

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, A. L. Gardiner, Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, Mr. D. Patient, Mrs. M. D. Pearce and Mr. J. H. Russell  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)  
Together with two members of the public

41) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. C. M. P. Gray (filming away on location), Mr. K. R. Nott (family commitment), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (family commitment) and Mr. P. Schwier

42) TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR FOR TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

The Chairman reported that Mr. John Russell had applied to fill the casual vacancy for Tilbury Juxta Clare. It was proposed by Mr. D. Patient, seconded by Mrs. R. Marsh and carried that Mr. Russell is co-opted onto the Parish Council.

43) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr. Russell signed his Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

44) EMERGENCY PLANNING & COMMUNITY HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed to defer the appointment of an Emergency Planning representative and a trustee to Belchamp Community House to represent Tilbury to the next meeting.

45) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. J. Russell declared a pecuniary interest in connection with the item relating to Stansted Airport (Minute 48 below) and took no part in the discussion.  
There were no other interests declared.

46) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

47) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

48) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted. The Chairman referred to a letter from Stansted Airport Watch, requesting financial support towards the costs of opposing expansion. Councillors provided examples of noise, numbers of flights, aircraft vibration and a donation of £100 was suggested. Following discussion further consideration was

deferred until the next meeting to enable (a) the Clerk to send a copy of the letter to all Councillors and (b) to allow Mrs. K. Chapman to consult residents through social media.

49) ACCOUNTS

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. D. Patient and carried that the annual donation to the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance be increased from £100 to £200. It was also agreed that the PC should join the Braintree Association of Local Councils.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

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| a. Braintree Association of Local Councils – annual subscription | £40.00  |
| b. Essex and Herts Air Ambulance – annual donation               | £200.00 |

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. D. Patient and carried that these accounts are paid and that the donation to Essex and Herts Air Ambulance is authorized under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

50) REPORT OF USE OF SKIPS AND REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022

The Chairman reported that he had requested this agenda item following reports from Mr. M. Graham that the skip at the rear of the Village Hall had been filled quickly, including commercial waste. Mrs. K. Chapman reported that the skip at North End was full by the end of the first day, it had included some commercial waste and had been used by the same three households as in previous years, which had preventing other residents from using the skip, creating issues. Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported there had been no problem with the skip at Tilbury Juxta Clare. The Clerk reported that the Ovington skip had been well used and there had been no miss-use. The Clerk also reported that there had been no complaints or surcharge from the skip hire company. Following some discussion it was agreed to continue with the same arrangements for Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington, but to consider a different weekend for Little Yeldham and North End.

51) REPORT UPON THE BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Mr. P. J. Gentry reported that he was a member of the Executive Committee of the BALC, there were nine other members and it was represented on EALC and LHP. The structure and funding arrangements had been set up, but a permanent Clerk was being sought. In connection with highways, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans and Mrs. A. L. Gardiner reported four local roads where serious flooding has occurred and the responsibility of ECC Highways to keep roads free from flooding. In view of the potential danger, Mr. Gentry agreed to raise the flooding situation at the next BALC Meeting.

52) ASB ISSUES AT THE FORMER RIDGEWELL AIRFIELD

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans stated that he was increasingly nervous about groups of persons breaking the law, causing damage and being violent. There had recently been a rave on the former Ridgewell Airfield, causing one death, ASB and large quantities of litter. The Chairman reported that the slow response from Essex Police had already been raised by Ridgewell Parish Council with ECC and the Police.

53) UPDATE UPON ADDITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT ON PLAYING FIELD

Mrs. M. Pearce reported that she had asked four suppliers for quotations by early September, but only two had been received. The other two had been chased and one

more quote had since been received. The fourth will be reminded again so that four quotes will be available for consideration at the next meeting and thereafter grants can be applied for. Mr. D. Patient expressed concern about future maintenance costs and suggested that enquiries were made about such cost and annual safety inspection fees.

54) TO CONSIDER CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans proposed that the Platinum Jubilee of H. M. Queen Elizabeth II in 2022 should be celebrated and commemorated. He suggested an event in Little Yeldham and reported that another event had been proposed in Belchamp St. Paul for which he will obtain further information. Mrs. R. Marsh reported that the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, which had been held on the Playing Field in Little Yeldham in 2012, had been very successful.

