

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2022 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 and
Mr. K. R. Nott
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)

46) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. K. Chapman (Health issues), Mr. D. Patient (Holiday), Mr. A. Osmond-Evans (Post Meeting Apologies – Illness), Mrs. M. Pearce (Covid) and Mr. P. E. Pawsey (Unwell)

47) ABSENT

Mr. J. H. Russell

48) OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained that Parish Council business will be put to one side on such a solemn and sad evening. As the meeting had been properly convened it could not be cancelled, but must be opened and following tributes, be adjourned.

49) TRIBUTES TO HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1926-2022)

The following tributes were made to the late Queen:

Mr. Peter Gentry, Chairman – Our Queen served her country tirelessly and was a constant in all our lives for 70 years. She had many challenges and saw many changes during her reign and always carried out her duties in a calm and dignified manner. She will always be affectionately remembered as the nation's Queen, Mother and Grandmother and she will be greatly missed. Gone from our sight but never from our hearts. Thank you for your tireless dedication Your Majesty, God Bless you and RIP.

Mr. Robert Nott, Vice Chairman – Gave a tribute on behalf of the residents of Ovington and expressed sympathy to the whole Royal Family and ended with God Save The King.

Mrs. Mary Pearce sent a written tribute which was read on her behalf by the Chairman – I am saddened that I will not be at the meeting to offer my condolences to the Royal Family at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Although I never had the good fortune to meet her, she has been an important part of my life firstly as Princess, then a Queen to be honoured and respected by us all. In a way, I suppose, we all hoped she would go on forever but sadly that was not to be. My thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty's family at this difficult time.

Mrs. Iona Parker, District Councillor – Made a tribute and referred to the shock of her loss even though advanced in years. During her long service as our Queen she had carried out her Constitutional Role with dignity and grace.

Mrs. Parker reported that she had attended the Proclamation of King Charles III in Braintree on 11th September 2022 at which Mr. Adrian Corder-Birch (in his capacity as a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex) had also been present. Mrs. Parker read the Proclamation:

50) THE PROCLAMATION

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Alderman and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

51) TWO MINUTES SILENCE

Councillors stood in two minutes silence in memory of the late Queen.

52) BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Parker kindly brought a page from the Book of Condolence in Little Yeldham Church, which was signed by Councillors and the Clerk.

53) ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed by Mr. K. R. Nott, seconded by Mr. P. J. Gentry and carried that the meeting is adjourned until 8th November 2022.

GOD SAVE THE KING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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(Chairman)