

The LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 8th APRIL 2019 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: R Bellamy, D Botterell, L Gray, S Rowland, J Smith-Daye, J Taylor and B Ward

District Cllr Bray

Clerk: Mrs G Loach

8 Residents

Residents were given time to speak before the meeting began.

A Resident reported that at the end of Elm Road, a derelict caravan had been dumped. The Chairman offered to speak to TDC about removing it. Also, the Chairman reported the drug canisters to PC Watson from last month's meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received this month from Cllrs M Balbirnie, P De Vaux Balbirnie, L Moules, M Reed and J Rowland and District Cllr Brown.

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

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Botterell and seconded by Cllr Bellamy and all agreed, the Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting on the 4th March.

3. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Essex County Councillor Erskine

The Chairman reported that members and residents had spoken to the Essex County Council Head of Legal Services who had come down to the Office at Parish Fields to take representations.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman had nothing specific to report this month but would speak under the correct heading where necessary.

5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD (a) Highways

Devolution Pilot

The Chairman said that he had been given the chance to buy a 'wackaplate' which would enable the Parish to repair potholes in the pavements etc. Councillor Rowland said that there were very strict rules regarding roadworks, which were available on the HSC site. The manual is 60 pages and too much to photocopy, but a booklet is available for a small cost. The Chairman stated that the scheme didn't allow for roads, but only pavements and smaller jobs.

Councillor Botterell asked if the Parish would use contractors or undertake the work themselves. Councillor Rowland suggested that a sub group was formed to oversee training and compliance with legislation etc. The Chairman said that the idea of the scheme was to get small jobs done, which were dragging on from previous complaints. Councillor Taylor, Rowland and Botterell are to form a sub group to check whether it is worth the Parish Council pursuing work ourselves or give work to contractors who already comply with standards and have correct tools.

6. POLICE/CRIME REPORT

No Crime figures were available for the current time.

The Chairman reported that we have had news that we have a 'Special'. They are currently training and should be available by August 2019.

7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

(a) Maintenance and Services

Councillor S Rowland reported that Peter was going to look at the benches to see if any need a re-paint. The bus Shelters are to be cleaned again.

(b) Street lights

The Chairman reported that there was no report for this month.

(c) Footpaths

No problems reported this month.

(d) Planning and Development

(i) Councillor J Taylor reported on the following applications:

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| 19/00309/FUL | 120 St Osyth Road West CO16 9NY | Render existing dwelling and construct porch and attached garage. The garage must remain in use as a garage and not become part of the inside living area unless relevant permission is sought. The toilet and shower room are additional. We do struggle to see from the supplied photographs how this can actually fit within the area to the side of the property, is this another property? If approved, we would want a condition imposed that no building materials are to be unloaded or stored on Greensward. Recommend more detail before decision is made. |
| 19/00288/FUL | 10 Sunnyside Way CO16 9PE | Proposed internal bedroom extension and part garage conversion. This if allowed would decrease the availability of parking in an area where it is already limited. In photo the vehicle is parked in the private lane restricting access for emergency vehicles. Recommend Approval. |
| 19/00440/OUT | Land adjacent 44 Elm Road CO16 9LT. | Construction of five new dwellings. The site adjoins a site already having obtained planning permission for a large development. The development of this site will add to the urban impact in that area. We are not confident that habitat will not be affected as it is close to the Millennium Green, and area which has been developed to be sensitive to natural habitat and is attracting numerous species due to its relative quietness and proximity to the open countryside. As a village we have had a disproportionate number of new dwellings and there is no need to Approve any unnecessary new builds within the Parish, but to maintain any green gaps to ensure the rural nature of the village and local wildlife habitat can survive under the immense strain to which it is already being subjected to. The application has been refused in the past, 01/02088/OUT and the reasoning has not changed as the adopted Plan 2007 and the upcoming Local Plan which is in an advanced stage so does give weight with the added item that the site lies on a fluvial floodplain as identified by the Environmental Agency in the previous application 01/02088/OUT and with the additional planning approved over the years on sites within the village location makes it is of greater significance. Strongly Recommend Refusal |

