

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mrs. C. M. P. Gray, Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mr. K. R. Nott, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, Mr. D. Patient, Mrs. M. D. Pearce and Mr. J. H. Russell
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)

61) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. K. Chapman (work commitment), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (wife's illness), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

62) EMERGENCY PLANNING & COMMUNITY HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed to appointment Mr. J. H. Russell as the Emergency Planning representative for Tilbury Juxta Clare and as a trustee to Belchamp St. Paul Community House to represent Tilbury Juxta Clare.

63) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

64) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

65) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

66) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted. The following items were considered:

- a. Consultation by Framar Developments Limited about the naming of the Sewell's Farm development. The developer suggested St. John's Close (preferred) or St. John's View in view of the focal point of the church. As the site had always been known as Sewell's Farm, Councillors first choice was Sewell's Farm Close, with Unwin Close as second choice in view of the ownership of Sewell's (and other farms) in Little Yeldham by the Unwin family for many generations.
- b. A letter from the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project requesting further financial support was considered. The Clerk explained that Ovington was in the Stour Valley and the PC had donated £25.00 per annum for many years to reflect this. Mr. K. R. Nott gave further information about the good work of the Project and recommended that the donation is increased to £100 per annum, which was approved.

67) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following:

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| i) Braintree District Council – second half of the precept | £4,000.00 |
| ii) U. K. Power Networks – wayleave payment | £40.97 |
| iii) Little Yeldham Village Hall | £732.00 |

The following accounts were presented for payment:

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| a. Mr. Kevin Shears – grass & hedge cutting in Tilbury Juxta Clare | £280.00 |
| b. Gardens Arb Business Limited – grass cutting in Little Yeldham | £1,170.00 |
| c. Mr. John Bright – grass & hedge cutting in Little Yeldham | £325.00 |
| d. Mr. P. E. Pawsey – grass & hedge cutting in Ovington | £414.65 |
| e. Mr. Adrian Corder-Birch – clerks salary | £447.00 |
| f. H. M. Revenue & Customs – PAYE | £120.00 |
| g. Essex Pension Fund – pension contributions | £175.44 |
| h. Classic Garden Furniture Co – memorial bench (S137 payment) | £1,064.00 |
| i. Nigel D. Sharp t/a NDS – village hall renovations | £878.40 |
| j. Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription | £70.00 |

It was proposed by Mr. D. Patient, seconded by Mrs. C. Gray and carried that the above accounts are paid and that the payment to Classic Garden Furniture Co for the Peter Clayton Memorial Bench is authorized under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

68) TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STANSTED AIRPORT WATCH

This item was deferred from the previous meeting following which the Clerk had circulated a letter from Stansted Airport Watch. Councillors were doubtful if all residents would support PC funds being donated to oppose expansion at Stansted Airport, because some residents may be employed there. It was therefore resolved not to provide financial support and it was left for individuals to support Stansted Airport Watch if they wish.

69) TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT ON PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman thanked Mrs. M. Pearce for preparing and circulating a detailed report and three quotations as follows:

Playdale	£51,000 + VAT
Sovereign	£47,000 + VAT
Wicksteed	£44,000 + VAT

In addition Playforce had been invited to quote, but had not met the deadline. The PC had demonstrated a demand for improvements, particularly as children attend various playing fields. It was made clear that if the project proceeds, that all funding will come from grants and fund raising events and not from PC resources or the precept. Mr. K. R. Nott expressed concern about future maintenance costs and annual safety inspection fees, which Mrs. Pearce advised could be met by Crowd Funding and recommended the Easy Fund Raising Platform (such as Supermarkets and EBAY), which could generate future funds and provide a regular income for inspection fees and maintenance costs. The project may also qualify for grant income from landfill tax, which will be investigated. Other sources had been recommended by Mrs. I. Parker, which will also be explored. It was agreed to consider a partnership with Little Yeldham Village Hall Management Committee, which has the benefit of charitable status. Parking may be an issue unless the VH reverts to allowing parking around the VH when not in use. It was hoped that the

project may help closer relations between the PC and VH. Following careful consideration of the quotes it was resolved to 'go with' Playdale, which had provided a better service and response. It was agreed to consider the possibility of a Playing Field Sub Committee at the next PC meeting.

