

MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE
YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 30th JULY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. D. Jenkins, Mrs. D. Nott, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans,
Mr. D. C. Patient and Mrs. M. D. Pearce.
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Together with 38 (thirty eight) members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairman outlined the procedure for public comment and that anyone present from Great Yeldham should make representations to Great Yeldham Parish Council. The following items were raised:

1. Mr. D. Waddup was elected by residents as their main spokesperson in connection with BDC Plan Review for a proposed site on the border of Little and Great Yeldham. He had obtained the views of numerous householders who strongly object to the site, with no positive supporters. He stated that an incorrect plan was circulated by BDC for consultation and Mr. C. Turk circulated a corrected plan to councillors. Mr. Waddup explained that the land adjacent to Little Yeldham Road was in different ownership and the owners strongly objected to the proposed development. Therefore there could be no access from the proposed site onto Little Yeldham Road and the only access would be through the Little Hyde Road estate upon which the roads were very restrictive and completely unsuitable and Leather Lane was equally narrow and hazardous. He also outlined other physical constraints of the site including narrow road, no pavements. Other constraints and objections included lack of employment, closure of Doctor's Surgery, increased flooding risk, additional pollution, noise and lack of infrastructure. There was also concern about water supply and sewage services bearing in mind that existing houses along Little Yeldham Road are still served by septic tanks. The existing strict guidelines for the former LSA estate will be destroyed. In particular Great Yeldham Primary School was oversubscribed with pupils living in the Yeldhams, having to go to other schools. It was noted that Great Yeldham Parish Council also opposes development of the site and it was requested that both Parish Councils work together to stop the villages being ruined.
2. Mr. A. Holman questioned why so many new houses were proposed when the population of the country is not rising, but he considered that a few affordable houses were acceptable. He referred to the circular letter (containing the email address: yeldhamunite@gmail.com) delivered to residents of Little and Great Yeldham, objecting to the site. The Chairman reported that he had made enquiries and had not been able to ascertain the identity of the writer. The Chairman also outlined the Local Plan process.
3. Mr. C. Turk noted the strength of feeling of the 38 residents who attended the meeting and encouraged everyone to write to BDC with their objections.

4. Mrs. E. Clayton reported the collapse of the ‘NORTH END’ sign and a large pothole between North End and Upper Yeldham Hall. The sign had been reported to ECC Highways on at least two previous occasions.

30) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. K. Chapman (holiday), Mrs. C. Gray (working in London), Mrs. L. Lawrence (holiday), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

31) CASUAL VACANCY FOR TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

Consequent upon the resignation of Mrs. S. Harris a casual vacancy existed for Tilbury Juxta Clare. No election had been requested within the prescribed time limit and the Parish Council could now exercise its powers of co-option. No candidates had come forward to date and the filling of the vacancy will be deferred until the next meeting.

32) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

33) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024, having been previously circulated were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

34) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Drainage work at North End

It was reported that the drainage work at North End had been satisfactorily completed.

b) Broken glass in former telephone kiosk at North End

Mr. C. Cheale will be asked to replace a second pane of glass in the former kiosk and invoice the Parish Council for the cost.

c) Belchamp St. Paul Community House

Representatives were required for Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington upon Belchamp St. Paul Community House and it was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting,

There were no other matters arising.

35) CORRESPONDENCE

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

36) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported receipt of £261.41 being the proceeds of a plant sale and £2,500 grant from the Bruce Wake Trust both in respect of Little Yeldham Recreation Ground.

The following accounts had been paid prior to the meeting:

Saffron Accounting Services – payroll returns	£70.00
Contract Trenching Limited – drainage work at North End	£948.00
Braintree District Council – grass cutting at Little Yeldham for 2024	£1,296.00

The following account was presented for payment:

Susan Tainton – painting former telephone kiosk at Tilbury Juxta Clare	£50.00
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It was proposed by Mr. D. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. D. Nott and carried that the above payments are approved.

