

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 3rd AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

Cllr J Cutting (chairman)

Cllrs Mrs M Balbirnie, P De-Vaux Balbirnie, Miss L Gray, Mrs J Lovell, Mrs J Rowland, S Rowland, M Reed,
Mrs H Smith, R Smith, J Smith-Daye.

District Councillor M Brown

8 Residents

The Residents were given time to talk before the meeting began.

1. Residents Issues

A member of the public enquired why the Save the Village campaign did not seem to support Holland Road. The Chairman explained that the Save the Village Campaign was nothing to do with the Parish Council, although some Councillors are involved with it in addition to their Councillor duties.

A resident complained that the bridleway had been used for an access point at 27 Weeley Road. They asked if the Parish could make enquiries with the Planning Department.

Mr Barrington-Fuller reported that the application for land in The Street is now in the process of going to appeal.

2. APOLOGIES: Councillors D Reed and B Ward, District Councillor J Bray, Essex County Councillor Erskine.

3. ANY URGENT MATTERS

None

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd July 2015

The Chairman proposed the minutes from last month and they were seconded by Councillor M Reed agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Highway Matters

The drainage issues have now been reported to Essex County Council. The photos taken of flooding outside 134 The Street and Galloway Drive are to be passed on to County Councillor Erskine with a letter to Essex County Council. The rangers are to cut down overgrown vegetation in Grove Road.

6. Police/Crime Prevention

Councillor J Rowland reported that PC Haycraft had said that he would try to attend the site where the motorbikes are becoming a nuisance. He said to ring 999 for emergencies and 100 for non-emergency issues.

Councillor J Rowland reported that for May, there were 10 crimes in total, 3 were for antisocial behaviour, 5 burglaries and 2 other thefts.

She warned that travellers were in the area and fields should be kept locked and regularly checked.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and services

No report this month.

(i) Street lights

Councillor M Reed reported that there were no problems at present.

(ii) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that is was currently 'cutting month' but not all footpaths had been done , so she will be making enquiries into why some and not others.

(b) Planning and Development

Councillor Lovell declared an interest in 99 The Street, and was not allowed to take part in the discussion or comment.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie declared an interest in the application for Batemans Lane.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie read out the following applications and determinations:

(i). Applications

15/00986/OUT Mr M Coles	Construction of one bungalow and garage.	Land North of 54 Holland Road Little Clacton No Objections
15/00988/OUT Mr M Coles	Construction of one bungalow and garage.	Land South of 54 Holland Road Little Clacton No Objections
15/01038/FUL Mr A Carter	Erection of three side facing dormers.	Ashleigh Tan Lane Little Clacton No Objections
15/01050/FUL Mr & Mrs M Lovell	Extension and alteration.	99 The Street Little Clacton No Objections
15/01137/FUL Mr R Cooledge	Construction of five detached houses following demolition of existing glasshouse.	Land adjacent West View Batemans Lane Little Clacton The parish is to request an extension, and comment later.

15/01150/OUT Miss Clark	Demolition of existing building and building and erection of a detached dwelling.	Crackstakes Farm, Tan Lane, Little Clacton No Objections – subject to drainage installation.
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iii) Determinations:

15/00131/OUT Refusal - Outline 24.07.2015 Delegated Decision	<i>To develop the land with up to 136 housing units including houses of various sizes, flats and alms houses together with a medical facility.</i>	<i>Land at The Street Little Clacton</i>
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15/00523/FUL Refusal - Full 24.07.2015 Delegated Decision	<i>Demolition of existing garage workshop and erection of three 4 bedroom chalet style bungalows.</i>	<i>St Olaves Grove Road Little Clacton</i>
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15/00848/FUL Approval - Full 21.07.2015 Delegated Decision	<i>Proposed detached dwelling, including modification of vehicular access.</i>	<i>Site Adj 12 Weeley Road Little Clacton</i>
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15/00743/FUL Approval - Full 10.07.2015 Delegated Decision	<i>Erection of 4 No. single storey dwellings to provide supported living facilities.</i>	<i>Little Paddocks The Street Little Clacton</i>
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15/00861/TPO Approval - Full 07.07.2015 Delegated Decision	<i>1 No. Ash - rear boundary - pollard by 40% down to the first major fork area</i>	<i>12 Sunnyside Way Little Clacton</i>
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The Chairman read out the letter sent to Tendring District Council regarding the Crackstakes Farm application which was refused before Little Clacton was able to comment, despite securing an extension. He also read out the reply we had received, copies of which will be added as an appendix.

Councillor M Reed proposed that we follow this up. Councillor Smith-Daye suggested Greg Clarke MP, Housing Minister, as well as Douglas Carswell MP and the Local Government Ombudsman, with copies to the Head of Planning Department and Chief Executive of Tendring District Council.

iv) Local Plan

Councillor M Reed stated that strategic green gaps were now replacing agricultural land in the new Local plan. The Chairman is to write to the local planning developers and question the green gap issue, as well as querying the number of households that wish to move to Little Clacton.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm

The Chairman reopened the meeting 8.33pm.

The Local Plan meeting held at the Town Hall, Clacton was attended by the Chairman, Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie, Councillor Lovell, Councillor M Reed and Councillor Smith-Daye.