70) UPDATE UPON CELEBRATIONS FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with celebrating and commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, which Mr. A. Osmond-Evans and Mr. J. Russell will take forward in Tilbury Juxta Clare and Mrs. K. Chapman, with support from Mrs. R. Marsh, in Little Yeldham.

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that the Half Moon at Belchamp St. Paul was interested in arranging an event for Tilbury Juxta Clare for between 20 and 50 residents, which it was agreed to review at the next meeting.

71) REPORT UPON THE BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Mr. P. J. Gentry reported that the PC is a member of BALC having paid its subscription and about half of the PCs in the Braintree District had joined to date. Mr. Graham Walkinshaw had been appointed as the permanent clerk and Mr. Gentry is a member of the Executive Committee. The dates of future meetings had been arranged and BALC was represented on EALC and LHP. In connection with LHP, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that a number of pot holes on main roads had not been filled properly.

72) TO CONSIDER ISSUES WITH COUNTY BROADBAND AT TILBURY

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported upon issues in Tilbury Juxta Clare with County Broadband, which were being highly persuasive with contracts, when users were already committed to contracts, with other providers such as BT. It was agreed that it was not fair to pay two parallel costs simultaneously and that County Broadband should not be so heavy and wait until other contracts expire. It was understood that Mrs. Parker had met County Broadband and taken up this and other issues with them.

73) TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY POLICING

Mrs. R. Marsh reported that each parish (or actually one for LY, TJC & O) is entitled to have its own Special Constable, who is bound to work for at least 16 hours a month, for which the cost is about £500 per annum. This follows intensive training, which is free and Special Constables have the same powers as Constables. Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported several thefts from garden sheds in Belchamp Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare so there is a need for a greater Police presence. There was support for the proposal and arrangements were made for leaflets seeking a Special Constable to be circulated with the Parish Magazine. The cost of £500 should be added to the PC budget for 2022-2023.

74) LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the VH Committee had taken place in October and another was planned for December 2021. The AGM had been fixed for 20th May 2022 for trustees to be elected. Bookings had been significantly reduced because of Covid, but nevertheless there was a healthy bank balance and further fund raising events were being planned. At the last meeting, Mr. M. Graham and Mr. D. Jenkins had raised

the question, as to whether or not, the PC should become the sole trustee of LYVHMC. Mr. Jenkins had reported that this had apparently occurred in another nearby parish. Mr. Gentry is consulting RCCE for advice to ascertain if this is an option or not. If so the PC may be required to appoint the Management Committee and file the Annual Accounts and Report with the Charity Commission. At the next PC meeting Mr. Gentry will report upon advice from the RCCE and the possibility can be considered further.

75) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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

76) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. I. Parker no report was given.

77) TO CONSIDER MEETING DATES FOR 2022

The following dates and venues were approved – all meetings to be held at 8pm at the Village Hall, Little Yeldham unless otherwise stated.

18 th January	Parish Council
1 st March	Ovington Annual Parish Meeting, Upper Farm, Ovington
8 th March	Little Yeldham Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm
8 th March	Parish Council
26 th April	Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish Meeting, Tilbury Church
10 th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
19 th July	Parish Council
13 th September	Parish Council
8 th November	Parish Council

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans kindly agreed to make arrangements with Tilbury Juxta Clare Parochial Church Council for the meeting on 26th April.

78) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Medical Centre at Sible Hedingham

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans raised the issue of adequate parking provision at the proposed new Medical Centre on the Rippers site at Sible Hedingham. The Chairman advised that this had been raised by the PC in its representations to BDC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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