

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
03rd AUGUST 2026 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: C Amor, J Taylor, L Gray, A Mitchell, J Mitchell, JS Daye. G Duffett

District Councillor: Sent apologies

Essex County Councillor: Sent apologies

6 members of the public were in attendance.

08/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

08/2026 – 2 | Cllr Peter Balbirnie MBE

A minute's silence was held in memory. Details of the funeral were read out.

08/2026 – 03 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Balbirnie, D Steele, D Botterell.

08/2026 – 04 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'pecuniary and prejudicial' interest relating to the items on the agenda. There were none.

08/2026 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th July 2026

Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Amor, Seconded Cllr A Mitchell – all in favour.

08/2026 – 06 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP presented a petition about the speeding along The Street. There have been accidents, animals killed, e-bikes. Oaktree on Galloway Green is causing some issues – **PC to have surveyed.**

MOP asked about the hedge on the corner of Plough Corner.

The Clerk noted that a MOP of the public asked if the minutes to be changed from June. An explanation was provided to the council about the content, a subsequent vote was then taken and it was agreed NOT to change the minutes as it was felt they were correct and that a misinterpretation had occurred. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr J Mitchell – all in favour.

08/2026 – 07 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

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- all in order

08/2026 – 08 | Chairman's Report

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

- a legacy project for Cllr P Balbirnie to come back to council
- Millenium Green has now been cut
- meeting with Wednesday with TDC environmental about bins
- teams meeting with Town and Country developers about the site near Reedlands farm. They want to develop the site and we made it clear we believe the green gap should be protected.
- Mobile SID sign has now been created and made, thanks to all those that helped - Cllr A Mitchell
- Cllr J Bray has been contacted about our plans to install some street furniture
- moving forward with the plans for a new door at the rear of the hall

08/2026 – 09 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Amor has produced a new report including data from Speedwatch and the new speed indicator devices

08/2026 – 10 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- all ok

Footpaths

still a little overgrown

Streetlights

The Clerk said that lights are being addressed as and when they are brought to our attention. No issues.

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.

26/01110/VOC - Crossways Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of 24/01895/FULHH to enable location of garage to be changed.

Recommend approval

26/01092/VOC - Plot 4B The Meadows CO16 9SE

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Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans and Drawings), Condition 3 (Landscaping Scheme), Condition 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement), and Condition 9 (Highways ongoing requirements) of application 25/00292/FUL to allow for revised building design.

Recommend approval

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

Business Group

Permission given to spend on a specific project within an agreed budget..... Proposed Cllr J Mitchell, Seconded Cllr J Taylor – all in favour.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a report. SUNNY!

Village Improvements

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

08/2026 – 11 | TDALC

- No meeting

08/2026 – 12 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Car Boots are doing well.

Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- sent apologies

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- one sorn vehicle
- can the hedge and trees be lifted (crowned)

08/2026 – 13 | District and County Councillor Report (sent apologies)

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

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08/2026 – 14 | Finance and Motions

Resolved: To agree the monthly payments. Proposed Cllr Seconded Cllr JS Date Seconded Cllr L Gray – all in favour.

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08/2026 – 15 | Items for future consideration

Meeting Closed 20:48pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 20.36pm, 2026

Signed Chairman