

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 8th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, M Reed, J Smith Daye, H Smith, R Smith, J Taylor and B Ward

Tendring District Councillors Mike Brown and Jeff Bray

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

4 residents present

Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

No resident issues

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Councillors J Rowland, S Rowland and Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine.

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

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie proposed the minutes and Councillor M Balbirnie seconded. The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting on the 4th December.

3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that the EALC grant towards a community Warden had been declined. This was also the case for St Osyth, the other Parish that wanted a warden. The Chairman contacted Mrs J Darby to enquire why we were turned down. It was felt by the panel that the Police should be organising the warden not Parish Councils. The Chairman said that he will suggest a virement to move the money in the precept to be used for other safety measures throughout the Village instead.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year. He did not have a specific report this month but will report on specific matters during the meeting.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

(a) Highways

The Chairman had received an email from ECC Erskine re: speed survey along Holland Road/ Sladbury Lane and the average speed in both directions was 42mph with the speed limit being 60mph.

There are concerns about flooding in the Street along by St James Church. If it were to freeze, with the recent cold temperatures, it would be very dangerous for the children walking to school along there and the volume of cars. The Chairman suggested signage to ask cars to slow down, but not using Highways style, could be paid for through the precept safety budget.

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

The Chairman read out that there were 10 crimes in November and 13 in December, but no further details of the crimes were available.

WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services.

The Chairman reported that the painter had been contacted by Councillor S Rowlands regarding new graffiti on the bus shelter.

(b) Street lights

We currently have two lights which require attention, one in Elm Road, continually on and one in St Osyth Road, out. The column in Harwich Road is yet to be lifted but the previous issues preventing this have been resolved.

I feel it would be prudent for the Parish to write a letter to A&J Lighting to report on the condition of the light unit when making repairs to ensure all sensors etc within the unit are adequate for purpose, this is mainly due to age/wear and tear and to make the lighting within the Parish more efficient and reliable.

(c) Footpaths

Councillor Gray reported that there were two footpaths outstanding, the wooden bridge along the Dead Lane path has rotted through and collapsed and a footpath along the bypass, these will be inspected tomorrow.

(d) Planning and Development

(i) The Chairman reported on the following Planning applications:

17/02140/FUL	The Old Vicarage 1 London Road CO16 9RW. Loft conversion with 3 front dormers.	Recommend Approval.
17/02171/FUL	47 The Street CO16 9LD. Replace existing garage/workshop with larger garage/workshop.	Recommend Approval with restriction that the new building does not become a dwelling.

Planning Decisions:

17/02016/DISCON	Land northeast of Tan Lane CO16 9PS. Discharge of condition 7 (turning head) and 10 (construction method statement).	Approval – discharged. A letter to be sent to TDC Planning in regards of approval of both Outline and Full applications with multiple conditions attached.
17/01816/FUL	3 Holland Road CO16 9RT. Single storey extension.	Approval Full.
17/01786/FUL	60 Holland Road CO16 9RS. Single storey side extension.	Approval Full
17/01863/FUL	155 Harwich Road CO16 9NL. 2 new dwellings.	Approval Full
17/00766/FUL	Land adjacent 113 Holland Road CO16 9RU. New dwelling.	Appeal Dismissed. Many issues leading to the Dismissal were raised by LCPC therefore giving weight to our views and opinions. 17/01516/FUL

A letter should be sent to G Guiver at the Planning Department to say that TDC should give weight to our appeal letters.

Councillor J Taylor proposed the planning group comments and Councillor H Smith seconded. All agreed.

(iii) Local Plan –The plan is going for its first reading after a few small points are sorted out.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had explained that there was a cost for web hosting as well as the annual domain name renewal and that £100 per year should cover the current various costs. Councillor Smith Daye proposed a cheque for £100 once a year, Councillor Ward seconded, and all agreed.

9. TDALC

No report this month.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

The Chairman reported due to Mr Bellamy's knee operation, the Chairman looked after the renting of the hall for a couple of weeks, until Mr Bellamy was up and about. The hall continued to be hired. The goal posts have been ordered for Parish Fields, TDC are to pay S.106 money towards the cost. Councillor Smith-Daye has been looking into the Parish Fields Trust and their accounts are now up to date online and a lease is now sought going forwards. A solicitor needs to be involved and the plan is for it to be renamed.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that had been a good Christmas party held at the hall as well as a New Year's Eve Party which raised £1200 for the relay for Life. All is fine at the moment and everyone is looking forward to spring to see the tulip bulbs when they come up. They are still waiting on the barrier re: travellers.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor M Balbirnie said thanks to Councillors Gray and De Vaux Balbirnie for getting the hay bale out of the pond. Tendring District Council have now laid the stone. Some is still to be delivered. The seats will be installed in spring when the danger of frost is gone. The Height barrier is going in next week. Out of 150 whips planted only two have been lost so far. The owl boxes are still to be done.

13. ECC

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Brown and Bray did not have a specific report this month. Councillor Brown mentioned that 10million was available for Sport England in the Tendring Area. This was for long lasting legacy developments with interest for the whole area. Councillor Bray reported that the Corporate Plan was in Limbo until the first reading. He said the criteria for 1 or 2 properties are much harder to get through, and larger developments are easier to get approved.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

EALC	e- bulletins
HMRC	Important Changes
ECC	Domestic Abuse Campaign

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Receipts:	£
Cheques issued:	£
Viking (printing inks and misc. stationery)	93.35
A&J Lighting Solutions (2 lights in Harwich Rd)	564.00
Eon (Dec)	122.88
Mark Harrod Ltd (Goalposts for Parish Fields)	7704.00
GB Maintenance	110.00
Alan Harmon (Bus Shelter Repair)	123.00
Bank Charges	12.85

The Finances were proposed by Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie and seconded by Councillor Smith Daye, and all agreed.

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to the owner of a large dog which was left off the lead and allowed to run amok on Parish Fields. The Chairman read out the letter which mentioned the dangerous dog act and other laws. He said there had been no issues since the letter was sent.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that he had received a call from a resident regarding a Parish Owned Chestnut tree which was overhanging the resident's garden and blocking the light. The resident offered to contribute to the cost and asked if we would have any objection in the resident contacting the tree surgeon and TDC regarding planning, as he needed to do that for his own tree which was also overgrown and blocking light. The Chairman put it to the Council that we pay 50% towards lifting of the crown and Councillor Rob Smith proposed the motion and Councillor M Reed Seconded. The Chairman said that he would contact the resident to let him know we were in agreement. The Clerk is to send a confirmation letter.

Councillor Ward asked when we would get the bollards fixed in The Street. The Chairman said that he would ask Alan Harmon if he was available, and also ask if they could be moved further from the edge. Councillor Gray asked if anyone had heard from the Environmental Agency regarding the Elm Road ditch, near the Hazelwood Crescent area. The Chairman said he would chase up TDC. Councillor Taylor said that Highways had now repaired Elm Road.

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie discussed the St John Nursery planning trouble from December.

There being no other issues the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on
Monday, 5th February 2018**

**Chairman
5th February 2018**