The next meeting is on 17th September. Copies of the notes from the last meeting are to be given to the other Councillors and it can be discussed at the next Parish meeting, ready to put forward at the next Local Plan Meeting. Councillor Smith – Daye stressed that it was important to make the most of our 3 minutes. Douglas Carswell is also interested in the developing Local Plan.

v) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor M Reed reported that the TDALC discussed the Neighbourhood Plan extensively. If we show our intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan it would carry additional weight with developments in the future.

Although we can't submit a Neighbourhood Plan until a Local Plan is agreed, we can start the work in advance.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie has already told Gary Guiver, Planning that we are doing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor M Reed reported that the TDALC had drafted a letter for Neil Stock, the Leader of the Council, to say how all the parishes were disgraced that there was no Local Plan in place.

(c) Finance and Organisation of Business

- (i) The Chairman reported that the bank mandate has still not been changed. The Clerk is to chase the bank for details.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie declared an interest in the next item.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm

The chairman reopened the meeting 9.16pm.

(ii) Grant for Engaines School children

The Chairman reported that a request had been handed in by Councillor Smith -Daye for a donation to enable the school children to hire the Village hall to rehearse their forthcoming show. The parents had clubbed together to create some funds (£100) and they asked if the Parish Council could match fund it. Councillor Smith-Daye proposed that funding was made available. The letter said that any excess funds would be passed back to the school. The request was anonymous. The Chairman felt that there was not enough information and requested that they write in with detail of who is asking for the funds, and exactly what was it intended to pay for, as the school had their own funding and also access to a hall and stage at the school, so shouldn't actually need to hire the hall.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor M Reed, but not passed.

8. INTERNET

Many pages have been revised and updated to reflect known changes in personnel and circumstances. Would groups and others let the Parish Council know if any other changes are required. The contact details for District and County Councillors have also been updated and, in addition, there is now a link to the Tendring District Council and Essex County Council websites.

9. TDALC

Councillor M Reed reported that there had been a meeting and much of the discussion was in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan. There was a talk by John Gilross of the NALC, regarding the importance of investing in training. The Chairman stated that we would look at the finances to see what we could afford in this year's budget.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS

The Chairman reported that the car boot season continues but has, again, been affected by the weather with one sale cancelled and others curtailed. Fortunately the summer returned on Sunday with a very good turnout of both sellers and buyers, which we hope will continue during August.

The next Classic Car Show is scheduled for August 30th.

The Youth and Community Hall is in regular use by various groups and clubs. In addition another stamp and coin fair has been held.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that several people had approached him regarding build-up of static electricity and small 'shocks' that had been felt. He checked out the playground personally to see how bad it was, and he also felt a small 'shock' when he touched metal of one of the items of playground equipment. This prompted him to contact the manufacturer of the new playground surface to see if they knew what could be happening. They said that some static was normal, and it was not dangerous in this case.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that with inclement weather on a number of the weeks of the boot sale season, when we have had to make a quick exit so as not to ruin the items for sale, we have still managed to collect approximately £185 to date with a few more weeks scheduled before the end of the boot sale season.

Councillor M Balbirnie is still waiting to hear from the Little Clacton Carnival Committee whether a donation will be made towards the Millennium Green, for the work that both Councillors M and P De Vaux Balbirnie had done on carnival day, hopefully the response will be a positive one.

As per last month's report, six nest boxes which were sponsored by a local businessman and donated to Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie when he was District Councillor, have now been put up by Pauline the head teacher of the Little Clacton Pre-School, along with pupils and parents, with the children choosing where to place them. Since the children chose more trees than there were nest boxes, further boxes are being made and will be erected in due course.

The web site for the Little Clacton Meadow Millennium Green has now been updated with the names of the present committee and shows a picture of the children with the nest boxes.

The University has been contacted for volunteers to help with the maintenance on the Green, and the mandate for banking is still outstanding since March 2015.

Councillor M Reed reported that there was graffiti at the Millennium Green and that vandalism was apparent. He also expressed concern that the pond was left open with no fence.

13. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bray left a report, a copy will be in the appendix to these minutes.

District Councillor Brown read out his report which will be included in the appendix of the minutes. .

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for August Meeting

ECC	County Update June/July
Community Warden	Introduction
EALC	Training Bulletin
ECC	Results of the Area Review
Great Oakley Parish	Letter to Highways
TDC	Reply to Planning letter

The Clerk was requested to email out all correspondence to all Councillors each month. A suggestion was made as to where it could be located on the Website.

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUE AUTHORISATION

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

For August Meeting

The banking mandate has still not been changed.

Cheques Issued in August:

HMRC	73.00
Clacton Business Services Ltd	34.50

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor S Rowland reported that a large area of ground had been cleared along Homing Road and Batemans Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

The Chairman reopened the meeting at 9:46pm.

We can look and ask the question re: groundwork at Batemans Lane.

Councillor H Smith requested that the website should include details of children's schemes through the summer. It was pointed out that the website has a link to the Tendring District Council website, and they already have details of the leisure centre courses and schemes through the summer.

Councillor M Reed reported that he was involved in two schemes: Quiet Roads and Tree Warden, and he would bring details for the next meeting.

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that Travellers had broken onto Brook Park and the Haven so far this year, and she urged everyone to be vigilant and check gates were locked.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Youth and Community Building, Parish Fields, Plough Corner.

Chairman

7th September 2015