell to leave 1.5 m remove 1 Ivy covered stump	12 Sunnyside Way, Little Clacton No Objections
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(2).Decisions:

15/00202/FUL Approval - Full 13.04.2015 Delegated Decision	Proposed detached garage	84 Harwich Road Little Clacton
15/00028/FUL Approval full 23.04.2015 Delegated Decision	Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 14/00358/FUL to allow an additional area on the site to be used for storage.	Ewden, Holland Rd, Little Clacton
15/00387/FUL Approval - Full 07.05.2015 Delegated Decision	Conversion of 5 bed bungalow into three x 1 bed units.	28 Weeley Road Little Clacton

The Chairman reported that the planning committee should meet in a weeks time to go over the current planning applications, and report back any decisions at the next meeting on 1st June.

The Clerk has spoken to the Planning department at Tendring District Council, and they have agreed to an extension until the 2nd June, for any comments to be added by the Parish.

8.30pm The Chairman closed the meeting.

8.35pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.

(b) The Chairman stated that a consultation with the Village is to be arranged.

8.39pm The Chairman closed the meeting.

8.40pm. The Chairman reopened the meeting.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that Gary Guiver from the Planning Department should be invited. Councillor M Reed declared that the Parish hall was too small, and we need to hire the Village Hall. Councillor Cutting reported that he was intending to do an exhibition where the public could come in and ask questions and see the plans, and didn't expect everyone to attend at the same time. Councillor M Reed said the hours should be 7-11pm to allow working people to attend, like Election day. Councillor M Reed proposed that we vote at the next meeting regarding details for the public consultation, Councillor Lovell seconded and all agreed.

8.45pmThe Chairman closed the meeting.

8.53pm. The Chairman reopened the meeting.

Councillor Smith-Daye reported that the Parish needed to have a neighbourhood plan. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated that it must tie up with the District Plan. The Clerk was asked to write to Tendring District Council to complain that they didn't have a Local Plan in place. Also, to encourage other parish clerks in the District to write.

10. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that a meeting is to be arranged for the new members to meet the others.

11. TDALC

Councillor H Smith reported that they hadn't had the meeting yet. Councillor M Reed is to be copied in to emails and kept 'in the loop' with regards to the agenda and date etc.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reminded everyone that tickets were still available for the Dance and as usual bring your own drinks.

He reported that he had booklets available '100 years of Little Clacton' at £1 each.

The fencing is soon to be finished and then the field can be opened up. The Committee were looking to obtain 6 seats and 4 waste bins. These are to be set in crushed and compacted granite chippings around the base, to combat vandalism.

13. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

Councillor Cutting read out a report from the Parish Fields Committee.

There is a full programme of football through June. There was recently a very successful classic car show. Boot sales are to commence from 31st May 2015. Could Councillors put their names forward to go on the collection rota, to collect pitch fees. The Hall is still being used regularly.

14. ECC

No report this month.

15. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Gray reported that there was no report this month, as there is a new council and half of the old council have been replaced.

He stated that he was looking forward to change and was hopeful that things would be better soon.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

National Animal Welfare Trust	Advert for their Open day
Tendring District Council panel	Parish Independent remuneration
ECC	Making the Links
EALC (Email)	New Courses
NHS	email re: Forum Focus May 2015
Tendring Local History Group	Letter

17. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

No Finance report this month, May cheques to be agreed next meeting .

9.20pm The Chairman closed the meeting.

9.21pm The Chairman reopened the meeting.

18. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman urged the new councillors to be mindful of what they say in the public arena and to the press. Ideas are to be agreed at Council before they can be spoken of in public.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that the public would be granted time to speak as they didn't have a chance at the start of the meeting.

9.30pm The meeting was closed.

9.40pm The chairman reopened the meeting.

As there was no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 6th June 2015.

**Chairman
1st June 2015**