

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
08th APRIL 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: G Duffett, C Amor, D Botterell, J Taylor, L Gray, M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie (MBE), A Mitchell, J Mitchell, D Steele.

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

04/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04/2026 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Hull, JS Daye.

04/2026 – 03 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any ‘personal’ or ‘pecuniary and prejudicial’ interest relating to the items on the agenda.

Cllr Mitchell declared an interest in the payments schedule. Cllr Cutting declared an interest in a planning application on the agenda this evening. 26/00160/out

04/2026 – 04 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP mentioned that the planning committee meeting will be on 12th May covering Harwich Road.

04/2026 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 02nd March 2026

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

04/2026 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- Dead Lane
- Assertion 10 update

04/2026 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

- The bus stop was fixed on The Street

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- Submitted to the NPPF consultation and the PC submitted to the TDC consultation
- Working party at the church to clear the path near the church
- the car on millennium green was removed
- had a discussion with a planning agent about a care home opposite bookers

04/2026 – 09 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull was not in attendance. Cllr Botterell read out the data.

04/2026 – 10 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- a number of jobs have been completed in the village

Footpaths

All ok.

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention. A light on Holland Road needs fixing and one on Harwich Road has been fixed.

Planning

To consider the planning applications received from Tendring District Council Councillor J Taylor sent her apologies. Cllr Taylor read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

26/00400/FUL - Rear of 184/186 Harwich Road CO16 9PU

Planning Application - Erection of detached self-built dwelling.

This cramped and badly accessed site is out of keeping with the surrounding housing layouts. The siting of the dwelling would impact multiple existing properties lack of privacy to their rear gardens, not currently experienced within this area.

Recommend Refusal

26/00333/FULHH - 2 Clapgate Drive CO16 9PJ

Householder Planning Application - Single storey side and rear extension

Recommend Approval

26/00337/VOC - Land Adj to Greenfinches Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 13 (Obscure Glass and Non Opening Window), and Removal of Conditions 4 (RAMS); Condition 6 (EV Charging); Condition 11 (Construction Management); and Condition 12 (Biodiversity Enhancement Measures) of application 25/01737/FUL to allow for changes to the first floor bathroom windows.

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Recommend Approval

26/00326/FUL - Engaines C P School St Osyth Road East CO16 9PH

Planning Application - Change of use of an existing storage building to form a small group study space, rendered external finish and formation of new openings.

Recommend Approval

26/00285/FUL - Little Clacton Lodge Lodge Road CO16 9QD

Planning Application - Mixed use of the site for small scale day retreats and wellbeing events. Mixed use of the existing dwelling to also allow overnight accommodation associated with organised retreats and short term holiday accommodation.

Recommend Approval

26/00160/OUT - Land adjacent to Batemans Lane CO16 9EN

Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Demolition of the property known as 21 Weeley Road and the construction of 31 no. dwellings.

This site fall outside of the village settlement area, was never in any of our local plan sites. With the high saturation of multiple dwelling sites completed, being built and land already with approved applications, this application would heighten the overdevelopment of the village setting.

Recommend Refusal

25/01788/FUL - Land to the rear of 64 to 68 Holland Road CO16 9RS

Planning Application - Erection of four detached dwelling (amended)

Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

Nothing to report

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a verbal update. Thanks were given to Cllr Amor for his continued efforts.

Community Warden

Stay on agenda.

Village Improvements

Cllr Amor said we are ready to go based on recommendations.

04/2026 – 11 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted he was not in attendance.

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04/2026 – 12 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Busy with lots of improvements ongoing
Car boots will start first week in June

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- thanks to Dave and the team on the Barn Dance
- thanks to Dave and the team for the litter picking
- thanks to Chris and Dave on the bell ringing
- new CCTV is installed
- Millenium Green looks good
- Thanks to Cllr Cutting for attending the AGM

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- lovely place to be, lots of work has been done, most of the cars have gone

04/2026 – 13 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

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04/2026 - 14 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

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04/2026 – 15 | Finance and Motions

Resolved: To agree the monthly payments.

Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in favour.

04/2026 – 16 | Items for future consideration

Social Media Policy

A representative of the pub attended the meeting and asked for support for a herb garden, the PC are happy to write a letter of support.

Next meeting will be on May 6th

Meeting Closed 20.13pm
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm, 2026

Signed Chairman