

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
4th December 2023 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, J Jeffries, A Mitchell, L Gray, C Amor, D Hull, G Duffett

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

12/2023 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

12/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllr Steele.

12/2023 – 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.

12/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

Member of the public asked about the village improvement programme. The chairman mentioned that we are planting bulbs (3000), installing a K6 phone box (red) for a swap and share facility, Christmas trees, pavement was mentioned by the resident about the pavement around plough/Weeley road. Highways to be contacted once more. Number 50 lamp is out (ECC)

12/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th November 2023

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

12/2023 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

12/2023 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

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- Quotes have been sourced for outdoor play equipment and we await further information which will be supported by 106 monies that are available for this project.
- Meeting has taken place in relation to solar power that could be sourced on our buildings. We seek further information, the Chairman mentioned that this type of energy efficiency would support the ongoing bills.

12/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

The council seek to improve the speeding in the village.

12/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell noted the following points:

- Bridge expansion joints are failing and an inspection has been sought to ECC.
- Rubbish is being left from vehicles on St Osyth Road East
- Signage from the south of the village has perished – speak to county councillor
- A report was submitted by Cllr Mitchell providing new ideas for the village ‘green areas’ which was circulated to Cllrs on the night.

Thanks were given to Cllr Mitchell who has sourced a supplier to install the new Phone Box in the village.

Footpaths

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

- Footpaths are looking ok, Footpath at the end of Elm Road has been cut, side of the church done, and parish fields borders have been trimmed

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. Cllr Taylor read out a report and recommendations.

23/01563/FULHH - 76 St Osyth Road East CO16 9NU

Proposed removal of existing conservatory to be replaced by single storey extension.

Recommend Approval

23/01524/FULHH - 12 Christopher Drive CO16 9RJ

Proposed alterations and conversion of garage to form accessible bathroom, utility and

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study.

Recommend Approval

Resolved: the month's applications were reported with the planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

Business Group

A meeting has taken place to discuss the budget for 2024-2025. We await the tax base from TDC but initially propose the following proposal as laid out in your agenda.

Resolved: that the precept for 2024-25 be agreed up to £88,615. Proposed Cllr Taylor
Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour

Resolved: that £500 be allocated for the purchase of vouchers, Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie
Seconded Cllr Gray – all in favour

12/2023 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted that he was not able to attend the meeting.

12/2023– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

A meeting was held with the legal teams and the issues were spoken through one by one. It was agreed that three of the four tasks were completed and that the last point would be done within 2023.

The Muga bookings continue.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted that people moan about the hall, heating etc. There is a hole on the entrance to the hall, Cllr Land to Enquire.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie reported that J Taylor is the new Chairman of Millenium Green Trust. New trees to be planted. No news from the company about the memorial tree that made contact. Cllr Taylor noted that the car parking is unknown to her owing to new people moving into the area. There is a need to look at the way people use the green moving forward. Chairman supported further signs to made up for Millenium Green to reenforce.

12/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray updated about the issue above and that tickets (even if advisory) could be a way forward. Cllr Bray updated it was a quiet month and that was positive. Issues around the

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parish that have been looked into were deemed acceptable by TDC. Cllr Bray announced his birthday. He reported that he ceased to be a member of the Conservatives and formed a local party with another councillor.

12/2023 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP proposal to buy a VAS/SID sign for each area

12/2023 – 15 | Note the national salary increase

- Cllr Botterell Cllr P Balbirnie - all in favour
- Monthly Cheques

12/2023 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

RESOLVED: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr P Balbirnie Seconded, Cllr C Amor – all in favour.

12/2023 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Notice of current and previous Chairs

Cllr M Balbirnie thanks to those that attend the Remembrance Sunday event and noted the Christmas Carols event.

Meeting Closed pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th February at 7.30pm, 2024.

Signed Chairman