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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J S Daye, D Steele, D Hull, C Amor,

J Jeffries, A Mitchell

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

12 members of the public were in attendance.

07/2023 - 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/2023 - 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bray and Taylor

07/2023 - 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.

Cllr Duffett declared a pecuniary interest in relation to payment for services to the council. Cllr Botterell also noted a pecuniary interest towards an agenda Item.

07/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP asked about Sladburys Lane closure – the permit lasts until mid-August.

07/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 17th May and 5th June

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

07/2023 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

Insurance

Tennis Court attendance

Crime – drug den and speeding / misuse of public rights of way

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07/2023 - 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village: Attended Hartley Gardens consultation for housing. It was vague but it's in its infancy and early stages. Attended a meeting with the Village Hall and the School (Engaines). He has watered the Christmas tree in recent weeks and member of the public offered to support moving forward.

07/2023 - 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence and our Special Constable Tony Rowntree, to whom we give thanks.

07/2022 - 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

grass is looking good in the village

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray reported the following matters in relation to the footpaths: Bridal way to elm road is overgrown – highways are around the area cutting

Streetlights

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

Cllr Mitchell said he had repaired a couple of units during the month.

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council Councillor Botterell read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

APPLICATIONS

Applications

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23/00686/FUL - Woodlands 217 Harwich Road CO16 9PX

Proposed demolition of two storey barn and replacement with one bungalow (part in lieu of deemed Prior Approval for conversion of barns in to four dwellings subject of application 21/01483/COUNOT) - Recommend Refusal

23/00628/FULHH - Little Oaks Betts Green Road CO16 9NH Alteration to approval to allow for a redesign of the extensions. Recommend Approval

23/00477/VOC - Plot 6 Land rear of Holly Cottage Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Variation of conditions 2 and 12 of application 21/01856/FUL (allowed on appeal under ref: APP/P1560/W/22/3298238) to change the approved garage design to include cycle store to the front and gym to the rear. Recommend Refusal - Loss of amenity space

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

Business Group

Ideas for village improvement scheme: swap and share, outdoor exercise, village map, planting, trees, signage, Christmas Tree, lighting, village sign. Pull together a paper to assume the costings.

07/2022 - 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell updated – nothing to report as meeting is later in the month.

07/2022-11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The car boot started well but has dwindled and now the pitch fees are being set to £1 moving forward.

It was agreed that the council would enquire about potential 106 monies for funding. **Resolved:** to accept quote A for an extension of the height and additional fence down the centre to separate the courts. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Gray, 3 for, 3 against, 3 abstentions. Motion carried.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

ongoing discussions about the access through the school and the village hall.
 Meetings have been held but there is a deadlock currently over the matter, which

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includes a newly installed gate.

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- grass has been cut
- there was an AGM and Jo and Chris from the Parish Council have taken roles on the committee

07/2022 - 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent his apologies.

07/2022 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP
- Pot hole scheme round 2

07/2022 - 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr

Steele – all in favour.

Resolved: that the council purchases a mobile CCTV camera for use around the village.

Proposed Cllr A Mitchell, Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie - all in favour

07/2022 - 18 | Items for future Consideration

Mobile VAS Sign

Whatsapp group to be started for those that are interested

Would the PC sponsor the cost of the Helter Skelter at the fete. All in favour.

Meeting Closed 21:00pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th August at 7.30pm, 2022

Signed Chairman