37) TO CONSIDER HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Chairman reported that a Health and Safety Policy was required in connection with grant applications. A draft had been circulated on 24th July and upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. D. Jenkins it was approved.

38) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND

Mrs. M. D. Pearce gave a detailed report of the LYRG Committee meeting held on 17th July 2024 at which Mr. D. Jenkins had been welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Pearce had been re-elected as chairman. Arrangements for the Fun Day on 10th August were outlined together with an Autumn Coffee Morning and Plant Sale. Following some discussion it was agreed to purchase for up to £400.00 a Gazebo for use at the Fun Day and other events in future years and for the proposed Community Garden. An application for a grant to the National Lottery had been rejected with one concern being that more proof is required of support from residents. This will be canvassed on the Fun Day and the application resubmitted. As the Health and Safety policy has been adopted an application for a grant will be made to BDC Councillor Grant scheme and to other sources. The wording for signs had been agreed and quotes approved for £20.84 and £40 plus VAT from the Sign Shed Limited. The trees planted were growing well and the Rector will be consulted with a view to a Service of Dedication in the autumn. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Pearce for her report and for her hard work with fund raising.

39) UP DATE UPON DOG BINS IN TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON

The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard regarding BDC's review of dog bins and upon completion of BDCs review it was hoped that two dog bins will be provided free of charge for both Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington. At the last meeting, the Chairman had asked Mrs. I. Parker to investigate and it was agreed to send her a reminder.

40) UPDATE UPON PROPOSED WEIGHT AND WIDTH RESTRICTIONS

Mr. D. Patient gave an update upon the proposed weight and width restriction limit on the road between Great Yeldham and Clare through Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington. An application had been made to the LHP when the concerns about weight, width of vehicles, volume of traffic, narrowness of roads, bad corners and junctions had been emphasized. Mr. Patient had made a video of the road, which had accompanied the application, which Mr. P. Schwier supported as County Councillor. It was hoped that the LHP will consider the application at its next meeting on 29th August when Mrs. C. Gray had agreed to represent the Parish Council and speak. Mr. A. Osmond-Evans suggested asking the MP for support and this will be reviewed when the LHP decision is known. Mr. D. Jenkins and Mrs. A. Gardiner both expressed concern that if the application is approved that more large vehicles will use the roads through Little Yeldham.

41) OTHER HIGHWAY ISSUES

Following the LHP meeting, it was agreed to arrange another Zoom meeting with Mr. P. Schwier regarding other highway issues. Mrs. D. Nott kindly offered facilities for the

meeting. Mr. Patient confirmed that the North End sign had been reported to ECC Highways twice and that he will also report the pot hole between North End and Hall Green. Mrs. D. Nott enquired about village entrance signs, which it was agreed to place on the agenda for the next meeting.

42) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. P. Schwier there was no report but information is disseminated by email.

43) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was circulated to councillors.

44) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

BDC had consulted the Parish Council upon the following proposed sites:

- a) OVIN2226 – Housing/Self and custom build – South of Ashen Road, Ovington
- b) OVIN2227 – Housing – North of Ashen Road, Ovington

Mrs. D. Nott reported that Mrs. L. Lawrence and herself, had consulted residents, but no objections had been received. As Ovington residents and councillors had no particular views it was resolved to make no representations upon these two proposals.

- c) GRYE2175 – Housing – Land North of Little Yeldham Road, Great Yeldham

It was agreed to support Great Yeldham Parish Council and respond to BDC to object to the proposed development and include the objections made by members of the public and to emphasize that the land between 55 and 56 Little Yeldham Road should be excluded.

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. P. Gentry for the excellent way he had chaired the meeting and handled the members of the public, which was warmly supported by everyone present.

45) TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND PLAN REVIEW MEETINGS

It was agreed to appoint Mr. P. Gentry as the Parish Council representative to speak at BDC Local Plan meetings on behalf of Little Yeldham.

46) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to place consideration of the former telephone kiosk at Ovington on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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(Chairman)