

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
02nd DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, L Gray, D Hull, C Amor, D Steele, J Taylor, JS Daye, A Mitchell, J Jeffries

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

12/2024 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12/2024 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Duffett.

12/2024 – 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.

Interest declared from Cllrs Botterell and Cllr Mitchell for payments.

12/2024 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

No comments.

12/2024 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 4th November 2024

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

12/2024 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- Nothing to report.

12/2024 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- Ellie Challis plaque is made, fitted and ready to be unveiled
- Christmas lights have been installed on the village hall – thanks to the village hall enabling the install

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- approx 100 people turned out for the Christmas light switch on event. Thanks to all that volunteered and helped support the evening.
- carols on village green December 4th 6:30pm
- bulbs planted on the roundabout – centenary way

12/2024 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence. Crime has dropped this month.

12/2024 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

Quiet in the village, a selection of lights have been repaired.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries reported its very autumnal on the paths.

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 Taylor read out the monthly plans.

APPLICATIONS

24/01646/VOC - 44 St Osyth Road East CO16 9PH

Householder Planning Permission - Conversion and alteration of external store to form habitable space and single storey extension to link to main dwelling. Single storey rear extension (following removal of existing outbuilding).

Recommend approval

24/01646/VOC - Thorpe House 149 Harwich Road CO16 9NJ

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 3 (Ground visibility splay) of application (19/00698/FUL) to enable change to 90m instead of 120m.

Highways matter – abstain

24/01557/VOC - Lindisfarne 59 London Road CO16 9RB

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Materials) of application 22/00562/VOC to enable/allow change of materials.

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Recommend approval

24/01651/AGRIC - Land South East of Villiers Barn Tan Lane

Application to determine if prior approval is required under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed construction of an agricultural water storage reservoir using in-situ soils only.

Info only

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

Business Group

Recommendations to be put forward later in the meeting.

Village Projects

As per Chairman's report.

Solar Update

Cllr Amor gave a brief update on the project.

British Gas issue now sorted and money forthcoming.

12/2024 – 10 | TDALC

A meeting took place and there are task and finish groups being setup to strengthen links between town and parish councils

12/2024– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- thanks to everyone who helped at the Christmas light switch on
- jobs are continuing to be completed around the hall

Millenium Green

Cllr Taylor noted:

- things ticking over, dog poo complaints, fence needs to go up

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12/2024 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- undertaking case work as and when necessary
- traveller site was dismissed at appeal
- enforcement staff numbers low at TDC again
- housing numbers will rise – how do we build those?
- Motion at last full council meeting in relation to housing numbers, this is being replicated across the country

12/2024 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following:

- works have taken place outside the village hall entrance
- further pavement works to take place on the street in January

12/2024 – 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 J Jeffries - all in favour.

Resolved: that £250 be given to the homeschooling group. Proposed Cllr Steele, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour

Resolved: that £1000 be given to the Little Clacton Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour

Resolved: that £500 be given to the community groups. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour

Resolved: that £7000 be given to Parish Fields for the upgrade to the path on the field. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour

12/2024 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Cllr M Balbirnie thanked Alistaire and Chris for putting up the poppy net. Chris, Lynn and John for cleaning the area around the memorial. Thanks to the contractor for clearing the leaves and to the bugler.

Meeting Closed 20:17pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 6th at 7.00pm 2024

Signed Chairman