

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

Councillor J Cutting (chairman)

Councillors De Vaux Balbirnie, Mrs M Balbirnie, Miss L Gray, Mrs J Lovell, D Reed, M Reed, Mrs J Rowland, S Rowland, Mrs H Smith, R Smith, J Smith-Daye and B Ward.

Essex County Councillor Erskine, District Councillors J Bray and M Brown

2 Residents

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

Residents Issues

No Issues

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th January 2016

The Chairman proposed the updated minutes.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie pointed out that under the **11. Village Hall** section the waste bins were still to be concreted in, and not finished as stated. The Chairman changed the words 'have been' to 'will be'.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie asked for the **5(b) Parish Business - Precept** section to be changed. Where the Declarations of Interest were stated for the Village Hall Grant, Councillor B Ward should be taken out and Councillor L Gray should be added instead.

The Chairman stated that an additional line had been inserted at the end of the **8. Internet** section reading: 'The Chairman also said that all sections were worth looking at to save costs for the Parish.'

Following agreement from the other Councillors, the Chairman made the changes, then signed the minutes as a true record.

4. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported on the asbestos roof issue from last week. Tendring District Council had made enquiries and said that they did not find any fires burning when they visited and there did not seem any immediate danger. However, they said that any further complaints should be reported by a member of the public as it was happening, as they could not lodge any enforcement prosecution unless they had a name.

The Chairman asked all present to be mindfull when making comments on planning applications, as another parish had incurred costs along with a local opposition group who also incurred costs for being in breach of a legal matter over group fighting of a planning application.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters Councillor R Smith reported that he had worked with Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie to put up the Village Gateway signs and they were in place and looked good.

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that 30 mph repeater signs were to go through the Village soon, and keep left signs are being looked at. The Local Highway Panel had some limited funds spare for improvements, but not maintenance.

Essex County Councillor Erskine has already put in a collection of requests for the Little Clacton Area, and asked if the District Council would be willing to take some on board. The two District Councillors agreed to ask the questions and see what they could do.

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Essex County Councillor Erskine said in terms of investigating signage and lining, the Local Highways Panel funds may be eligible for cooks Green and Harwich Road.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Councillor J Rowland reported that no decision has been made on Bradley's future yet. There were No crime figures for December available yet. Councillor J Rowland had prepared a list of Speeding Signs/Prices, which she handed to the Chairman for perusal. This is to be discussed at a later date. Councillor M Reed reported that at the latest TDALC meeting it was said that the PCSO's now had their phones back, but were sharing and only able to take calls from Councillors. Nobody present knew the numbers.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS (a) Maintenance and services Councillor S Rowland reported that the contractor was not fulfilling his expectations at present and asked if another meeting should be called. The Chairman said that it could be time to cancel the contract if the work is not up to standard. Councillor J Rowland reported that emails and phones calls were not being returned. Councillor S Rowland asked if the Council should offer him a chance to quit the contract if circumstances had changed. The Chairman stated that he was happy for the Maintenance Committee to take responsibility on this, to present to the Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Lisa Hastings at Tendring District Council regarding the legal aspects on the contract.

i) I. Street lights Councillor M Reed suggested a meeting with him, the Chairman and A & J Lighting to discuss the options. He said that there always seems to be one bulb blown in Harwich Road, and enquired how much work was done by the last Council in reviewing the lights in Harwich Road. It is not decided whether to go with LED lights as one Council had said they were not cost effective, and one said that they were. Councillor M Reed said he would make further enquiries. Plough Corner light replacement is in progress, but still needs fixing as it is an important light. Essex County Councillor Erskine said he would look into this, and District Councillor Bray also said he would make enquiries. The Contract needs renewing in May 2016.

ii) Footpaths Councillor Gray did not have anything to report this month. A report regarding the footpath down to Thorpe Bridge said that the earth had moved and is blocking the pathway. Essex County Councillor Erskine said he would speak to District Councillor Turner to see if something can be done.

b) Planning and Development (i) Applications:

<p>15/01936/FUL Maison Care Limited</p>	<p>Erection of staff room in association with the existing C2 use and the 4 supported living units.</p>	<p>Little Paddocks The Street Little Clacton Recommend No Objection</p>
<p>15/01944/FUL Mr & Mrs Pearce</p>	<p>Proposed rear extension to form kitchen and living room.</p>	<p>152 The Street Little Clacton Clacton On Sea Recommend No Objection</p>

ii) Determinations :

