

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
5th February 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

2 members of the public were in attendance.

02/2024 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

02/2024 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Botterell and Bray.

02/2024 – 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.

Cllr Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest in regard to payments made tonight.

02/2024 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

No comments from the public.

02/2024 – 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 Taylor seconded Cllr Hull - all in favour.

02/2024 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- Village Magazine
- Bookings for MUGA
- Training uptake
- Hall activities
- Bulbs
- School, Tree Fall in St Osyth Road East
- Fly tipping Tan Lane, Thorpe Road

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02/2024 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

- John Dunnett memorial event was well attended and the village made a firm contribution to commemorate the lifetime achievements of John.

02/2024 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent a report this month. A number of incidents were read out. Thanks were given.

02/2024 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell noted the following points:

- There is litter in the ditch in St. Osyth Road East, Cllr Steele to speak with the school to see if any cross working can be established.

Footpaths

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

- Footpath next to the bypass has been cut, the footpath sign at the end of Elm Road has been repaired.

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. **Resolved: there were none.**

Business Group

A meeting has taken place to discuss a number of items in relation to ongoing and future plans.

A discussion took place on future plans concerning outdoor play equipment – further quotes to be sought.

Resolved: that an amount of up to £5000 is approved to be moved forward in relation to the report from Cllr Mitchell. Proposed Cllr Mitchell, Seconded Cllr Amor - all in favour

Resolved: that the Parish Council agree to the sign the lease between Little Clacton Parish Fields and Little Clacton Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Gray, Cllrs JS DAYE and J Cutting abstained – all in favour

02/2024 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell sent his apologies

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02/2024– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to update.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted that new curtains had been fitted at the hall.

Millennium Green

Cllr Taylor noted that Cllr Amor has been out and cleared around the pond. A meeting took place with Bentley Landscapes and ideas are coming forward for a wild meadow and further tree planting to take place on the green.

02/2024 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent apologies

02/2024 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- An area of poor road surface has been fixed at Plough Corner and two further patches on Harwich Road.

02/2024 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To receive monthly payments.

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

02/2024 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Notice of current and previous Chairs

Cllr P Balbirnie thanked Mr Birch and his team for their efforts with litter picking etc.

Cllr Duffett asked about the phone box – update provided

Cllr Cutting asked about thoughts around a summer party

Cllr Cutting mentioned that the tea club has gone from strength to strength

Cllr Cutting mentioned that a book has been found and is a very interesting read of all of the history of the village.

Meeting Closed 8:55pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm, 2024.

Signed Chairman