

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND
OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 5th JULY 2022 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. K. R. Nott, Mr. A. Osmond-
Evans and Mrs. M. D. Pearce
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

27) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. C. M. P. Gray (Holiday), Mrs. R. K. Marsh (Covid), Mr. D. Patient (Holiday), Mr.
P. E. Pawsey (Unwell), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

28) ABSENT

Mr. J. H. Russell

29) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

30) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022, having been previously circulated,
were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

31) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Parish Magazine

The Chairman reported that Mr. John Marks had been appointed as the new editor.

b) Rubble and old tyres

Mrs. A. Gardiner reported that she had spoken to the landowner who will remove the old
tyres and the rubble was only there temporarily.

c) Community Policing

Mrs. Gardiner will ask a former Met Police Officer living locally if he is interested in
Community Policing and becoming a Special Constable.

d) Shelving in former telephone kiosk at Tilbury Juxta Clare

The Chairman reported that a quote for £250 had been received by Mr. A. Osmond-Evans
from Mr. K. Bailey for providing shelving inside the former telephone kiosk at Tilbury
Juxta Clare. The Clerk had completed a BDC Councillor Grant application form and sent
it to Mrs. I. Parker who had supported the application, which had since been approved by
BDC. The Clerk had since completed the necessary terms and conditions form and Mr.
Osmond-Evans will arrange for Mr. Bailey to carry out the work.

e) GDPR

In the absence of Mr. D. Patient, it was agreed that the review of the GDPR Security
Compliance Checklist be deferred to the September meeting.

There were no other matters arising.

32) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted.

33) ACCOUNTS

The following payments were received:

BDC – Councillor Grant towards Platinum Jubilee expenses		£250.00	
BDC – Councillor Grant for shelving in former kiosk at Tilbury Juxta Clare		£250.00	
Proceeds from various fund raising events and donations for Little Yeldham Recreation Ground:			
Spring Fayre	£579.50		
Open Garden	£284.50		
Sale of plants	£40.00		
Donation	<u>£50.00</u>		£954.00

The following accounts were presented for payment.

Braintree District Council – grass cutting	£1068.00
Bitten & Gibson Limited – electrical work at Community House	£480.00
Rural Community Council of Essex – annual subscription	£52.80
Mrs. Rosemary Marsh – reimbursement of Jubilee expenses	£261.42
Colne Skips – hire of skips for Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington	£876.00

It was proposed by Mr. K. R. Nott, seconded by Mrs. K. Chapman and carried that the above accounts are paid.

34) REPORT OF SKIP AND AMENITY VEHICLE HIRE

The Clerk reported upon the following arrangements:

- i. Amenity Vehicle & driver, Village Hall, Little Yeldham, 6th August 8am to 1pm
- ii. Amenity Vehicle & driver, North End, 20th August 8am to 1pm
- iii. Skip, Village Green, Tilbury Juxta Clare, 26th to 30th August
- iv. Skip, Upper Farm, Ovington, 26th to 30th August

35) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND EQUIPMENT

Mrs. M. Pearce reported as follows:

- i. The National Lottery application had proceeded to the second stage. A response is being prepared and a revised quote is awaited from Playdale in view of price increases. Testimonies of benefits from residents required.
- ii. No responses to date from Essex Community Foundation (£9500) or Essex Challenge Fund (£2000), but decisions expected soon as any grant monies must be used by March 2023.
- iii. Application made to The Bruce Wake Trust of about £4000 specifically for wheelchair users, which will be considered in August 2022.
- iv. Application being made to ECC CIF of about £10000, which will require support of Mr. P. Schwier and match funding.
- v. To date well over £1000 has been raised locally.
- vi. Two quotes received for paths and entrance improvements of about £5000.
- vii. One contractor, who could carry out the whole contract, will ascertain if equipment can be purchased wholesale from Playdale to save cost.

- viii. An agreement with Little Yeldham Village Hall Committee regarding arrangements for future fund raising events and hire of hall.
- ix. A Beetle Drive arranged for 17th July and a Fete for 20th August
- x. Essex Lottery – nothing heard despite chasing them again.

Upon receipt of relevant emails from Mrs. Pearce, it was agreed that the Clerk send a reminder to Mr. P. Schwier regarding the Essex Lottery application. Mrs. Pearce was thanked for her report and for the continuing progress.

36) LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall AGM had been held on 20th May, which was attended by seven residents in addition to the committee. Two new trustees had been elected bringing the total to eight, together with another volunteer. The first committee meeting had been held on 31st May when officers had been appointed to specific positions. The chains had been removed from the Car Park, which was appreciated by residents. New external signage regarding parking was being arranged by Mrs. K. Chapman. Future meetings had been arranged for 23rd June and 18th July. The future of the Village Hall looked 'brighter' and more events were being arranged.

37) REPORT UPON CELEBRATIONS FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members of the Little Yeldham Platinum Jubilee Committee reported that the event in the Village Hall on Sunday 5th June was an outstanding success. On the financial side the event had broken even, with a grant and donation covering expenses. The games purchased can be used for future village events. Mrs. R. Marsh was thanked for making generous donations to the Village Hall and to the Recreation Ground fund.

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that the Jubilee event in Tilbury Juxta Clare was also very successful through the generosity of a resident who had opened his house and garden and provided a BBQ. A letter of thanks had been sent to the resident.

Councillors expressed their grateful thanks to all members of the Jubilee Committee for their hard work, which had contributed to these successful events.

38) REPORT OF THE BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Mr. P. J. Gentry reported that the BALC Clerk had resigned and the next meeting will be held on 6th July, which he will attend. Unfortunately, BALC had not yet made any difference upon any issues with BDC.

39) TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY POLICING

In the absence of Mrs. R. Marsh this item was deferred to the next meeting.

40) UPDATE UPON ISSUES WITH COUNTY BROADBAND IN NORTH END

Mrs. K. Chapman reported that BT will be installing broadband in North End within the next year. It was understood that BT will use the existing pole on the Village Green at North End and unlike County Broadband will not require a second pole. The involvement of BT may account for the lack of response from County Broadband.

41) REPORT OF INSPECTION OF BELCHAMP BROOK IN NORTH END

Mrs. K. Chapman reported that the Belchamp Brook through North End was full of vegetation, which needs clearing. The responsibility of the Parish Council for the side of the brook, which passes the Village Green, was noted. Mrs. A. Gardiner confirmed that Mr. R. Gardiner and herself will inspect the section of the brook passing through their land and take appropriate action to clear it if necessary. Mrs. Gardiner will also speak to Mr. I. Yeldham about clearing the brook passing through his land, including the section opposite the Village Green and if he will clear both sides. Concern was expressed regarding the damage caused by vehicles using Byway 17, which had been reported to ECC Highways.

42) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker sent apologies and a written report as follows:

- i. Section 2 of the Local Plan should be adopted by Full Council on 25th July and will come into effect immediately, which will place BDC in a stronger position to resist speculative housing applications.
- ii. The Planning Committee will soon be attending members' forums as well as committee meetings. These forums will allow applicants of larger developments (10 or more dwellings) to present their proposals to the committee members prior to a hearing so committee members can ask any questions in advance of the meeting. The relevant Parish Council will be invited to attend the members' forum.
- iii. The annual performance report had recently been published. This showed that in the previous twelve months BDC had prevented 246 cases of homelessness, delivered 417 affordable homes (the highest number in a single year), provided business support to 1,433 local businesses, provided over 5,800 passenger journeys as part of the Community Transport scheme, worked with partners to support Ukranian refugees and launched a new Locate Braintree website to show why businesses should invest, people should live and visitors should visit the district.

Although not included in Mrs. Parker's report, the Clerk added that BDC desires to formalize its approach to acknowledge Councillors and Clerks who have attained 35 or more years-service, to be followed by further recognition for every five years-service thereafter. The recognition will be undertaken by the Chairman of BDC and followed with the presentation of a Certificate. The following nominations had been put forward:

Mr. K. R. Nott	64 years
Mr. A. Corder-Birch	51 years
Mr. P. E. Pawsey	35 years

The nominees were waiting to hear from BDC about the arrangements.

43) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. P. Schwier sent apologies and asked Councillors to refer to various ECC updates forwarded in lieu of a report.

44) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) North End sign

Mrs. K. Chapman reported that she had reported the broken 'North End' sign online to ECC Highways and the repair/reinstatement was awaited.

b) Signs in Ovington

Mr. K. R. Nott reported that two signs in Ovington had been down for two years and had not been repaired despite reminders to ECC Highways.

c) Notice Board at Tilbury Juxta Clare

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that he was in the process of obtaining access to the Notice Board at Tilbury Hill.

45) PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman made a presentation to the Clerk for having completed fifty years-service the previous year. Councillors added their own tributes for his service. The Clerk thanked the Chairman and Councillors for their kindness and generosity, which had taken him completely by surprise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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(Chairman)