<p>15/01149/OUT <i>Application Withdrawn</i> 05.01.2016 <i>Delegated Decision</i></p>	<p><i>Outline application for up to 21 dwellings.</i></p>	<p><i>24 The Street Little Clacton</i></p>
<p>15/01765/FUL <i>Approval Full</i> 15/1/16 <i>Delegated Decision</i></p> <p>15/01694/COUN.OT <i>Prior approval Reuired - Deemed application Refused</i> 14/.1/16 <i>Delegated Decision</i></p>	<p><i>Proposed 2 storey side extension to form kitchen, playroom and 2 bedrooms, single storey rear extension to form lounge and utility room.</i></p> <p><i>Conversion of barn to single dwelling</i></p>	<p><i>9 Elm Road, Little Clacton</i></p> <p><i>Plot 2, land adjacent Bovills Hall, St Osyth Road West, Little Clacton</i></p>
<p>15/01801/FUL <i>Approval Full</i> 29/1/16 <i>Delegated Decision</i></p>	<p><i>Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension</i></p>	<p><i>70 St Osyth Road East, Little Clacton</i></p>
<p>15/01838/FUL <i>Approval Full</i> 29/1/16 <i>Delegated Decision</i></p>	<p><i>Rear extension and loft conversion with dormer windows</i></p>	<p><i>69 Harwich Road, Little Clacton</i></p>

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iii) Local Plan The Chairman reported that at the last meeting he had put forward a statement from the Parish Council, Councillor Smith-Daye and Councillor S Rowland put forward questions as residents. 560 Houses per annum were finally agreed. The Chairman thought that we had put forward a good case. The

meeting was fully attended. The next meeting on 10th March has been cancelled, with no other date given at present.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor M Reed said that there was more participation from residents now and the Neighbourhood Plan was to be discussed at the meeting on the 10th March, which has now been cancelled. Hopefully it will still be on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. INTERNET The website continues to be updated giving details of local news and events, as well as District and County developments.

9. TDALC Councillor M Reed reported that it was felt that the TDALC wasn't run as well as could be as in, information wasn't feeding through the the next step. However, he was battling along with other parishes to get information acted on. The Position of the TDALC has not been agreed yet. It should be representative of all parishes and should hold some weight in terms of power.

He asked the Clerk to watch out for a letter from the TDALC.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS The Chairman reported that the football was curtailed in January due to weather and to preserve the playing surface for the months ahead. We have again suffered from mindless vandalism with all the goalposts being pulled over and anchoring pegs being thrown onto the field. Essex Fire and Rescue have carried out a Fire Risk Assessment of the Youth and Community Hall. No problems identified but we were advised to remind all users (Parish Council, Hall hirers etc.) that the Assembly Point in the event of evacuation is the Bandstand alongside the ATC building. This is important so that group leaders can check all people in attendance are accounted for. The Council may wish to consider putting an identifying sign on the bandstand. The hall continues to be in regular use.

11. VILLAGE HALL Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the roundabout has now been completed. He thanked the Parish Council for the Grant of £800 which was used towards the new flooring with a lacquered finish.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chairman reported the state of the pond and proposed funds towards the work the Millennium Green had used their other grant to find the fence.

The Chairman reported that the Organisation and Business Group had agreed that the Parish funds could be used for the urgent pond repairs, all agreed.

Councillor M Balbirnie thanked the Parish Council for their help to repair the pond and said that the fence would be going up after the pond repairs had been done. Councillor M Balbirnie then read out her report which has been included as an attachment at the end of the minutes.

13. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Essex County Councillor Erskine reported that there was a consultation by the Fire and Rescue service to help the public understand the cuts they face to 2020. The Clerk was asked to watch out for the email and forward it to councillors.

The 2nd pump at Clacton is to go part time/on-call and the one pump at Walton will also be on-call.

Dovercourt will be on-call only and Weeley is to stay on-call. Staff issues are being addressed and there will be redundancies. 180 full – time Officers are to be re-employed elsewhere. There is a 'have your say' document available.

There is little else going on at present. As usual pass on any case numbers if you want County Councillor involvement.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Brown and District Councillor Bray read their reports out at the meeting, and they are included as attachments at the end of the minutes.

15. Correspondence for February Meeting

EALC	e- bulletins
Tendring District Council	Letter to confirm Blacksmiths Arms has been nominated under a Community Right to Bid, and will be presented to Cabinet.
Tendring DC Recycling Team	Food Caddy Liners advert

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUE AUTHORISATION The up to date balance of the Council's funds were noted.

Cheques issued:

	£
EON (Jan)	394.03
Kendall Commercial Services	722.13
Daniel Connal Partnership	540.00
HMRC	115.20
Signs Made Easy	219.60
Village Hall Grant	800.00
A & J Lighting solutions	195.42
Clacton Business Services	27.90
Tendring Eldercare (Dec)	<u>75.00</u>

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor J Lovell reported that she was asked by the School to write a report of how the Council works, and she had drafted a document. The Chairman and the Clerk reviewed it and agreed it was a good report. The Chairman just wanted to add a couple of points and said that he would like to be involved as he felt it would be a chance to get an insight to issues within the village.

Councillor H Smith enquired whether the Parish was doing anything to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. The Chairman said that the Parish would be happy to help support anything that was brought forward for the good of the Parish.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm at the Youth and Community Building, Parish Fields, Plough Corner.

Chairman
7th March 2016