

MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mrs. C. Gray, Mr. D. Jenkins,  
Mrs. L. Lawrence and Mrs. M. D. Pearce.  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Together with 3 (three) members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to commencement of the meeting the following items were raised by Mr. C. Bogie:

1. He accepted that members of the public can write to BDC about its Local Plan Review, but he had not yet read Mr. Turner's report and that it was not unreasonable to see the report from Mr. Turner before commenting on it.
2. He referred to a visit from Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, which was reported in the minutes of Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish Meeting, but was unclear what he was requesting.
3. BT lines in Tilbury Road were on the opposite side of the road from Spencers and in the opinion of BT no trees on the Spencers estate need cutting back.
4. He is not responsible for all the trees along Tilbury Road.
5. Concern about the flooding of Tilbury Road at Brook Farm, Great Yeldham.

Mr. N. Turner clarified that his report had been prepared for BDC and that the Parish Council had been copied in. Mr. Turner was concerned that a larch tree on the estate appeared to be dangerous as it is leaning over at an angle and may fall on wires and the Tilbury Road.

Mr. Bogie accepted the tree was at an angle and it was not necessarily unsafe, but all trees on the estate are subject to TPOs.

The Chairman ruled that item 17 on the agenda would be deferred to the next meeting to give Mr. Bogie the opportunity of considering Mr. Turner's report and to let the Parish Council have his views.

47) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. D. Nott (representing the Parish Council at a Planning Committee meeting at BDC),  
Mr. A. Osmond-Evans (recovering from a bad fall), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

48) ABSENT

Mr. D. Patient (but post meeting apologies received)

49) CASUAL VACANCY FOR TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

It was reported that no one had come forward to date to fill the vacancy and Mrs. C. Gray will endeavor to find a candidate. The filling of the vacancy will be deferred until the next meeting. Consequently the filling of Highways, PROW and Community House representatives for Tilbury Juxta Clare will also be deferred to the next meeting.



58) TO CONSIDER RE-PAINTING FORMER KIOSK AT TILBURY

An email from Mr. A. Osmond-Evans regarding the re-painting of the former telephone kiosk at Tilbury Juxta Clare was considered. The Chairman offered to seek quotes from Mr. C. Cheale and Mr. S. Shoesmith for re-painting the exterior in the correct colour.

59) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND

A written report from Mrs. M. D. Pearce, which was previously circulated, was taken as read. The Parish Council expressed thanks to Mr. Andy Marshall for his generosity with providing materials. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Pearce for her report.

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

Mrs. I. Parker had reported that the officer had completed his review of the dog bin waste strategy, which is now going to senior officers.

61) SPENCERS ESTATE IN GREAT YELDHAM AND TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

It was agreed that consideration to support the recommendation of Mr. N. Turner that Spencers estate is designated as a historic park and garden in the Braintree District Local Plan Review is deferred to the next meeting.

62) UPDATE UPON SOLAR FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs. L. Lawrence reported that Mrs. D. Nott was representing the Parish Council at a Planning Committee meeting at BDC to oppose the application for a Solar Farm at Cut Bush Farm, Belchamp St. Paul on the border of Ovington and read out Mrs. Nott's statement. Concern was expressed that traffic surveys were completely out of date.

63) UPDATE UPON PROPOSED WEIGHT AND WIDTH RESTRICTIONS

In the absence of Mr. D. Patient, Mrs. C. Gray reported that the application for weight and width restrictions was now in the validation stage, which was encouraging.

64) TO CONSIDER VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNS FOR OVINGTON

Mrs. L. Lawrence reported that there was no speed limit through Ovington and therefore the Ovington councillors were considering requesting Village Gateway signs. Mrs. Lawrence requested guidance and the Clerk suggested the following steps are taken. To initially consult ECC Highways through Mr. P. Schwier, to ascertain if any approvals are required, to agree suitable sites with them and if they are owned by ECC Highways as highway verges. If not, to ascertain identity of other landowners and seek their approval for signs on their land. Thereafter obtain quotes from Glasdon Manufacturing for consideration at the January 2025 (budget) meeting of the Parish Council and if the quote is likely to be over £1,000, two other quotes will be required.

65) OTHER HIGHWAY ISSUES

Mrs. L. Lawrence reported that the drains in the highway in Ovington had still not been cleared and Mrs. A. Gardiner reported that a bad pot hole near North End had not yet been filled.

66) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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

67) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

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

Mrs. C. Gray, having declared a pecuniary interest, left the meeting prior to the following item.

68) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had opposed the proposed site for housing on land north of Little Yeldham Road, which was to be considered at a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, but has been deferred to a date to be fixed, when he will attend and speak against the Little Yeldham application. It was noted from Mrs. Parker's report that the government is proposing to extend the deadline for submitting Local Plans to December 2026. As a result BDC cancelled the meetings of the Local Plan Sub Committee and at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September a revised timetable will be made. There were 319 sites put forward under the call for sites, which would deliver 130,000 houses, being far more than needed so only a fraction of the sites will go forward.

69) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to thank Mr. I. Yeldham and Mr. P. Pawsey for agreeing to locate the Amenity Vehicle and Skip on their properties at North End and Ovington respectively.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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(Chairman)