

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
01st DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

9 members of the public were in attendance.

12/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Clrs J and A Mitchell, Botterell and Taylor.

12/2025 – 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 Cutting declared reimbursement for festive evening.

12/2025 – 04 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

Update on 21 Harwich Road to follow in meeting.

12/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 03rd November 2025

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

12/2025 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- Nothing to note

12/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- Remembrance Sunday service went really well, thanks to all concerned
- attended RAF memorial service at Plough Corner. The PC have gifted an area for this memorial and it was unveiled in a ceremony which was well attended

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- mulled wine and light switch on was attended by many and went well, thanks to everyone that took the time to come out. Thanks to Cllr Mitchell for the wonderful lights in the village
- The chairman and Cllr Bray attended the planning committee for the application on Harwich Road. Update provided

12/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent in a report.

12/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- all ok

Footpaths

Cllr Gray and Mitchell said all is ok.

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. Cllr Taylor read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

25/01628/VOC - Old Chicken Farm Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of application 24/00376/VOC to allow the proposed footpath link to the southern end of the site to be omitted due to the absence of a connecting footpath on the adjacent site, and also to amend the design and layouts of plots 13-31, incorporating the removal of the conservatories and amended materials.
Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

The group met and went through a draft precept for 2026-27.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor updated that a new meter has been installed

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12/2025 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell sent his apologies.

12/2025– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman/JS Daye reported that:

- all ok

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- successful community event hosted by the hall
- roof works still ongoing
- grass to be cut once more

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- the time of year when nothing is at its best

12/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- attended the Remembrance service
- 21 Harwich Road – attended and spoke against the application

12/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- SID

12/2025 - 13 | Precept for 2026-27

Proposed Cllr Mitchell Seconded M Balbirnie – all in favour

12/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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

Resolved: to approve the gratuities for local volunteers in the village - Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded J Mitchell – all in favour

12/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.

Meeting Closed 20.27pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th January at 7.30pm, 2025

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Signed Chairman