The Clerk reported upon a letter, which he had received from the Lord-Lieutenant, regarding *The Queen's Green Canopy* initiative to mark the Jubilee by planting trees.

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with celebrating and commemorating the Jubilee, which Mr. A. Osmond-Evans and Mr. J. Russell will take forward in Tilbury Juxta Clare. With regard to Little Yeldham, support was offered by Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. Gardiner, Mr. P. Gentry, Mrs. R. Marsh, Mr. D. Patient and Mrs. M. Pearce. It was hoped that there will also be similar support in Ovington.

55) TO REVIEW ECC HIGHWAYS DEVOLUTION SCHEME

It was reported that Mrs. A. Gardiner, Mrs. R. Marsh and Mrs. I. Parker had previously been active in connection with the ECC Highways Devolution Scheme. Mrs. R. Marsh had circulated councillors with an analysis of the situation, including the necessity for risk assessment. Mr. R. Gardiner was kindly carrying out much of the work and this arrangement was working very well, so it was agreed to leave well alone.

56) TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO BDC VERGE CUTTING TRIAL

Following further representations from the Clerk to BDC, the cutting of grass verges along highways in Little Yeldham had been reinstated on the list.

Concern was expressed about the lack of visibility and safety on junctions, corners and entrances, which were particularly dangerous on small roads. It was agreed to ask for two full cuts a year, with at least 2 or 3 feet being cut in May and a full cut in September. Mrs. R. Marsh was authorized to complete the feedback form on behalf of the PC.

57) TO CONSIDER BENCH IN MEMORY OF PETER CLAYTON

Mrs. K. Chapman reported that she had liaised with Mrs. E. Clayton about a bench in memory of Mr. W. P. Clayton. A design and inscription had been agreed by the family, Little Yeldham PCC and the Archdeacon. The bench will be located in the cremated remains area of Little Yeldham Churchyard, with the following inscription:

*William Peter Clayton 6<sup>th</sup> May 1932 to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – In remembrance of exceptional dedication to the community.*

The bench will be 5ft, in oak with standard arms and legs and including inscription, installation and delivery will cost £886.67 net. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs. A. Gardiner and carried that the cost is approved pursuant to S137 of

the Local Government Act 1972. Mrs. K. Chapman agreed to place the order on behalf of the Parish Council and to accept delivery.

58) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. P. Schwier no report was given.

59) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker reported upon the following:

- a. The Local Plan was waiting for the Inspector's Report.
- b. BDC was looking at ways to generate income commercially.
- c. A new planning enforcement group had been formed, new staff recruited and communications should improve.
- d. A planning application had been made for a new Medical Centre at Sible Hedingham where land had been made available free of charge under a S106 Agreement on the former Rippers site. The Medical Centre will include a Pharmacy and Car Parking.
- e. New litter signs are being trialed.
- f. A Councillor grant of £1500 had been allocated and one village had applied for funding towards a street party to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- g. The Climate Change Strategy, which was contained in a very large document.
- h. Free tree whips and bulbs are available for communities.

In connection with planning enforcement, Mrs. Gardiner expressed concern about the large wooden fence, which had been erected by Gypsies around their land at Sudbury Road, Castle Hedingham. Mrs. Parker reported that planning enforcement action had been pending for a couple of years and that two injunctions had been applied for.

Mrs. Parker was thanked for her report.

60) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Policing

Mrs. R. Marsh reported upon a Community Policing meeting which she had attended on Zoom. Each parish is entitled to have its own Special Constable, who is bound to work in a particular parish for at least 16 hours a month. This follows 20 days intensive training and if the PC is interested one Special Constable could cover the three villages. Local issues such as fly tipping could be dealt with. There was a general level of support for this proposal and Mrs. Chapman will consult members of her Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The position of costs and expenses was not clear and Mrs. Marsh agreed to make further enquiries. Arising from this, Mrs. K. Chapman reported upon Community Speed Watch. Mrs. A. Gardiner offered her assistance in Little Yeldham and Mr. J. Russell in Tilbury Juxta Clare, upon which Mrs. Chapman will consult Mr. D. Jenkins.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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(Chairman)