

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
05th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: J S Daye, G Duffett, A Mitchell, J Mitchell, Hull, Botterell, Taylor

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

9 members of the public were in attendance.

01/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed TDC Director for Planning, Gary Guiver to update on the proposed spatial strategy.

01/2026 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bray, Peter and Mavis Balbirnie, Gray, Steele, Amor.

01/2026 – 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 and Botterell declared an interest in payment being received this evening.

01/2026 – 04 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

A MOP reported that they were involved in a ‘near’ head on incident involving cars and the speeding vehicles in St. Osyth Road East. The matter has been reported to the Police and the school.

01/2026 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 01st December 2025

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

01/2026 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- toilet was moved on Harwich Road

01/2026 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

- usual festive activities took place; he wished us a Happy New Year

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01/2026 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull mentioned things were steady but nothing of note in terms of increases or decreases

01/2026 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- Christmas lights are down and stored
- MUGA pitch to be looked at tomorrow
- Tractor parade was really good and well attended

Footpaths

Cllr J Mitchell noted no issues.

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.

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

Business Group

The group met and went through a draft precept for 2026-27 and future ideas for village improvements.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a written report to the meeting. Thanks were given to Cllr Amor for his continued efforts.

Parking in the village

An incident occurred involving a local resident. It is proposed that Essex Education Authority be written to ask that the land within the school be used to upgrade and implement a parking facility. Also to ask about traffic calming measures.

01/2026 – 10 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell updated that there was meeting in December. Pylons were discussed.

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01/2026 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman/JS Daye reported:

- all ok

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- Chairman thanked all the Tea Club volunteers

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- parking is an issue on the side of the green
- general tidying is taking place
- look into the vehicles that have been left

01/2026 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

01/2026 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- SID
- pavement, Plough Corner
- pavement London Road

01/2026 - 14 | Precept for 2026-27

Resolved: that the precept for the 2026-27 be £94.567

Proposed Cllr Hull Seconded J Mitchell – all in favour

01/2026 – 15 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

Resolved: To agree the monthly payments.

Proposed Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr A Mitchell – all in favour.

01/2026 – 16 | Items for future consideration

Projects for the future – please let us know

Meeting Closed 20.51pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd February at 7.30pm, 2026

Signed Chairman