

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER**  
**ON MONDAY,**  
**06<sup>th</sup> February 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, D Botterell, J Taylor, L Gray, J S Daye, G Duffett, D Steele, J Jeffries, A Mitchell

**District Councillor:** Jeff Bray

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

**02/2022 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**02/2022 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

**02/2022 – 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.

Cllrs Botterell and Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest in relation to January Payments.

**02/2022 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public**

A member of the public asked if the barbed wire on the land at the end of Grove Road is legal. Cllr Bray said he had enquired with the council but no offence had currently taken place. However, if any injury were to take place, then it would be the responsibility of the land/fence owner.

**02/2022 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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

**02/2022 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence**

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

**02/2022 – 07 | Chairman’s Report**

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

Clerk and Chairman toured the village with the new grounds maintenance contractor to go over the areas within the contract.

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Meetings have taken place as required with contractors to obtain quotes for the car park scheme.

Complaint about cars travelling down Feverills Road for access.

**02/2022 – 08 | Crime and Prevention**

Figures have reduced up to November. Cllr Hull and Special Constable Rowntree gave an up-to-date report.

**02/2022 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports**

**Maintenance and Services**

Cllr Mitchell asked if any progress had been made with potential tree planting.

Litter is bad on the Morrisons roundabout, centenary/progress way etc, St.Osyth Road East and West is also very bad for rubbish.

Has a plaque for Mr Dunnett been considered yet?

There is a collection at the Black Smiths Arms for Vera.

**Footpaths**

Cllr Jeffries reported the paths were looking good.

**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.

23/00044/NMA – Old Chicken Farm, Thorpe Road, CO16 9RZ

Non Material Amendment to application reference 16/00421/FUL for amendments to the design & layouts of plots 13-31, incorporating the removal of the conservatories & modify the materials.

Recommend approval

22/02116/HSC- Meadowview Park, St Osyth Road

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Proposed application for continuation of a hazardous substance consent.

Recommend approval

22/02136/TPO - 19 Sunnyside Way CO16 9PE

1 No. Oak - cut back by 2 feet.

Recommend approval

22/02123/VOC - Former Chicken Farm Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act, to allow a variation of condition(s) 2 (Approved plans) of 16/00421/FUL to enable/allow minor dwelling design changes to address market research and amendments to suit new building regulation Part L changes.

Recommend approval

22/02101/FULHH - Crossways Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Proposed erection of detached garage.

Recommend Approval

22/02098/FUL - 58 - 62 The Street CO16 9LG

Proposed demolition of No. 58-62 and redevelopment of the site for 11 no. market dwellings (1 no. dwelling to be used for staff accommodation in association with the adjacent National Animal Welfare Trust).

This site is unsuitable and totally unneeded for this application for additional large multiple properties. The site is accessed by a narrow width road which joins the highway at a dangerous and busy turning point. Residents have already complained to the parish council about vehicles parking and lack of visibility all around the only access junction. The size of the properties (1\*2 bed, 5\*3 bed, 2\*4 bed + 3\*5 bed) raised concerns not only for additional traffic flow but also the amount of parking for the households. As a mini estate the only visitors parking would be in the dead end road or within the car park servicing the animal rescue facility.

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This site is not with the accepted Local plan and the village has already been overwhelmed by the constructions of new dwellings within the last few years. (Multiple mini estates including Stone Hall, Harwich road, Holland Road, The Street) The Parish has large developments approved yet to be built - 96 homes on the Street, mini estate at Hayes garage etc)

We as a Parish have already provided enough of the 'numbers' required by the Council for new dwellings and find no requirement for this contribution to numbers.

Recommend Refusal

22/02085/VOC - Old Chicken Farm Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act, to allow a variation of conditions 2 (Submitted plans) and 13 (Material schedule) of 16/00421/FUL to enable/allow the alteration of the design and layouts of plots 13-31, including the removal of the conservatories and to modify the materials.

Withdrawn

22/01903/FULHH - Reedlands Cottage Holland Road CO16 9RX

Proposed conversion and alteration of existing garage/store to form annex. Alteration and extension to conservatory located to the rear of existing property.

Recommend Approval

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

#### **Business Group**

We have broken the project down and approached contractors where required. We are primarily looking at the drainage and have asked for quotes for a 'French drain' to be installed around the perimeter. Quotes were sought from 3 contractors. Business Group recommend company B to the full council.

**Resolved:** that company B is appointed to install the 'French drain' for a cost of £4800 +vat. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour

**02/2022 – 10 | TDALC**

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Cllr Botterell noted that MP Giles Whatling was unable to make the meeting owing to Parliamentary duties.

**02/2022 – 11 | Committee Reports**

**Little Clacton Playing Field Trust**

Chairman said that everything is going well, Cllr Duffett works hard as ever. The MUGA is well used.

**Village Hall**

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- keeping an eye on the utility use owing to increases in bills
- met with the school headmaster of Engaines and looked at matters such as parking, collaborative working
- winter tea club will hopefully continue

**Millennium Green**

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- visited today and the bulbs are coming up
- the pond has had further works
- kestrels left the nest
- good mix of wildlife

**02/2022 – 12 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bray reported that he was aware of the ongoing issues in the village, Grove Road, inconsiderate parking, fly-tipping. Enforcement at TDC is going through some changes in relation to planning. Conservation appraisal is underway.

**02/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report**

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Harwich Road pavement - LHP
- recycling centres
- devolution
- member led pot hole scheme

**02/2022 – 14 | Kings Coronation**

The business group have proposed that £5,000 be allocated to celebrations for the village

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for this event, out of the reserves. **Resolved:** That 5k be allocated. Proposed Cllr JS Daye  
Seconded Cllr Mitchell – all in favour. Put something on Facebook.

**02/2022 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation**

To agree the monthly payments for January (no meeting) and February 2023

**Resolved:** that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr JS Daye Seconded, Cllr M  
Balbirnie – all in favour.

**02/2022 – 18 | Items for future consideration**

Thanks to Special Constable Rowntree

Notice of the recycling changes on the Website

Thanks to the speed watch, litter pickers and all the volunteers

**Meeting Closed 21:10pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, 2023**

**Signed Chairman**