

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 7th MARCH 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, R Smith, and B Ward.

District Councillor J Bray

7 Residents

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

Residents Issues

One resident reported the large number of cars speeding through the Village and along Harwich Road. Another resident voiced concerns regarding public footpath by 165 Harwich Rd, he had sent a letter to Chairman and it is on file. Councillor Lynn Gray will contact ECC.

Thank you to the Parish for support with a housing application from Miss Clark.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs J Rowland, S Rowland, Mrs H Smith, J Smith-Daye, Essex County Councillor Erskine and District Councillor M Brown

2. DECLARATIONS

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie declared a personal interest for all the Councillors present regarding the Planning applications for Tree surgery on the Green.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st February 2016

The Chairman stated that wording had been changed at the end of the **4. Urgent Matters arising** section, now reading: 'The Chairman asked all present to be mindful 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.'

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

4. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that the next meeting is on the 11th April when the Public will be welcome. There is a training session for Councillors on the 4th April at Parish Fields but the Public will not be able to attend. A developer presented an outline planning application for 81 properties at the Old Chicken Farm at the junction of Holland Road and Thorpe Road.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters Councillor R Smith reported that he had nothing to report on repeater signs and despite all his work, had not had any feedback. The Chairman reported that the hire of the mobile flashing speed signs was very expensive (in the thousands) and he suggested that signs saying 'Please do not speed through our Village' were installed. Councillor M Reed reported that the Police will accept the public submitting their own footage from car cameras to help convict speeders and bad drivers now.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Councillor J Rowland did not leave a report for the meeting, but later emailed to say there was no news about PC Haycraft yet.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS (a) Maintenance and services The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted Lisa Hastings at Tendring District Council regarding the legal aspects on the contract and as soon as the maintenance committee was able to convene, the contract would be discussed and reported back at the next meeting.

i) I. Street lights Councillor M Reed reported that a meeting was held with the Chairman and A & J Lighting to discuss the options. A& J Lighting are to send in their quotes for the contract. Councillor M Reed demonstrated the old bulb versus the new LED bulb. The difference was very clear. The new LED bulbs are much brighter and only use 18watts, compared to the old bulbs which use 58watts. The LED bulbs cost £85 compared to £32 for the old SOX lamps, but LED have an 11 year life compared to just 3 years for the old.

The Lights in Harwich road are still in progress, exact GPS location had to be ascertained for each lamp. This has been done and it should now move forwards.

A&J Lighting have shown interest in the contract which is to be renewed. Their costs are to be supplied later.

ii) Footpaths Councillor Gray said that she had contacted the authorities regarding complaints about the Harwich Road footpath, and it was all in progress.

b) Planning and Development (i) Applications:

16/00191/FUL	Proposed replacement of existing stable block with B1 business units	Swains Farm Buildings The Street, Little Clacton No Objections
16/00193/DETAIL	Reserved matters for the residential development of 0.09ha of land to create two detached dwellings with associated garaging and parking	Baytrees, Harwich Road, Little Clacton No Objections
16/00138/TPO	14 no. Horse chestnuts – crown lift to 5mtrs (Cochrane Tree Services)	The Green, The Street, Little Clacton No Objections
16/00242/TPO	1 No. Hawthorn, 2. No Hawthorn, 1 No. Oak – lift lower crown by 60%, reduce top crown by 30% and remove dead stem L shape Hawthorns – reduce by 30%	17 Weeley Road, Little Clacton No Objections
16/00257/TELLIC	Installation of Electronic Communication Apparatus as proposed by Vodaphone and Telefonica Ltd	Ideal Nurseries, Batemans Road, Little Clacton No Objections

ii) Determinations :

15/01944/FUL	Proposed rear extension to form kitchen and living room.	152 The Street, Little Clacton
Approval - FULL		
12/2/16		
Delegated Decision		
15/01936/FUL	Erection of staff room in association with existing C2 use and the 4 supported living units	Maison Care, Lt. Paddocks, The Street, Little Clacton
Approval - FULL		
26/2/16		
Delegated Decision		

iii) Local Plan The Chairman said that there was nothing to report this month.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor M Reed said that there will be nothing to report until the Local Plan commences.

8. INTERNET The website continues to be updated as and when required.

9. TDALC Councillor M Reed reported that the next meeting was to be held at the end of March. Following on from last month, a letter is to be sent to MPs in support of the Members of TDALC who are not happy.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS The Chairman reported that the Health and Safety work to the Youth and Community Hall, as detailed in earlier reports, has now been completed. The Cost of this work has been met by Parish Fields. Daily use of the Hall continues to increase.

The Annual Fire Alarms and Electrical systems checks have been carried out.

Only limited activity on the playing field due to rainy conditions in recent weeks, and the surface remains in good condition ahead of the forthcoming Summer activities.

11. VILLAGE HALL Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the new cameras were now fitted. Due to problems with rentals, it is being considered that there will be more limits on parties for 16-21 year olds, and possibly larger deposits requested.

There are plans afoot for a celebration for the Queens 90th birthday to be announced at a later meeting.

The new seats and litter bins are to be installed soon.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that the committee met on the 8th February 2016. The fencing has now been completed. 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

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bray read his report out at the meeting, and it will be included as an attachment at the end of the minutes.

15. Correspondence for March Meeting

EALC	e- bulletins
Essex County Council	Essex and Southend Replacement Waste Plan
Essex Police	Major Transformation of Police Service
Village Hall and Trust	Thank you letter for £800 Grant
Douglas Gray	Request for Bollards to deter parking
Essex County Council	Public Notice Re: Roadworks

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUE AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:

	£
Kendall Commercial Services	3,396.00
Viking Ltd (Stationery)	85.30
PJB Architectural Services	507.00
HMRC	115.20
Mrs G Loach (Salary)	460.61
EON (Feb)	394.03
R Bellamy (Dec & Jan)	200.00
Homeview Surveillance	352.80
Essex Pension Fund	89.42
Tendring Eldercare (Jan)	<u>100.00</u>
	5,700.36
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17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

18.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Balbirnie is to speak to the Rangers regarding the bollards mentioned in correspondence. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 11th April 2016 at 7.00pm at the Youth and Community Building, Parish Fields, Plough Corner.

Please note the earlier time.

This meeting will be followed with the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chairman
11th April 2016