

MINUTES OF TILBURY JUXTA CLARE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN
THE CHURCH, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE ON TUES, 29TH MAY 2025 AT 7.P.M

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry
Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Councillor)
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Together with 9 (nine) members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. C. Gray, Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2024 were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Highway issues

The following highway issues were raised:

- i. Mrs. S. Harris reported that a temporary repair had been carried out on the sink hole, but other road repairs were awaited.
- ii. Vegetation was still overhanging the road to Great Yeldham, although it had been reported to ECC Highways.
- iii. The Chairman reported that the application for a weight and width restriction for large lorries through Tilbury Juxta Clare had been refused by ECC Highways.
- iv. Mrs. Harris expressed concern that the road through Tilbury Juxta Clare was in poor condition and has been for a long time which she had first raised with Mr. P. Schwier on Zoom on 9th April 2024.
- v. The pathway in front of Wiseman's Cottages has not yet been reinstated.
- vi. Zoom meetings regarding highway issues with Mr. Schwier will continue.
- vii. In addition, Mr. D. Patient is reporting highway issues online.
- viii. It was agreed to continue lobbying Mr. Schwier regarding outstanding highway issues and if that fails to lobby Mr. T. Cunningham, the ECC cabinet member responsible for highways.
- ix. The Chairman gave advice upon reporting highway issues online using ECC Highways Online Reporting tool.
- x. Councillors and residents expressed their frustration about the failure of ECC Highways to progress highway issues reported to them online and through Mr. Schwier.

b) Solar Farm application

The Solar Farm planning application had been approved by BDC subject to conditions, including highway conditions, which are awaited from BDC. Concern was expressed that the proposed route for construction traffic was through Tilbury Juxta Clare. There were no other matters arising.

4) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was read by the Clerk and a copy accompanies these minutes as appendix one. The report will also appear on the PC website. The Chairman added that Mrs. Parker is always willing to help residents with District Council issues.

5) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mr. P. Schwier was read by the Clerk and a copy accompanies these minutes as appendix two. The report will also appear on the PC website.

6) HIGHWAY ISSUES

(Please see minute 3 above)

7) PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the return of Mrs. S. Harris to the Parish Council and the following items were reported:

- a. The former telephone kiosk at Tilbury Hill had been re-painted.
- b. An Amenity Vehicle had been booked for 9th August 2025 from 9am to 12 noon and a flier for residents will be included in the Parish Magazine.
- c. Mr. & Mrs. T. Dean were thanked for delivering the Parish Magazine.
- d. A casual vacancy exists for a councillor for Tilbury Juxta Clare and the PC will consider co-option at its next meeting on 15th July 2025.

Mrs. Harris reported that the noticeboard at Tilbury Hill requires renovation. Mr. M. Harris and/or Mr. K. Shears will investigate and assess what is required.

Residents reported that a tree on the Village Green has low branches, which are causing pedestrians to walk out into the road. (Post meeting note: The Clerk has inspected the tree and Mr. Colvan agreed to remove and clear away the low branches free of charge)

8) LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION AND DEVOLUTION

A report was given about proposed Local Government Re-Organisation, which will affect County and District Councils and should largely leave Parish Councils alone.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Loose cattle and overhanging vegetation

Residents reported that fencing around Spencers was not being adequately maintained, causing cattle to escape onto the road and into other properties. The owner and Police had been informed. ECC Highways had been notified of trees and vegetation overhanging the highway towards Great Yeldham.

- b. Recycling bins

New arrangements for recycling bins were reported.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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(Chairman)