

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER  
ON MONDAY,  
04<sup>th</sup> August 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J S Daye, G Duffett, D Hull, C Amor, A Mitchell, J Mitchell

**District Councillor:**

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

16 members of the public were in attendance.

**08/2025 – 01 | Welcome**

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**08/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs J Taylor

**08/2025 – 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.

Cllr Mitchell and Botterell declared pecuniary interests with regard to payments.

**08/2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 07<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Resolved:** The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Botterell, seconded Cllr A Mitchell - all in favour.

**08/2025 – 05 | Public Forum**

Members spoke on the following:

MOP raised concerns about building works along Harwich Road and the disturbances this is causing.

**08/2025 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence**

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

- emails
- play equipment
- return of 106 monies
- meeting with Dynamic fireworks in relation to the free event taking place on 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall

**08/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report**

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

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- meeting took place with the fireworks company about the free event for the village on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- new play area open to the public
- the bus shelter was damaged on Harwich Road and the Clerk and myself cleared the glass away

#### **08/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention**

Cllr Hull outlined that crime has increased slightly on the past period. This can always be down to a number of circumstances.

#### **08/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports**

##### **Maintenance and Services**

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- the MUGA electric failed and a call out took place, all equipment for the Christmas displays has been ordered

##### **Footpaths**

Cllrs Gray and J Mitchell mentioned that the paths are looking good.

The tree on St. Osyth Road East is hanging over the path – decided to get it sorted from a safety.

##### **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 J Taylor sent her apologies. read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

25/01089/WTP0 -146 The Street CO16 9LS

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (96/00025/TPO) 1 No. Oak tree - Reduce by approx. 40% overall, remove deadwood. Rear of No.146 The Street (on Field Boundary).

Recommend approval

25/00962/VOC - 24 The Street CO16 9LD

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 1 (Approved Plans) and 2 (ground levels, hard landscaping, planting, seeding or turfing) of application 22/00594/VOC to amend external materials. Plot 5 bedroom 1 rear roof light replaced with dormer window.

Recommend approval

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25/00997/FUL- Land to The rear of 274 Harwich Road CO16 9PY

Planning Application - Erection of two storey building to provide a SEN school and associated works, including parking, landscaping and boundary treatments

The application for a seven classroom plus library, hall and staff areas, to facilitate 36 children with 18 Staff indicates a very busy site. The allocation of 21 parking spaces and the reports state a flow of 45 transport trips for the daily usage. However, we are mindful of the additional vehicles (some of a larger size) required to attend the site for various reasons. I.e, Waste collections, sanitary waste, consumables of food/stationary/bathroom products, Cleaners etc

Reports state 'Students attending the school will generally be transported in shared vehicles, predominantly by private taxis', however there is no guarantees of this arrangement taking place. Also Baseline traffic conditions use a time zone of 10.00-11.30. This does not take into account the high level of traffic using Harwich Road during peak times. This includes a high frequency of cars and buses to the destination of Tendring Technology College in both Thorpe le Soken and Frinton. Children within 3 miles of the Thorpe Campus, taking in half of Little Clacton are ineligible for free school transport.

There are no footpaths on the side of the road that 274 enters the highway, and bus stops are overgrown and in hedges. The reports does mention the speed limit is 40mph, increasing to national speed limits 900 meters to the site. Approaching the site from Thorpe Le Soken (leaving the national speed limit area) a right hand bend takes place before arriving at the address on the left hand side.

With the impact on the highways safety and impacting on the flow of traffic caused by the development, Little Clacton Parish Council would be unable to support the application without Highways improvements being implemented before proceeding.  
Recommend Refusal

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

#### **Business Group**

Correspondence has come in concerning the lease with ATS. To be sent out and discussed at a later business group meeting.

#### **Solar Report**

Cllr Amor sent an update and the overall picture is that the system is doing very well.

#### **Commemorative Event**

This free event will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 6-9pm at the Village Hall, London Road, Little Clacton. ALL WELCOME.

**08/2025 – 10 | TDALC**

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The meeting was attended by the Local Highways Panel. Short presentation.

#### **08/2025– 11 | Committee Reports**

##### **Little Clacton Playing Field Trust**

The Chairman reported that:

- car boot has two more sessions
- ATC lease decision to made soon
- new play park now active
- we now have a booth on the entrance to the field
- car show on the 24<sup>th</sup> August

##### **Village Hall**

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- bookings continue to be steady
- hedge on front to be cut in September
- new slates on the roof are being quoted for

##### **Millennium Green**

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- all ok, the car park needs attention
- a green parrot attended for a day

#### **08/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bray sent apologies.

#### **08/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report**

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- met the new Police Commander
- speeding Harwich Road / Holland Road
- SID progress
- London Road / The White House – team attended and inspected the drains of the bend
- The Street – team attended and further works will be required to repair the pipe under road and clearance of the ditch by the landowner on the other side of the road
- St Osyth Road West / Little Clacton Road – overgrowth on pavements / kerbing / drains
- Pavement on the church side of London Road – its looking in a poor state

#### **08/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation**

To agree the monthly payments.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Duffett, Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour.

**Resolved:** approve a quote of Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr P Balbirnie – all in

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**Resolved:** approve a quote for painting of assets around the village including bus shelters and bollards and the lines and fencing around Plough Corer Proposed Cllr Botterell, seconded Cllr A Mitchell – all in favour.

**08/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.**

Write to CE of TDC

Can we donate to the Church

Updates on gym equipment

**Meeting Closed 21:00pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm, 2025**

**Signed Chairman**