

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 16th JULY 2019 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. P. Gentry, Miss. T. Kelson,
Mr. A. W. D. Osmond-Evans, Mr. P. E. Pawsey and Mrs. R. K. Marsh
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mr. D. Finch (County Councillor)
Together with 4 (four) members of the public

21) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Graham (holiday), Mr. D. Patient (family commitment) and Mrs. I. Parker

22) TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR TO FILL VACANCY

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. A. W. D. Osmond-Evans to fill one of the two vacancies for Tilbury Juxta Clare.

23) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr. A. W. D. Osmond-Evans signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

24) ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following representatives were elected in respect of Tilbury Juxta Clare:

Public Rights of Way	Mr. A. Osmond-Evans
Tree Warden	Mr. A. Osmond-Evans
Planning	Mr. A. Osmond- Evans
Emergency planning	Miss. T. Kelson
Highway defects	Mr. A. Osmond - Evans

25) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

26) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of the post meeting note in minute no. 8.

27) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Former Land Settlement Association Piggeries

Mr. P. Gentry reported upon his efforts to meet Mr. C. Paggi of BDC who had consistently failed to reply to emails. However Mr. Gentry had eventually managed to speak to Mr. Paggi on 16th July and asked him to review the Class P rules to clarify that Permitted Development is now not allowed under Class P if the prior approval date is on or after 10th June 2019. A further response from Mr. Paggi is awaited.

b) Former telephone kiosk at Ovington

Mr. P. E. Pawsey reported that the Councillor Grant of £200 had been approved by BDC towards the cost of a notice board for Ovington. There were no other matters arising.

28) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted. The Clerk referred to a letter from Barclays Bank PLC confirming that the new bank mandate was operational.

29) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that £200 had been received from BDC in respect of the Councillor Grant for a new notice board for Ovington. The Clerk reported that the following accounts had been paid since the last meeting:

Birkett Long – legal fees in connection with land at North End	£98.00
Glasdon UK Limited – salt bin for Tilbury Juxta Clare	£225.80
Braintree District Council – grass cutting for year 2019	£948.00

The following account was presented for payment:

Rural Community Council of Essex – annual subscription	£52.80
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It was proposed by Mr. P. E. Pawsey, seconded by Mr. P. Gentry and carried that the above account is paid and that the payments made since the last meeting are approved.

30) TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF DEAD TREE AT TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

The Chairman reported there was a dead tree next to the war memorial on land owned by Tilbury Juxta Clare PCC. Following consultation with the PCC, it was agreed that the PC obtains a quote, arranges removal and pays the tree surgeon's account.

31) ANNUAL INSPECTION OF TREES ON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTIES

It was agreed that all trees on Parish Council properties should be inspected annually for safety and insurance purposes. The Clerk will consult BDC to ascertain if they still offer this service and if not the Chairman was authorized to instruct a local tree surgeon.

32) TO CONSIDER SALT BIN FOR NORTH END

The possibility of a salt bin for North End was considered and objections from Mr. M. Graham noted. It was proposed by Mrs. K. Chapman, seconded by Mr. P. Gentry and carried that a salt bin is ordered and located to the left of the bus shelter.

33) ORDER FOR SALT

Mr. P. Gentry reported that on behalf of the Parish Council he had placed an order for salt for 2019-2020 under the salt bag partnership with ECC, which will be delivered FOC to the Garage at the rear of the Village Hall during or around October 2019.

34) BOTTLE BANK AT LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported upon a site meeting at the VH during May 2019, which he had been invited to attend, together with Mr. P. Gentry and Mrs. I. Parker. The Chairman of the VH Committee, Mr. M. Graham had also attended and had requested the removal of the bottle bank, which it was since understood was a unilateral and not a committee

decision. The suggestion to move the bottle bank to the rear of the car park was ludicrous because the chains across the car park prevent access. It was finally agreed to leave the bottle bank in situ, but with modifications, upgrades and improved layout. The smaller bins will necessitate BDC emptying them more regularly, which Jane Dolphin of BDC had been asked to, arrange. It was understood that a contract between BDC and the VH is being drafted. Councillors had received numerous representations from members of the public requesting that the bottle bank remains. It was a good amenity for the village, has been in place for well over twenty years, was well used and supported recycling.

35) LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Arising from issues regarding the bottle bank and the chains across the car park the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee had been asked to report upon (a) the VH AGM (b) Membership of the VH Committee and (c) Accounts. Mr. M. Graham was unable to attend the meeting but had referred councillors to the Charity Commission website. This was perused, but did not contain all the information required. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Graham requesting a reply by 31st July 2019:

- (a) Disclosure of accounts for the last five years in compliance with clause 18 of the VH Constitution.
- (b) Clarification of the membership of the committee as the constitution provides for seven whereas only six are listed on the website.
- (c) The desire of Mr. P. Gentry to join the VH committee by either election or co-option, whose nomination was fully supported by councillors.
- (d) A full report of the 2019 AGM, including VH Committee membership.
- (e) Production of a key to the Garage, which is also used by the Parish Council.

36) PROPOSED NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS TO PLAYING FIELD

This agenda item had been requested by Mr. M. Graham and in his absence it was deferred. In the meantime existing vehicular rights of way will be clarified.

37) PROWS IN LITTLE YELDHAM AND TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

This was covered in the ECC report – please see minute 40 below.

38) TO CONSIDER MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

Mrs. K. Chapman and Miss. T. Kelson both supported a mental health first aid training course and agreed to head it up and make arrangements. Mr. A. Osmond-Evans offered to pass details in support to Mrs. Chapman and Miss. Kelson.

39) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker had sent a written report, which was circulated to councillors and noted.

40) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

A report was given by Mr. D. Finch a copy of which is attached to these minutes as appendix two. Arising from his report the following items were discussed:

Potholes – a vote of thanks was given to ECC Highways for filling in so many potholes and for maintenance work carried out.

Travellers – not many in this area so highly unlikely to park in the Village Hall Car Park.

Plastic recycling – Mrs. K. Chapman raised this issue and the decrease in single use plastic was encouraged and ECC supplies should be plastic free. Mr. M. Gove will be making a statement about plastic shortly. Mrs. A. L. Gardiner enquired about the BDC sack found in Asia recently, which was the responsibility of the recycling company not BDC. It was generally agreed that the plastic waste issue is long overdue.

Bridleways and footpaths – Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner and Miss. T. Kelson asked about help for future PROW maintenance. Volunteers encountered difficulty with risk assessment, first aid, insurance, health and safety, devolution hurdles and other issues. Devolved duties to small Parish Councils and Volunteers were not practical. Mrs. Marsh referred to a number of unanswered emails, which Mr. Finch will look into. ECC was asked to contract out maintenance of PROWs.

Essex Info website – Mr. P. Gentry referred to the recent notification of the Essex Info website closing down in Marsh 2020. Mr. Finch reported that this is being challenged and the proposed close down should be rescinded until another arrangement is in place.

Old Hyde – Mr. P. Gentry referred to the planning application at the Old Hyde and to the site visit on 7th May by Mr. D. Finch, Mrs. R. K. Marsh and Mr. D. Patient. Mr. Finch had since written to Mr. A. Cook of ECC Highways with his observations. Mr. Cook had claimed that no RTAs had been reported to Essex Police during the last five years and as the number of proposed dwellings had been reduced ECC Highways had not objected to the application. Mr. Gentry pointed out that ECC had not provided BDC with the visibility splay information requested. The claim that there was no intensification of use was flawed. Mr. Finch agreed to raise these issues with Mr. Cook again.

Mr. Finch was thanked for attending the meeting and for his report.

41) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Proposed defibrillator for Tilbury Juxta Clare

At the request of Miss. T. Kelson, it was agreed to place a proposed defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime enquiries will be made with Pebmarsh Parish Council and an application considered to Mrs. I. Parker for a grant under the BDC Councillor Grant Scheme.

b) Playground equipment

Mrs. K. Chapman and Mr. P. Gentry enquired about maintenance and painting of playground equipment and it was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

c) Highway issues

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans referred to dangerous roads in Tilbury Juxta Clare and the increase in HGVs. It was unclear if Essex Police actually pass all relevant information to ECC Highways Department about RTAs. The Chairman explained that the previous TJC Councillors had held site meetings with Mr. Finch and Officers from ECC Highways who had claimed that the village did not meet the criteria for highway safety improvements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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