

## LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 3rd July 2017 AT 7.30 PM

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J Rowland, S Rowland, M Reed, H Smith, R Smith, J Smith-Daye, J Taylor, B Ward.

**Tendring District Councillors** Mike Brown

**Clerk:** Mrs G Loach

#### 6 residents present

#### Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

A resident reported that Veolia had removed the compacting machine at the rubbish tip. People now had to walk up some stairs, which was difficult for some residents. A request was made that the Parish could write to Tendring District Council to ask for its return.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Essex County Councillor Erskine and District Councillor Bray.

#### 2. CIRCULATION AND CONTENTS OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman agreed that the second payment to Kendall Plus on last month's Finance sheet should be marked as not paid, as there is a dispute with Kendall Plus currently and the payment has not been sent. There was one other change to the Chairman's report, where the steering group being set up for the Parish Fields Car Park development should be made up of non- Councillors as well as Councillors. The minutes were then agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting on the 12th June.

#### 3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

None

#### 4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had received complaints regarding Bray's vegetation, and a letter had been sent. No answer had been received yet. This will be followed up next week. The Chairman reported that the flower beds in the village had been replanted by Mrs Cutting.

There is an issue with Kendall Plus, but the Chairman will discuss it under maintenance. Issues with Highways and Planning will be discussed under the relevant heading.

#### 5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

Councillor R Smith had nothing to report this month. He had noticed that Harwich Road had been marked up going along to Rice Bridge.

District Councillor Brown said he would find out about the additional funding the Essex County Council have received for pavements with little foot fall.

#### 6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

Councillor J Rowlands had no figures to report but should have figures for April to discuss at the next meeting. Councillor J Rowland recommended vigilance during the warm and light evenings, and check windows are closed etc. to deter opportunistic thieves. The Community Messaging Service was mentioned and everyone was urged to sign up.

#### Speed watch

Councillor D Botterill reported that he was still waiting for volunteers. The police training was meant to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July but not enough volunteers came forward. Beaumont did

not have enough volunteers either. The Chairman recommended that the Village Notice boards were used as well as website.

## **7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

### **(a) Maintenance and Services**

Councillor S Rowland reported that Peter had begun painting at Parish Fields and it was looking good. The house along Harwich Road with the skip and pile of dirt looks terrible. He asked if the Parish could do anything. The Chairman said we could send a letter to explain that we must maintain the land so that the verges can be mown etc. The Chairman said that planning permission was needed for a permanent skip. The grass cutting contract needs looking at again; Kendalls cut to the triangle but not to Rice Bridge. Another letter needs to be sent regarding the overgrown hedge along The Street. Mr Barrington Fuller is to be contacted. The Clerk confirmed that the Church had been contacted regarding the overhanging trees.

### **(b) Street lights**

Councillor M Reed reported that all the parish street lights are now up and working, the columns removal from Harwich Road needs to be arranged with the residents so the contractor can remove them safely without damage to private property of the residents. He suggested that a date was made with A & J Lighting and then a letter sent to the residents informing them of the days on which the work is to be completed.

A phone call was received from a resident in Barrington Close about a light having not worked for up to two years, on inspection this is an Essex County Council light and has been reported. An email has been sent to Clacton MP Giles Watling to ask for rectification of street lights, pavements, roads, street signs and hedge cutting within the parish of Little Clacton, and the responsibilities of Essex County Council and Tendring District Council to the tax paying residents of Little Clacton and that he is the representative for Little Clacton in Westminster.

### **(c) Footpaths**

Councillor Gray reported that there had been a few complaints about footpaths. The Blacksmiths footpath is particularly bad. It was meant to be cut, but they went to Brightlingsea instead. Councillor Gray has cut the tree down now so that the path is passable. Councillor M Reed reported that the Holland Road path is really bad.

