

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 11th APRIL 2016 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor J Cutting (chairman)

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

District Councillor J Brown

8 Residents

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

Residents Issues

One resident praised the Millennium Green Committee by saying that the Green was starting to look really good now that some attention has been paid to it.

Mr Hayes stated that if his planning application went through the crossing immediately in front of the site would be moved, so that it wouldn't affect the application.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Miss L Gray, Mrs J Lovell, Mrs D Reed, Essex County Councillor Erskine and District Councillor M Bray

2. DECLARATIONS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th March 2016

The minutes were proposed by Councillor M Balbirnie, seconded by Councillor M Reed and following agreement from all other Councillors, the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

4. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman mentioned the letter that had been received about the state of the gutters in the parking bays and said that the Environmental Services had now been out to clean them. They are done now.

The Chairman spoke to the police about speeding issues and he read out the response from the Police following from his email. The letter and response will be added to the website.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highway Matters Councillor R Smith reported that he had no news but Councillor Erskine had been chasing up all the queries. The repeater signs are now listed as 'validation' which means they are moving towards being done.

6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

Councillor J Rowland reported that it had been confirmed that PCSO Bradley Haycraft had gone. A Community Policing Team are to be set up. This will be a reactive service compared to the previous preventative method. There is also a 'do-it-online' service for non-urgent crimes being set up. All reports are further behind now, we have just received figures for January.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS (a) Maintenance and services Councillor S Rowland reported that our contractor had done no work since the October meeting, therefore the Maintenance Committee recommend termination of the contract. The Chairman also spoke to Mr Nash, and agreed to allow another week to show what he could do. Still nothing was done during this week. A new contract is to be sought. **Councillor J Rowland proposed that the old contract was terminated, Councillor S Rowland seconded and all agreed.**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie recommend that we collect the bench and seat which are in his possession. Councillor S Rowland recommended that we look to get all the maintenance issues up to date before beginning a new contract, so that items are in good repair for the next contractor to maintain.

i) I. Street lights Councillor M Reed reported that the go-ahead is sought to move forward. The Business Group have discussed the matter, and originally it was expected that 50% of the lights would be done, but with underspends from maintenance budgets, the whole Parish can be upgraded in 2016. The old lights are getting more and more expensive – the new ones will pay for themselves over time. Councillor M Reed proposed, Councillor S Rowland seconded and all agreed.

For Harwich Road, the decommission cost of £3,700 plus VAT was under budget.

Regarding the recommended renewal of the contract, Councillor M Reed proposed and all agreed to keep A & J Lighting as our contractor.

ii) Footpaths Councillor DE Vaux Balbirnie reported that the poles and resurfacing was an Essex County Council problem. Councillor Gray is to report at the next meeting.

b) Planning:

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported the following applications:

Councillor M Balbirnie declared an interest regarding the Determinations item 2. Oakwood Park developments.

16/00331/FUL Maison Care Limited	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/00743/FUL to increase roof pitch to allow for concrete interlocking tiles. Window widths increased for bedrooms 1200 mm to 1770 mm.	Little Paddocks The Street Little Clacton No Objections
16/00381/FUL Sunny Day Homes Ltd	Proposed 3 bedroom single storey dwelling with associated access and parking (following demolition of existing outbuilding and car port).	74 The Street Little Clacton No Objections
16/00401/FUL Mr & Mrs J Evans	Proposed ground floor extension and replacement garage.	126 The Street Little Clacton No Objections
16/00427/OUT	Outline application for up to 11 dwellings.	24 The Street Little Clacton

Mr R Hayes	No Objections
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ii) Determinations :

<p>16/00257/TELLIC Deemed Consent 08.03.2016 Delegated Decision</p>	<p>Harlequin Group - Installation of Electronic Communications Apparatus</p>	<p>Ideal Nurseries, Batemans Lane, Little Clacton C016 9EP.</p>
<p>15/01781/OUT Approval - Outline 23.03.2016 Delegated Decision</p>	<p>Variation of condition 22 of planning permission 12/01262/OUT to change the wording of the condition to read: The North-South and East-West aligned roads shown generally on the Indicative Site plan (Drawing Number 6213/1101 Rev X received 2 September 2014) and described as "West Boulevard" and "South Boulevard" shall be provided in accordance with the Phasing Plan required under condition 6 above and shall be 6.75m wide.</p>	<p>Mr Kevin Britton- Oakwood Park Land East of Thorpe Road Clacton On Sea</p>
<p>16/00138/TPO Approval Full 1.03.2016 Delegated Decision</p>	<p>The Green ,The Street, Little Clacton</p>	<p>Mr Max Cochrane (Cochrane Tree Services)</p>
<p>16/00242/TPO Approval Full 29.03.2016 Delegated Decision</p>	<p>17 Weeley Road, 1 No. Hawthorn reduce by 50% 2 No. Hawthorn Fell 1No Oak Lift crown to 6m reduce crown by 30% and remove dead stem L shape of Hawthorns redeuce by 30%</p>	<p>Mr Max Cochrane (Cochrane Tree Services)</p>

