

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06TH JULY 2026 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: C Amor, J Taylor, L Gray, A Mitchell, J Mitchell, D Steele, D Botterell, JS Daye, M Balbirnie

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor:

6 members of the public were in attendance.

07/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/2026 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs P Balbirnie, Duffett

07/2026 – 03 | 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.

07/2026 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 1st June 2026

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

07/2026 – 05 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP mentioned that an inconsiderate car is parking near the village hall which blocks access and is dangerous. VH committee to investigate.

MOP mentioned that the trees along the street are causing an incursion into the road and cars are swerving into the middle of the road.

07/2026 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- Air cadets invoiced
- VAT claim submitted
- ECC grass cutting grant received
- FLY tip due to be prosecuted soon!

07/2026 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- lobbying ECC about moving the bus shelter on London Road

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- first review with the grass cutting contractor took place
- our best wishes to Cllr P Balbirnie
- SID sign has been delivered and plan to make mobile
- 21 Harwich Road applications that were turned down are up for appeal

07/2026 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Amor has produced a new report including the speed watch data.

07/2026 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- grass cutting looks good
- had a look at any painting requirements – looks ok
- potential bench on Leys drive

Footpaths

Weeds and brambles are a problem

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.

26/00922/DETAIL - Land adjacent 34 Amerells Road CO16 9HA

Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 23/01707/OUT - considering access/scale/appearance/landscaping/layout for erection of two self build/custom built dwellings.

Neutral

26/00842/FULHH - 35 Leys Drive CO16 9RE

Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory).

Recommend approval

26/00958/FULHH - 266 Harwich Road CO16 9PX

Householder Planning Application - Replacement of existing front porch and replacement single storey rear extension.

Recommend approval

26/00973/FUL - Land to The rear of 274 Harwich Road CO16 9PY

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Planning Application - Erection of two storey building to provide a SEN school and associated works, including parking, landscaping and boundary treatments
Our comment from the last application - Reference 25/00997/FUL still stands:
Speed limits and the bus stop locations need serious attention before this should be considered."

Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

Nothing to report.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a report.

Speed Calming Measures

Possible mobile SID

Village Improvements

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

07/2026 – 10 | TDALC

- No meeting.

07/2026 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr JS Daye provided the following update:

- lease is still ongoing
- improvements have been completed and excellent value for money has been achieved

Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie noted:

- thanks to Chris, Dave and Lynn for their continued help

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- one sorn vehicle
- bollards are being pushed down – (criminal)
- grass cutting needs a review

07/2026 – 12 | District and County Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

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- getting feet under table
- Cabinet Member
- LGR challenge, savings being found

07/2026 – 13 | Finance and Motions

Resolved: To agree the monthly payments. Proposed Cllr Seconded Cllr Botterell
Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour.

Resolved: That delegated powers are given to the Chairman, seconded by the Vice
Chairman and/or Clerk in relation to any council matter. Proposed Cllr JS Daye,
Seconded Cllr A Mitchell – all in favour

Resolved: That a grant of £150 be given for card tables. Proposed Cllr Cutting,
Seconded Cllr Botterell – all in favour.

07/2026 – 14 | Items for future consideration

Meeting Closed 20:48pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd August 7.30pm, 2026

Signed Chairman