

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
4th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

11/2024 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11/2024 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jeffries, Mitchell, Steele, Botterell and Duffett.

11/2024 – 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 for Cllr Mitchell for the installation of a new light.

11/2024 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

No comments.

11/2024 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 2nd September 2024

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

11/2024 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- Consultation on online meetings
- Vegetation cutback
- Letter from Village Hall regarding a grant
- Letter from a user group of the hall who supports children asking for a grant

11/2024 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

- Chairman’s board is installed in the hall

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- St. Osyth Road West arson attack in the early hours of the morning. A new light has been installed and has improved the CCTV footage resolution
- Clapgate Drive – parking on the greensward. The PC has installed fencing and now the area is secured.
- Works have taken place around the village, Elm Road, entry to the village
- Ordered a plaque for Ellie Challis (para-Olympian) who won gold at the Olympics. Presentation ceremony to take place on the green.
- One issue of parking on a football Sunday, we have installed hard standing and hope to come up with a longer-term solution.
- Issue with the CCTV and MUGA entry system – ongoing works required to fix.
- Christmas tree has been planted outside the village hall
- Bulbs planted by the entry sign
- Poppy net has been erected for Remembrance Sunday. Thanks to the ‘Thursday Girls’ for their efforts.
- Mince pie and mulled wine night proposed for the turning on of the lights. November 30th 6-8:30pm
- Business group meeting for PC to be announced mid-month to agree precept and ongoing projects.

11/2024 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence. Crime swings up and down. There were two arson attempts within the month at the same property. Kids throwing stones and bricks along Harwich Road, further objects thrown (eggs) later in the day. Cars targeted with a hammer and some shop-lifting is taking place.

11/2024 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

Footpaths

Cllr Gray reported the mud has arrived on the footpaths.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention. There is a light out on the Harwich Road bend down to Thorpe.

Planning

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To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council.
Councillor Taylor read out the monthly plans.

APPLICATIONS

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

Business Group

Nothing to report.

Village Projects

As per Chairman's report.

Solar Update

Cllr Amor gave a brief update on the project.

Remembrance Sunday

Clean up this Saturday at 11:30am

Congregation on Sunday at war memorial, 10:15am then move to the church for a service.

11/2024 – 10 | TDALC

No meeting.

11/2024– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

As per Chairmans report

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- damp issue has been resolved
- Christmas lights plan is underway including a snowy scene
- await funding from TDC (106)
- online booking system to be introduced

Millenium Green

Cllr Taylor noted:

- barriers for car park installed, hedges cut back and trimmed

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- fence for wild meadow to be installed

11/2024 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- consultation for online meetings – advice is to fill out as an individual
- meetings taking place for those that need help with pension credit form filling. Could this be linked with the Thursday Club?
- housing numbers are looking likely to double in the area.
- Poppy net looks fantastic

11/2024 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following:

- funding available from ECC through Winter food support fund – access through the Essex association of local councils

11/2024 – 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 Amor all in favour.

11/2024 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Business group meeting mid-month

Meeting Closed 20:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday at 2024

Signed Chairman