

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
03rd April 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, L Gray, J S Daye, G Duffett

District Councillor: J Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

04/2023 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

04/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Steele, Mitchell and Jeffries.

04/2023 – 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 were declared.

04/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

County Broadband – gave a presentation on the potential for a new network to be built in the village. Expressed the need for public interest (20%) of the residents to show an interest before they can proceed.

MOP mentioned the grass has not been done up Harwich Road / Tan Lane. Pot hole on Tan Lane, dip on Holland Road.

Flooding outside Cooks Green Holland Road.

04/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th March 2022

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

04/2023 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

04/2023 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:

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- attended the Air Cadets open evening with Clerk and Cllr Duffett

04/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull and Special Constable Rowntree gave an up-to-date report.

04/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell sent his apologies.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported the paths were looking good. There has been antisocial behaviour on the fields behind Feverells and the wedding venue. Quad bikes racing around the fields.

Streetlights

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

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.

23/00378/OUT - Land West of Homing Road - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) for the erection of four dwellings on an infill site.

This small site sits just outside of our the settlement boundary and we run the risk of the creeping developments extension of the boundary becoming unlimiting. The boundary is in place for a reason.

To quote the appicate - Little Clacton is categorised as a 'Rural Service Centre' in the settlement hierarchy contained within Policy SPL1 of the TDLP (2022). The supporting text reads, 'For these settlements, the Local Plan identifies opportunities for smaller-scale growth. Some of these villages will accommodate a modest increase in housing stock, where appropriate, within the plan period...These developments will make a meaningful contribution toward addressing local housing needs, supporting the village economy and assisting with the overall housing growth proposed for the District'

The village of Little Clacton has approved dwellings to be built in the hundreds, over and above a modest increase and does not require any more to meet any variation of 'numbers'. To name but a few sites – 98 -The Street, 30 - Land to rear of 59 & 61 London Road, 10 - 24 The Street, 81 – Chicken Farm, 21 - Crossways
Recommend Refusal

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23/00365/FUL -Proposed erection of 58 no. dwellings (including 18 Affordable Dwellings) complete with estate roads, public open space and garaging.

Land South of Holland Road CO16 9QH

This site falls within the settlement boundary and connects with applications already approved for numerous dwellings. As with all the applications for this extended area of development we have huge concerns for the bottleneck access and huge increase of vehicle movements with no road upgrades or traffic calming measures. We would look for an agreement to be in place for monies towards highway improvements/ maintenance as part of the agreement. As a Parish council we would like involvement in the allocation of any S106 funds before agreed with TDC.

Recommend Approval

23/00303/WTPO - 12 Leys Drive CO16 9RE

1 No. Ash - reduce crown by 30%.

Recommend Approval

Resolved: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr JS Daye.

Business Group

Nothing to report

04/2022 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted the latest meeting discussed the special police constables.

04/2023 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr JS Daye is in email dialogue with the Solicitors.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- interest in the football field

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- looking good

04/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported

- that he had put in for a grant for the council from TDC for the coronation

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04/2023 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- budget for 2022-23
- Local Highways Panel, Harwich Road pavement update
- rubbish in Tan Lane

04/2023 – 14 | Commemorative Activities

Resolved that a commemorative bench and sign be purchased for John Dunnett. Proposed Cllr M Balbirnie Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour

04/2023 – 15 | Kings Coronation

All of the activities were outlined by Cllr Hull, the Chairman thanked Cllrs for their efforts so far.

Resolved: that the budget be upped to £2500. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour

04/2023 – 16 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments for March 2023

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

04/2023 – 17 | Items for future consideration

Cllr Taylor asked about a tree survey for parish owned trees – could this be looked at.

ACTION: inquire about a quote.

Chairman asked for a contribution towards the use of the Parish Office.

Meeting Closed 20:48pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th May at 7.30pm, 2023

Signed Chairman