iii) Local Plan The Chairman said that the agendas were out for the meeting on 12th April at 6pm at the Princes Theatre. The Chairman is to meet with District Councillors Brown and Bray and Councillor M Reed to discuss comments.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 7.42pm.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan

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

8. INTERNET A number of new events are now being advertised on the website. Special attention is drawn to the Automated External Defibrillator located at the Firs Caravan Park. Please visit the website for further details.

9. TDALC Councillor M Reed reported that the next meeting had been cancelled, so there was nothing to report this month.

10. LITTLE CLACTON PARISH FIELDS The football season is now coming to a close.

We now look forward to the first classic car show of the year on 15th May followed by the Car boot season starting 22nd May. We hope that we may again look to members of the Council for their help with the pitch hire collection rota.

Cancer Research UK are returning to the Village this year, holding their Relay for Life event on the playing field on the weekend of the 16th /17th July.

The Youth and Community Hall has an increasing number of users.

11. VILLAGE HALL Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the Village Hall and Harold Lilley Playing Field continue to be used daily and there are no problems to report.

We held our AGM last month, as advertised, and the Committee was re-instated including representatives of the various organizations who use the Hall. As Chairman I thanked the Committee for their support and look forward to another successful year.

As reported at the previous Little Clacton Parish meeting, a celebration for the Queens 90th Birthday is to be held in the Village Hall and on the Playing Field on Sunday 15th May to commence at 13.00. A buffet and refreshments will be provided and there will be a magician and bouncy castles for the childrens enjoyment and all pre-school children will be donated with a commemorative medal to mark the occasion. Although Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie did approach the Headteacher at Engaines they had arranged their own event, a tea party this month when the primary school children would receive their medals.

Poster will be going up shortly advertising this special occasion and we hope to see many of you.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that the AGM was on the 14th March 2016, and thanked all that attended. 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 Brown 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
CPRE	Countryside Voice magazine and Field Work
Community Agents Essex	Advertising paperwork
RCCE	2016 Essex Village of the Year competition
Frinton Festival	Adverts and Flyers
Essex Air Ambulance	Summer events – Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUE AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques issued:	£
Cochrane Tree Services	600.00
Abacus Build	21,225.28
R Harrison (re work on Xmas lights)	1119.00
Clacton Garden Culture Ltd (contrib. to electricity re Xmas lights)	55.00
Clacton Business Services	27.90
HMRC	115.00
EON (Feb)	368.60
R Bellamy (Website Feb & Mar)	200.00
Homeview Surveillance	125.00
Tendring Eldercare (Feb)	<u>100.00</u>

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17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that the Business Group and Clerk had met and recommended that up to £1,500 was granted to the Village Hall towards the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations. The Chairman proposed £1500 be granted to the Village Hall and All agreed.

18.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor S Rowland enquired if the Xmas lights (Finance and Cheques) could be changed to LED now to reduce the cost for next year. The Chairman reported that enquiries would be made in July, for next Christmas. Councillor M Reed reported that the Thorpe Christmas lights had been interesting.

It was reported that lorries were driving down Elm Road as the 'No through Road' sign was missing. There is nothing to warn of the block turning.

Councillor M Reed reported that the end of Feverills Road was a meeting place for Youths causing a nuisance with drinking etc.

The Clerk is to contact the Police on line. www.essex.police.co.uk/doitonline

Councillor Smith -Daye thanked everyone for their good wishes and recommended Flu jabs to all. He also reported that an ambulance reached him in just 54 seconds, and the NHS was excellent.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 9th May 2016 at 7.30pm at the Youth and Community Building, Parish Fields, Plough Corner.

Chairman
9th May 2016