

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mr. R. Bryant, Mr. W. P. Clayton, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. M. Graham and Mrs. R. K. Marsh  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Mr. D. Finch (County Councillor)  
Together with 1 (one) member of the public

87) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. R. S. Brookes (family commitment), Mr. P. Gentry (representing PC at BDC Planning Committee meeting), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (prior engagement) and Mrs. I. Parker  
Mr. G. Thomas (absent)

88) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

89) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

90) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

91) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted. The Clerk referred to correspondence from BDC concerning the Grounds Maintenance SLA (grass cutting on Little Yeldham Playing Field) and confirmed that it had been renewed for another year at a cost of £790 net.

92) ACCOUNTS

There were no accounts for payment.

93) TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SALT/GRIT BIN FOR CLARE ROAD

The proposed purchase of a salt/grit bin for Clare Road, Tilbury was approved and the Tilbury Councillors were authorized to select a suitable bin from Glasdon.

94) MATTERS ARISING FROM OVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman reported that the Ovington Notice Board had deteriorated and needs replacing. The Meeting had suggested that the replacement notice board is located inside the former telephone kiosk for protection. Mr. P. E. Pawsey will obtain a quote and seek a grant from Mrs. I. Parker's Councillor Grants Scheme, which was approved.

95) MATTERS ARISING FROM LITTLE YELDHAM PARISH MEETING

Mr. W. P. Clayton was authorized to purchase a roll of felt to repair the roof of the bus shelter at North End.

96) BROADBAND UPDATE

Mr. M. Graham reported that feedback from County Broadband is awaited and offered to contact James Salmon of County Broadband and request an update.

97) BRAINTREE DISTRICT REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker had sent a written report together with a list of BDC achievements, which was circulated to all councillors. The following points were highlighted:

- a. Local government finance uncertainty, particularly the replacement of the Revenue Support Grant with retention of business rates. BDC will raise its element of the Council Tax by 2.99%.
- b. The Councillor Grants Scheme has been retained for the next financial year for which applications for the allocation of £1500 can be made.
- c. Voter ID will be required for elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- d. The Green Bin collection has resumed.

98) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. D. Finch reported on the following:

- a. The survey of 150 larger councils of which ECC was in the top 10%.
- b. The RAC survey revealed that potholes in Essex had been reduced by 45%.
- c. Broadband – another 115,000 properties in Essex were receiving broadband leaving only 3% of properties with no broadband.
- d. Minor highway works devolved by ECC to Parish Councils.
- e. ECC had provided one million pounds for mental health issues.
- f. ECC had provided funds for prevention of rough sleepers.
- g. County Parks, improvement awards.
- h. Good reports from Ofsted – Essex is ‘outstanding’.
- i. Three special needs schools being built in Essex.

The Chairman expressed concern about the increase in knife crime, which was out of control particularly in schools. Mr. Finch confirmed that ECC is helping the Police and Crime Commissioner with funds to help with prevention. The proposed closure of libraries was raised and Mr. Finch confirmed that mobile libraries will continue.

99) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked Mr. D. Finch, Mrs. I. Parker and all Parish Councillors for their work during the year. In particular he thanked Mr. W. P. Clayton (who will not be seeking re-election) for his hard work over the years and particularly as Vice Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

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(Chairman)