

MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. D. Jenkins, Mrs. L. Lawrence, Mrs. D. Nott, Mr. D. Patient and Mrs. M. D. Pearce.  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Together with 2 (two) members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. D. Jenkins raised two issues on behalf of Mrs. E. Clayton:  
Both 'NORTH END' signs were still missing and the pot hole between Han Green and North End had still not been filled in. These issues had previously been reported to ECC Highways and Mr. D. Patient agreed to send further reminders.  
There was no other public comment.

109) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. C. Gray (working away), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

110) ABSENT

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans

111) CASUAL VACANCY FOR TILBURY JUXTA CLARE

It was reported that no one had come forward to fill the vacancy, although efforts had been made to find a candidate. The filling of the vacancy will be deferred until the next meeting. Consequently the filing of Highways, PROW and Community House representatives was also deferred to the next meeting.

112) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

113) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, having been previously circulated were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

114) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Painting former telephone kiosks

The Chairman reported that Mr. S. Shoemith had completed painting the interior and exterior of the former telephone kiosks at Ovington and Tilbury Juxta Clare.

b) Parish Magazine

The Chairman reported that he had not yet approached Mr. J. Marks asking for further space in the Parish Magazine but will do so.

There were no other matters arising.

115) CORRESPONDENCE

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

116) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported the refund of VAT paid during the year 2024 amounting to £907.19, had been received.

The following accounts had been paid:

Playdale Playgrounds – annual safety inspection fee £312.00

Stuart Shoemith – painting former telephone kiosks £50.00

It was proposed by Mr. D. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. A. L. Gardiner and carried that payment of the above accounts are approved.

117) TO CONSIDER HIRING SKIPS AND AMENITY VEHICLES

The Clerk reported that BDC will pay the PC £1353.46 for street cleansing for the year 2025-26, which was an increase of £39.42 over 2024-2025. It was agreed to order a skip for Ovington for August Bank Holiday weekend and three Amenity Vehicles as follows:

9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - The Village Green, Tilbury Juxta Clare

16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - School Road, Little Yeldham

30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - The Village Green, North End

The Chairman agreed to prepare a flier to insert in the Parish Magazine for North End and Little Yeldham and Mrs. C. Gray will be asked to notify Tilbury Juxta Clare residents.

118) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND

Mrs. M. D. Pearce reported that she had been trying to obtain quotations for the pathway, seating, bins and notice board for the Recreation Ground to enable an application to be made to the National Lottery. Mrs. A. Gardiner and Mr. E. Brooks were thanked for planting and nurturing the apple trees respectively. An Easter egg hunt and Coffee morning had been arranged for April. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Pearce for her report.

119) UPDATE UPON DOG BINS IN TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON

Mrs. L. Lawrence reported that the three dog bins, which BDC had ordered for Tilbury Juxta Clare had not yet been installed. The sites for dog bins in Ovington were still awaiting approval from BDC. Mrs. Parker had reported that BDC had allocated £50,000 towards dog bins in the district and the Clerk agreed to send a reminder to Mr. Levi White of BDC regarding the dog bins for both Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington.

120) UPDATE UPON SOLAR FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs. D. Nott reported that there was no further update.

121) HIGHWAY ISSUES

Mrs. L. Lawrence circulated a written report of a Zoom meeting with Mr. P. Schvier regarding highway issues, which was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, a copy of which accompanies these minutes as appendix one. Arising from this report the following items were discussed:

- a) The LHP had decided not to take the proposed weight and width restriction on the road between Great Yeldham and Clare any further as it claimed the problem will be shifted onto other roads.
- b) Concern was expressed that ECC Highway Engineers had no knowledge of the proposed Solar Farm and its effect on local roads if it is developed.
- c) Mr. Schwier had no knowledge about the traffic survey/count on two roads into Ovington from Belchamp St. Paul and Tilbury Juxta Clare.
- d) The Chairman and Vice Chairman will draft an item for the Parish Magazine asking landowners to cut hedges overhanging and near highways.
- e) An itemized list of all deep potholes and ruts in the three villages will be compiled by Mrs. L. Lawrence, with assistance from Mrs. A. Gardiner, for Mr. Schwier to take up with ECC Highways.
- f) It was agreed to check if ECC owned the Village Green in front of Upper Farm, Ovington and if so if it is willing to transfer ownership to the Parish Council free of charge.

Mr. D. Patient added that the large pothole at the entrance to Hyde Wood Road, Little Yeldham had been reported again. The issue of water on the road between Mill Lane and Great Yeldham had been reported more than five times and at the request of Mr. Schwier will now be raised with Anglian Water. Councillors were urged to use ECC Highways emergency number (telephone: 0345 603 7631 or text phone: 0345 758 5592) to report any dangerous hazards including deep potholes and ruts.

122) LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION AND DEVOLUTION

The contents of the BDC report given by Mrs. Parker at the earlier Little Yeldham Annual Parish Meeting regarding the proposed Local Government Re-organisation and Devolution was noted. It was agreed to include this item on future agendas.

123) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) GDPR

Mr. D. Patient reported that GDPR will appear on the agenda for the May meeting when he will require confirmation that Councillors have deleted all emails up to May 2024.

b) Incident off Hyde Wood Road

Mrs. A. Gardiner and Mrs M. Pearce reported upon an incident off Hyde Wood Road, which involved criminal damage and assault and were advised that this is a matter for the Police and not the PC. Mrs. K. Chapman provided contact details for the local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator to inform him about the incident to enable him to inform residents.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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(Chairman)