

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06th March 2022 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

03/2023 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

03/2023 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Taylor and Bray (TDC)

03/2023 – 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.

03/2023 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked if speed markings could be put onto the Harwich Road
Holland Road has a depression just past Thorpe Road

03/2023 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th February 2021

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

03/2023 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

03/2023 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

A first cut has taken place within the village by the new contractors. This was outside of the contract to ensure the grass does not get too long.

Meeting with a contractor to discuss the car park.

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Meeting with Engaines School regarding the coronation.

03/2023 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

03/2023 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell updated that things were looking nice with the new cutting regime. A public meeting is being planned to see what ideas are put forward.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries and Gray 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 Botterell read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

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

Business Group

The project has evolved and over much time and deliberation, the best value and practicality have been sought to include drainage issues at the back end of the pavilion, car parking enhancements.

Resolved: to agree a fee of £32,000 for the car park project improvements, including additional parking bays. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr J S Daye, 6 in favour 3 against.

03/2023 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there was no meeting.

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03/2023 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Chairman said that everything is going well. We have purchased 10 new silver birches, we intend to apply for a grant from TDC for further natural enhancements. No news on the lease.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- new signs have gone up today to tell people that no cycles/scooters are allowed in the children's play area
- winter tea club is doing really well - happy to support this

Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- spring flowers all coming through
- spinney is looking nice
- grass on the front is nice

03/2023 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray gave apologies.

03/2023 - 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

03/2023 – 14 | Kings Coronation

The school are happy to come on board with the celebrations. Things to move forward as per the Jubilee.

03/2023 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

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

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

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Resolved: that Clacton business services be appointed as the internal auditors for 2023-24.

03/2023 – 18 | Items for future consideration

Thanks to the winter

Meeting Closed pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm, 2023

Signed Chairman