

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
07th APRIL 2025 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, L Gray, C Amor, J Taylor, JS Daye, J Jeffries, A Mitchell

District Councillor: J Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

04/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Botterell, Steele, Duffett.

04/2025 – 03 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any ‘personal’ or ‘personal and prejudicial’ interest relating to the items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members.

Cllrs Mitchell and Jeffries noted pecuniary interest in relation to a planning item on the agenda.

04/2025 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP reported that the parking situation around the school is causing issues to local people.

ACTION: letter to the school and NEPP

MOP asked about the parking in The Street – could there be bays installed outside the church and shops. St Georges Day activities are taking place in the Blacksmiths Arms 26th April. Morris Dancing and a party.

MOP asked about submissions for the local magazine – there was no Little Clacton entry.

04/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 3rd March 2025

Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr M Balbirnie, seconded Cllr C Amor - all in favour.

04/2025 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

The clerk gave a verbal update on local matters including lighting, roadworks and other matters of interest.

- accounts have been inspected by an accountant – no significant issues
- play inspection has been done

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- new play equipment will be installed forward in coming months

04/2025 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

The Chairman gave an update on the following matters concerning the village:

- pollution in the Kempton Park area, TDC has looked into the matter and cannot find the location of the spill
- there was a comment about disabled gate access to the parish fields.

04/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence. Crime remains low in the village. Speed watch sessions have taken place, 22 / 26 vehicles were doing over the speed limit.

04/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

The bollard outside the shop which has been knocked down. Contractor will remove the part sticking up.

Christmas lights - meeting to take place to discuss logistics.

Footpaths

Cllr Jeffries/Gray reported that they are passable and fine.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention.

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

Councillor Taylor read out the monthly plans.

APPLICATIONS

A discussion took place about the current consultation concerning the TDC revision of the Local Plan. It was decided that the best option would be B and that Little Clacton had already taken its fair share of houses in the past years.

25/00436/WTPO - Thorpe House 149 Harwich Road CO16 9NJ

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (19/00003/TPO) - T1 and T2 Oak, crown lift to both trees including the removal of minor pendulous growth.

Recommend approval

25/00355/FULHH - Hall Cottage 127 St Osyth Road West CO16 9NY

Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension.

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Recommend approval

25/00292/FUL - Plot 4B The Meadows CO16 9SE
Planning Application - Erection of one self-build bungalow
Recommend approval

Resolved: the month's applications be reported to TDC as per the Planning groups recommendations. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr JS Daye – all in favour.

Business Group

Nothing to report.

Solar Update

Cllr Amor gave a brief update on the project.
British Gas still being chased about the smart meter.

04/2025 – 10 | TDALC

No meeting.

04/2025 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr Cutting noted the car park improvements are complete.
Sunday 25th May is the start of the car boots, £1 a pitch – best in town!

Village Hall Trust

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- thanks to the PC for the grant towards damp issues
- thanks to Mavis, Chris and Dave for all their help

Millenium Green

Cllr Taylor noted:

- still some small works including bark and a padlock on the new wild flower meadow

04/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- Kempton Park pollution issue was looked into
- Local Government Review meeting to take place in coming days (ongoing)

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- Local Plan consultation is live on the TDC website and it's important that people have their say.....

04/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following:

- Councillor highways scheme has restarted
- Community locality fund – SID signs
- Tan lane patching
- grant from TDC prosperity fund

04/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, Seconded Cllr Taylor - all in favour.

Resolved: to agree a cost of £5000 for the purchase of 2 SID signs and two further speed signs. Proposed Cllr Hull Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour.

Resolved: that a grant of £250 be given to the CAB. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie Seconded Cllr Jeffries – all in favour.

04/2025 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Meeting Closed 20:20pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6th at 7.00pm 2025

Signed Chairman