### **(d) Planning and Development**

(i) Councillor M Reed reported on the following:

<b>17/00950/FUL</b> – 15 The Street CO16 9RR.	Proposed first floor extension above proposed car port. <b>Recommend Approval.</b>
<b>17/00947/FUL</b> – 376 Harwich Road CO16 0HL. Erection of detached annexe.	Concerns that the annexe may be used for renting purposes, which could add to parking arrangements and privacy/noise issues with neighbours, could a condition be imposed if approved that it be not allowed to be rented out. Concerns that it is a new standalone dwelling as opposed to an Annexe. <b>Recommend Refusal</b>
<b>17/00695/FUL</b> – 48 Elm Road CO16 9LP. Proposed rear extension.	<b>Recommend Approval.</b>

<p><b>17/01005/DETAIL</b> - Land North East of Tan Lane CO16 9PS. Associated with application 15/01853/OUT, four detached bungalows.</p>	<p>We refuse this application on the grounds that we would question why the garages have been omitted from the Detailed submission as they are crucial to storage solutions in these modern days, car, bikes, gardening equipment etc. There appears to be a reduction in tree and shrub planting which is undesirable environmentally as the need is to replace habitat lost to hard surfacing and dwellings in a rural landscape to maintain the soft natural outlook. We would like to see conditions imposed which would cover our concerns. <b>Recommend Refusal</b></p>
<p><b>17/00999/DETAIL</b> – Land adjacent Little Oaks Betts Green Road CO16 9NH. Erection of one dwelling.</p>	<p>The Objection lodged by Little Clacton Parish Council still stands 16/01195/OUT with concerns of the surface of the road and its ability to withstand the vehicles associated with building works, not being hard surface debris could be taken onto the highway causing damage to cars and pedestrians. Remedial work to be undertaken by developer when work is completed and at various stages throughout the development.</p>

### **Decisions.**

<p><b>17/00136/DISCON</b> – Land site of former 36 Holland Road CO16 9RS. Discharge of 8 conditions imposed to allow development at this site. 7 of these 8 were discharged by letter on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. <b>Approval Full.</b></p>
<p><b>17/00394/FUL</b> – Land adjacent 15 Weeley Road CO16 9EN. Erection of two detached houses. Citing the 5 year housing supply and the need to retain the ‘Village’ characteristics and to not adopt the ‘skewed’ approach for in presumption in favour of sustainable development, slow growth more suitable to this type of environment and denser development towards areas of greater urban density to conserve the countryside. This site being outside the defined development boundary. <b>Refusal Full.</b></p>
<p><b>17/00042/FUL</b> – Plot 5 Betts Green Road CO16 9NH. New detached dwelling and pool room. Our considerations that it should not be used for commercial were considered. <b>Approved.</b></p>
<p><b>17/00754/FUL</b> – 84 Holland road CO16 9RS. Infill of pond and construct 2 three bedroom detached bungalows. <b>Approved.</b></p>
<p><b>17/00736/FUL</b> – Whitegates CO16 9RS. Replacement Clubhouse and associated parking. <b>Approved.</b></p>
<p><b>17/00726/OUT</b> – site adjacent 259 Harwich Road CO16 9PX. Erection of two detached dwellings. <b>Refusal Full.</b></p>

Councillor M Reed read out the determinations made by the Planning Group above and all agreed. The Chairman commented that we should take note of the refusal of 17/394/FUL.

**(iii) Local Plan** – The Chairman reported that the local plan consultation end on 26/7/17, which is before our next meeting. The Chairman will draft a document and email it round for comments. He stated that the Motel site had permission 20 years ago for 30-40 houses approximately, but has recently mushroomed. The original plot was much smaller.

Councillor Smith-Daye reported that the local exhibitions were on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3pm to 7pm at Weeley Chambers.

**iv) Neighbourhood Plan** – Nothing to report.

#### **(e) Business and Organisation Group**

##### **Final Accounts**

Councillor Smith-Daye reported that the year-end accounts are in consultation and are to be reported at the next meeting. He wanted the Parish accounts to include Parish Fields.

