

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. C. Gray, Mrs. S. Harris, Mrs. D. Nott, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, Mr. D. C. Patient and Mrs. N. Wookey.
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Together with 3 (three) members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

47) MR. ANTHONY OSMOND-EVANS

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Anthony Osmond-Evans on his 80th birthday and thanked him for attending the meeting on his birthday, which was warmly supported by everyone present.

48) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. K. Chapman (no reason given), Mrs. A. Gardiner (holiday), Mrs. L. Lawrence (holiday), Mrs. M. D. Pearce (recovering from operation), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

49) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

50) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2023, having been previously circulated were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

51) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

52) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted.

53) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following:

BDC – Street Cleansing Contract	£1,314.04
HMRC - VAT refund for June quarter 2023	£6,155.21
Easy Fundraising for Little Yeldham Recreation Ground funds	£22.93
Little Yeldham Recreation Ground – Fun Day £579.13 + £42.00	£621.13
National Lottery – Balance of Grant	£2,900.00

The Clerk reported that following payments had been made since the last meeting:

Solum Landscapes – paths on Little Yeldham Recreation Ground	£7,428.00
The Sign Shed Limited – signs for Recreation Ground £42.95 + £45.83	£88.78
Essex Pension Fund – actuarial deficiency 2022-23	£10.80
Stuart Shoemsmith – staining bench in Recreation Ground	£280.00
Playdale Playgrounds Limited –final payment	£8,671.41

The following accounts were presented for payment:

Braintree District Council – hire of Amenity Vehicles and Drivers for Little Yeldham £380.00 + North End £380.00 + Tilbury £380.00	£1,140.00
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It was proposed by Mr. D. Patient, seconded by Mrs. D. Nott and carried that the above payments are approved.

The Clerk provided up to date figures in respect of Little Yeldham Recreation Ground since 1st April 2023. The sum of £1,083.48 was carried forward from 2022-2023 and income was £60,069.92 = £61,153.40. Net expenditure was £58,847.64, + future expenditure of £79.50 = £58,927.14, which leaves £2,226.26 in credit to carry forward.

54) TO CONSIDER ONLINE BANKING

The Clerk reported upon recent difficulties encountered with Barclays Bank PLC, with transfers between accounts and obtaining statements. It was therefore proposed by Mrs. D. Nott, seconded by Mrs. S. Harris and carried that the PC register its accounts for online banking to expedite statement production and transaction processing.

55) TO CONSIDER REVISION TO LYRGC TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman explained that a minor revision was required to the Little Yeldham Recreation Ground Committee Terms of Reference so that the third bullet point under the sub heading of ‘Membership’ reads: ‘Three shall constitute a quorum’. This revision was proposed by Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, seconded by Mrs. N. Wookey and carried.

56) TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24TH JULY 2023

The minutes of the Little Yeldham Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on 24th July 2023, having been previously circulated, were accepted in lieu of a report.

57) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND

A written report prepared by Mrs. M. D. Pearce had previously been circulated. The Chairman added that signs had been erected and thanked those concerned. The grant application to ECC CIF for another pathway; notice board including lock; refuse bins; three benches and five trees had been made. Thanks were recorded to Mrs. Pearce for her work in this respect.

58) TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SOLAR FARM NEAR OVINGTON

Mrs. D. Nott reported that the PC’s letter of objection to BDC had been circulated to Councillors. The consultation period had since been extended until November because revised plans had been received under application no: 23/01413/FUL for the erection of Solar Panels on land north of Cutbush Farm, Bakers Road, Belchamp St. Paul, close to the Ovington boundary. The revised plans did not change the PC’s objections, which still

stand and therefore no further action is required at present and the decision is awaited after November. Mrs. Nott was thanked for drafting the PCs letter of objection.

59) TO CONSIDER LOCATION OF DOG BINS IN TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

Mrs. S. Harris circulated maps of Tilbury Juxta Clare showing the proposed location for three dog bins, which were approved by the Parish Council. Two sites were either end of a public footpath between Clare Road and Belchamp Road, where the landowner, Mr. G. Meekings had given his consent. The third location along Tilbury Road was on the entrance to a field owned by Mr. James Gray, who had also given his consent, providing it did not affect access for farm vehicles to his land. The BDC Dog Warden will now be consulted upon the proposed sites.

Arising from this item, Mrs. Harris reported a broken gate at the entrance to a footpath, which Mr. D. Patient will report to ECC Highways using its online tool.

60) TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATION TO ECC TO IMPROVE HEALTH

At the request of Mrs. M. Pearce consideration was given to a small grant application being made to ECC to improve the health of residents to possibly include a table tennis table, raised beds for vegetables, a mini orchard and any self-funded sensible suggestions, which residents may put to LYRGC. A detailed report prepared by Mrs. Pearce had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Mr. H. Nicol and Mr. E. Brooks had proposed raised beds for vegetables and another resident had suggested a table tennis table. The former will require a shed for tools, compost, etc., and the Clerk advised that a covenant existed against buildings on the Recreation Ground, but the PC was entitled to use half of the garage at the rear of the Village Hall. It was agreed that Mrs. Pearce could make an application for a grant and in addition she was authorized to make any further applications on behalf of LYRGC without PC approval, unless the grant making body requires PC approval as in the case of the ECC CIF.

61) TO CONSIDER LEVELLING UP IN RURAL BRAINTREE

The Chairman reported that he had requested Terms of Reference from BDC, which he had received in draft, but it was not clear what will be delivered. There had been several meetings, but no outcomes or results had been provided. As this was missing from the proposed Levelling Up in Rural Braintree, the Chairman had decided not to get involved any further.

62) BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had continued to attend BALC meetings, when presentations had been made and the opportunity given to raise issues with BDC and EALC, but there was nothing specific to report at present.

63) UPDATE UPON PROPOSED WEIGHT AND WIDTH RESTRICTIONS

The Clerk reported that Mr. P. Schwier had taken up the proposed weight and width restriction limit on the road between Great Yeldham and Clare through Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington with Highway Officers and with Braintree LHP. Mr. D. Patient agreed to continue to pursue this issue with Mr. Schwier.

64) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. P. Schwier no report was given, but the numerous updates he had sent since the last meeting were noted.

In addition a number of highway issues relating to Little Yeldham and Tilbury Juxta Clare were progressing with Braintree LHP as follows:

- Speed reduction measures in Mashey Road, Little Yeldham
- Bridleway signage at Belchamp Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare
- Deer signage at Belchamp Road, Little Yeldham (incorrectly listed by LHP under Great Yeldham)
- Safety measures/kerbing at Hall Green, Little Yeldham
- Speed reduction measures at School Road Little Yeldham
- Speed reduction measures at North End Road/North End, Little Yeldham
- Roundels on road entrances to Little Yeldham

65) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was circulated to Councillors and noted.

66) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Green Waste Collection

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, on behalf of a resident of Tilbury Juxta Clare, raised the issue of the new Green Waste Collection costs, which he considered may result in illegal fly tipping. The Chairman advised that Mr. Osmond-Evans and the resident concerned should raise their issues with Mrs. I. Parker as this was a BDC matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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