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| 19/00349/FUL | Land at Ancient House Batemans Lane CO16 9EP | Proposed construction of all-weather menage. Recommend Approval |
| 19/00408/FUL | 168 Harwich Road CO16 9NL | Proposed single storey porch. Recommend Approval |

(ii). Determinations:

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| 19/00100/FUL | 3 Edward Close CO16 9PR | Rear extension 2x roof lights and front Oak canopy. Approval full. |
| 19/00273/HHPNOT | 7 Peartree Way CO16 9PL. | Single storey rear extension. Prior Approval not required. |

An extension has been sought for **19/00495/OUT** which has just arrived in the Office and D Cllr Bray has been asked to call **19/0440/OUT** in.

The comments were proposed by Councillor Gray, Councillor D Botterell seconded, and all agreed.

(iii) Local Plan

Councillor Smith Daye said there were problems with the 5-year supply number, and now the number may go to 847.

The Chairman reported that he had booked a slot to talk at the Planning Meeting 9th April regarding the 8 new properties along Holland Road. The chairman would try to make a strong case for refusal at the planning meeting tomorrow at Weeley but didn't hold out much hope.

8. INTERNET

The Chairman reported that there were no issues.

9. TDALC

The meeting was on 29th March and Councillor Botterell reported that the NALC had issued new policy regarding planning complaints. Complainants can now go to the Ombudsman, after reporting to the District Council, this is being checked to see if it is now law. There were the usual complaints about roads, schools, doctors, pot holes and the Rally. Harwich Town Council are to lobby Essex County Council to improve the roads. There is a website called 'fix my street' which seems to be quicker than reporting to ECC.

Councillor Taylor asked if the TDALC could be used to see what other Parishes thought of the Devolution Scheme.

(a) Speedwatch

Councillor Botterell reported that he had a conversation about the new sites he proposed. There was a roadside refresher course coming up which the Clerk is to send details. The local speed watch team had been out and were catching many speeders and helping to keep the speed down by being very visible.

10. PARISH FIELDS COMPLEX

Water Leak

The new supply pipe has now been connected to the Pavilion.

Youth and Community Hall –All facilities, both Hall and Playing Field, continue to be used on a full and regular basis.

As from the 1st April the Plough Corner Complex will be administrated by the new ‘Little Clacton Playing Field Trust’.

Upgrade – Expressions of Interest – 16 was the final amount received. The Business Group met with Mike Letch to discuss the tender documents and specifications. Mr Letch agreed to email some documents to use to bring the number of applicants down to a more manageable number.

Leases- The Parish Fields leases are to be updated by a solicitor, he has been in touch with the Clerk to send copies of old plans etc. and to move on with registering Land for the Playing Trust. District Councillor Bray is to speak to TDC regarding getting S106 agreements allocated to the correct areas.

11. VILLAGE HALL

No report for this month.

12. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Gray reported that Mr Harold Wagstaff, who had maintained the Millennium Green for so many years, had died. His memorial will be at St James Church in Little Clacton.

13. ECC

No report this month.

14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bray reported that we would have to look for funding after May, as TDC will not give him any information as he is currently in Purdah.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out correspondence for the month:

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| EALC | e- bulletins |
| Robert Max | Frinton Festival |
| ECC | Highways Highlights |
| Tendring D C | Election Notice |
| Planning | Reply about S.106 money |

16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION

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

Cheques Issued:

| | £ |
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| Eon (Mar) | 160.92 |
| A&J Lighting | 107.34 |
| Alan Harmon (Village Maint.) | 50.00 |
| Bank Charges Mar | 12.85 |

Cheques were proposed by Councillor Botterell, seconded by Councillor Smith-Daye and all agreed.

17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

None this month.

18. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Gray reported that when a person dies all their gardening tools and workshops are disposed of, when they could be useful for training groups.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

The next parish meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 13th May 2019

Chairman
13th May 2019