

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06th September 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, D Hull, B Ward

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

11 members of the public were in attendance.

09/2021 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

09/2021 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received this month.

09/2021 – 03 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interest relating to the items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members.

None.

09/2021 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public raised the point about dog fouling on the playing field. There are wild animals as well as dog fouling which is affecting the field. Temporary signage has been erected and new signage has been ordered, as well as four new dog bins.

Dave Birch raised some complaints: Little Clacton Litter Pickers reported rubbish outside Premier Store. The side road off The Street near to the Chinese has had reports of speeding vehicles.

The hedge along The Street is overgrown.

Is there any chance of having Harwich Road marked up with speeds on the highway – a speed and volume test has been planned.

Parish News – inclusion.

Mr Barrington Fuller asked where Little Clacton Football Club play their football matches. To our knowledge they have disbanded. Dogs are allowed on PROWs but should not be running loose on the fields.

Mrs Smith asked what the rubber strips are in Holland Road. Potential planning application conditions that could be forthcoming.

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09/2021 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 2nd August 2021

RESOLVED: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Botterell seconded Cllr Hull - all in favour.

09/2021 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

The clerk gave a verbal update on local matters including lighting, roadworks and other matters of interest.

- Completion of annual financial audit with no issues reported
- Positive Comments on the appearance of plough corner fields
- Great Oakley Parish Council - Storage (£5 a week)
- Parish Councillor interest – Gary Duffett
- Parish Councillor interest - Diane Steele

09/2021 – 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:
Meeting this week with ECC Highways about the continual flooding along The Street.

09/2021 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent a report this month. Thanks were given as always.

- Crime is specific to certain areas
- Speed watch has been busy, including criminal convictions
- Thanks to Tony Rowntree as always – feedback is always positive
- Contact with neighbourhood watch – meeting to take place, encourage many to participate
- Statistics from the Speed watch to be published

09/2021 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Kendalls have been emailed to ask when the next cut will be.

Had a walk around the village and noted the following:

- Blue sign (TDC) – Proposal to buy a new TDC Blue Sign with devolution money (contact Weeley about split funding). Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

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- Entry gates on Tan Lane are shrouded in brambles – Reedlands farm to be contacted
- Crowns on trees have been done on Harwich Road
- Planters on Lays Drive – welcome to Little Clacton

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths:

- Footpath leading up to Elm Road – brambles
- Check out if ECC contractors have been in Little Clacton
- Fly-tipping in Thorrington Road being dispersed either side of the hedges.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention.

Four lights have been fixed since the last meeting. Three in Harwich Road and one in Thorrington Road.

There is a light out in Harwich Road.

Highways/Devolution.

Money has been received for the year 2021-22.

New blue sign on Weeley Road – as per proposal above.

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council

Councillor J Taylor read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

An extension to be requested for the Holland Road application

APPLICATIONS

21/01241/LBC – Stone Hall London Road CO16 9RB

Proposed rear single storey flat roofed extension and detached car port

Recommend approval

21/01343/FUL – Stone Hall London Road CO16 9RB

Proposed rear single storey flat roofed extension and detached car port

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21/01227/FUL – 58 Holland Road CO16 9RS

Proposed single storey rear extension with glazed roof lantern

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Recommend approval

21/01135/OUT – Land adjacent to Maymead & Albert Talbolt Road & Thorrington Road
CO16 9ET

Outline application for the erection of 2 bungalows and 3 chalet bungalows (considering
access and scale

Recommend approval

21/00395/FUL – 65 Harwich Road CO16 9NE

Proposed dropped kerb

Recommend approval

RESOLVED: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups
recommendations. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

ACTION: seek an extension to planning application 21/01484/EIASCO

Business Group

A meeting will be called shortly to consider the position of the Councils financial position.
Email Mark Rowlands about the two contracts, Gas and Cadent. Proposed Cllr Botterell
Seconded Cllr Ward - all in favour

09/2021 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that there had been no meeting.

09/2021– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

- MUGA snagging issues to be dealt with this week
- Meeting with entry company to take place
- Issue with the meters in the Pavilion and the water company (Castle). Monthly payments have doubled and the pavilion has not been open. Site meeting with Affinity to take place.

Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie noted that bookings have picked up but there had been issues of criminal damage with hirers. Other issues with the CCTV cameras being damaged. Special Constable Rowntree has been pursuing the matter with a help from local Police Constables.

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Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported all looks nice, Kendalls know the timetable for cutting. Wild Flower areas are looking good and the pond is fine. Cllr Taylor continues to support the field – thanks!

09/2021 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray updated on the following points:

- Local plan progressing
- Clacton 150

09/2021 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Local Highways Panel Schemes
- Flooding in the Street meeting

09/2021 – 14 | Queens Jubilee

Any Councillors wish to throw their hat in the ring, please let us know.

09/2021 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Jeffries Seconded, Cllr Taylor – all in favour.

09/2021 – 16 | Items for future consideration

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm, 2021

Signed Chairman