##### **8. INTERNET**

The Chairman stated that the website was up to date and running well.

##### **9. TDALC**

Councillor M Reed reported the next meeting is in July and there will be a report next month.

##### **10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX**

The Chairman reported that the boot sales were well underway and there was good support from the public and the Councillors have helped with collection of boot fees. The 15<sup>th</sup> July is when the Relay for Life will be held. The Hall continues to be used for various activities.

##### **11. VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that the football trainers are also talking sense to the older players – there is less trouble being caused. New whips have been put in and tubes have put around them for protection from the strimmer. The paint work needs replacing. Everything is running smoothly at present. Regarding the complaint about the gates being shut, reasons were explained and the complainant now understood. It is about the safety.

##### **12. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that the car park had been flailed thanks to Ricky Hayes and a colleague. The weeds need to be treated in the next couple of weeks, following which stone will be laid on the surface.

Kendall's have been chased for the grass to be cut but they have had a problem with their machine.

We are waiting to hear if our CIF pre-application has been successful. We are asking for a grant to purchase 3 picnic tables including wheelchair access table and 3 seats.

Thanks are due to Cllr Jo Taylor, her husband and Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie for helping clear the area. Wild flowers are in bloom and there are lots of butterflies and bumble bees. The 'deep water' sign had been re-erected and thanks to the Chairman for organising this. Thanks are also due to Graham Bush for work done on the Millennium Green.

##### **13. ECC**

No report this month.

#### 14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Brown reported that the blue print draught of the local plan has gone out to public consultation which when submitted to planning inspectorate and passed will guide where development will be placed for the next 15 years.

The Little Clacton and Weeley venue for public consultation is the 6<sup>th</sup> July at Weeley Council Chambers 3pm -7pm.

There has been a crackdown on illegal advertising signs instigated by the flood of Oakleigh Homes signs around our area. Around 200 signs were removed in one day. Owners can reclaim them after paying a removal fee and signing to the effect that they will not replace them. Rules on signs on private land are exempt from removal plus signs for fetes or temporary functions, these are acceptable provided they are removed after the event.

Tendring District Council have announced that it does not own any flats with inflammable cladding as in Grenfell Tower in London, which was recently burned down.

Councillor Brown also reported that the footpath along Dead Lane was dangerous due to a missing slab, this has been reported to Essex County Council.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
Essex County Council	Superstars Abseil 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Essex Heritage Trust	Essex Heritage Newsletter Spring 2017

#### 16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

The up to date balances of the Councils funds were noted.

Receipts:	£
Bank loyalty reward	2.37
Cheques issued:	£
Tendring Eldercare	75.00
Stow Forge Fabrications	1,080.00
Eon (May)	496.34
PJB Architectural Design	1092.00
St James Parish Church	2200.00
GB Maintenance	80.00
A Harmon (deposit for Post replacement)	35.00
Smiths Service Centres (New Locks)	72.35
Stow Forge Fabrications (50% deposit)	200.00
Business Services at CAS (Insurance)	3652.86
Bank Charges (May)	15.75

#### 17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that he had been given a quote for £400 to fix two posts on the 2 gates to secure them once opened, rather than leave them swinging about when open. All agreed.

## **18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Jo Taylor reported that the new Bathroom Business has put up a large sign on the green. The Chairman is to look into it.

Councillor M Balbirnie reported that Reverend Simon is retiring and Father Jeremy from Weeley is being inducted and will be over the whole parish administration.

Councillor J Rowlands asked if any enquiries had been made about the dangerous looking building in St Osyth Road near to the school. The Clerk is to make some checks.

The Chairman reported that regarding the official opening of the pavilion, Peter Shilton wanted £2,500 to appear. Other famous names also wanted large sums to appear. He asked if anyone knew anyone who could step in for a smaller fee. Councillor M Balbirnie said that she may know someone who would be suitable. She is to make enquiries.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 7th August 2017**

**Chairman  
7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**