

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
07nd July 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: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

7 members of the public were in attendance.

07/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Taylor.

07/2025 – 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.

There is a quote from TTSS, Cllr Botterell who registered a pecuniary interest.

07/2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 02nd June 2025

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

07/2025 – 05 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

Matt Leach attended the meeting, a representative from TDC in the Fly Tipping department. He asked the committee if they had any questions. Cllr Cutting and Botterell requested an update on how a prosecution can be sought if CCTV capture perpetrators in varying circumstances.

07/2025 – 06 | 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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07/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- new entrance garden has been put in on London Road/Centenary Way Roundabout

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- Christmas lights – meeting took place to look at power
- old tree removed – Galloway Drive
- speeding on Harwich Road continues to arise – various points being looked at
- Thursday Club still going well – Cllr Bray has attended
- spate of vandalism at Plough Corner, passed to the local schools who will be talking to the school police liaison officers
- new play equipment is around half way complete – the project was funded by building contributions (106), not the Parish Council.

07/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

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

07/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- we are thinking about Christmas lights, idea to put up rope lighting on Galloway Drive and further enhance the current setup at the Village Hall. A vote for coloured bulbs was successful.

Footpaths

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

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.

25/00908/VOC - Sundowne Homing Road CO16 9ER

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 1 (Approved Plans) of application 22/00693/DETAIL to alter the design of the property.

Recommend Approval

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

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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

Host an event at the Village Hall. We have spoken to a local firework company,

07/2025 – 10 | TDALC

No report.

07/2025– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that:

- car boot is doing ok
- couple of events have taken place

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- bookings continue to be steady
- we are very mindful of how people treat the hall during their bookings
- hedge on the front will be looked at in due course as we leave the nesting season

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- all ok currently

07/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray noted that an update on the Local Plan will be forthcoming once they have a meeting. LGR continues and could be eye watering in terms of cost to the tax payer. Attended the Thursday Club and enjoyed it very much.

07/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- speeding Harwich Road
- SID funding – ongoing
- Pot holes fixed Harwich and Holland Road

07/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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Resolved: Proposed Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr M Botterell – all in favour.

Resolved: That Stow Forge replace the bench by the church - Proposed Cllr Balbirnie,
Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour

Resolved: that we accept a quote from TTSS for a new alarm system that would cover
the office and the main hall. Proposed Cllr JS Daye Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour.

07/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.

Bertram Avenue - parking at school times.

Plaque - Kings Coronation

Field gate works

Painting quote

Meeting Closed 21:00pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm, 2024

Signed Chairman