

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
01st JUNE 2026 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Jeff Bray

12 members of the public were in attendance.

06/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

06/2026 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs P & M Balbirnie

06/2026 – 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.

06/2026 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 06th May 2026

Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Duffett, Seconded Cllr Gray – all in favour.

06/2026 – 05 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP asked about tables for cards – should apply to the Parish Council for a grant

MOP asked for an update on the bench at the Village Hall. Advised that they need to speak with Village Hall Committee.

MOP asked about the proposed Hartley Garden development

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

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

- finance update in preparation for annual review
- MUGA has had some issues on the entry system - resolved now
- Local plan committee paper for June - interesting consultation responses

06/2026 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- congratulated the new County Councillor, Jeff Bray. He has a lot to live up to!

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- attended the planning committee meeting for Harwich Road development - the committee turned down both applications
- ordered new SID sign
- Cllr Balbirnie is in hospital and making good progress
- thanked Simon for his contribution to the project.

06/2026 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Cutting noted that Cllr Amor will take on the police report. Thanks to him.

06/2026 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- ongoing – things are looking good

Footpaths

Looking ok.

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.

26/00758/FULHH - 4 Stonehall Drive CO16 9RD

Householder Planning Application - Two storey rear extension.

Recommend approval

26/00705/VOC - 132 St Osyth Road West CO16 9NY

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of 24/00896/FULHH to enable a larger porch.

Recommend approval

26/00678/LUEX - North Field Firs Caravan Park 29 - 31 London Road CO16 9RN

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development to confirm the commencement of works in accordance with planning permission ref. 13/01234/FUL and its conditions.

Reference 2013 application which was approved, Planning Department to determine if conditions met

26/00679/LUEX - South Field Firs Caravan Park 29 - 31 London Road CO16 9RN

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development for confirmation of commencement for application 14/01852/FUL.

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Reference 2014 application which was approved, Planning Department to determine if conditions met

26/00539/FUL - Brook Cottage Greenlawns CO16 9RP

Planning Application - Extension to residential curtilage and retention of existing garage.

Neutral

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

Business Group

Nothing to report.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a verbal update. The sun is working well – great news for us.

Speed Calming Measures

New SID has been purchased.

Village Improvements

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

06/2026 – 10 | TDALC

- AGM took place, Frank Belgrove kept the Chair
- Litter up the A120 – 5 picks have been done and the litter has considerably reduced
- North Falls wind farm approved – but cable route not approved
- EALC – don't know if CIF is going to carry on
- Training – there are opportunities to join with St.Osyth PC
- Some councils are leaving the EALC – you cannot join NALC if you are not a member of the EALC
- Litter bin emptying is not a consistent as it should be. TDC will be contacted.
- Buzz Balls are becoming a littering issue and underage sales

06/2026 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr JS Daye provided an accounting sheet for the year

- car show was successful
- energy costs have been improved through the solar panels
- car park upgrades have finished
- car boot sales start this Sunday
- thanks to Cllr Duffett
- disabled gate due to go in to access the field

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Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- thanks were extended to all the volunteers

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- looks lovely, growing well
- verge has been cut by pedestrian gate
- wild flower area coming through
- one sorn car still in car park

06/2026 – 12 | District and County Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- Harwich Road was a good win with the planning committee result
- Primary school places limited in local area (Thorpe) an interesting consultation
- Thanks to Cllr Land for his efforts
- Cllr Bray is an elected portfolio holder now at ECC. There has been a pothole emergency declared and there is money available for that. Operational standards at highways are not sufficient. Library Tax has been scrapped. All net zero policies have been scrapped. Looking at 'pointless rules' strategy within the county council to free up time and efficiencies
- LGR is being legally challenged by the County Council

06/2026 – 13 | To note the findings of the Internal Auditor

Noted.

06/2026 – 14 | To approve the accounts for 2025-26

Proposed Cllr Steele, Seconded Taylor – all in favour

06/2026 – 15 | To approve section one of the AGAR for 2025-26

Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour

06/2026 – 16 | To approve section two of the AGAR for 2025-26

Proposed Cllr A Mitchell, Seconded Cllr Duffett – ALL IN FAVOUR

06/2026 – 17 | Finance and Motions

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

06/2026 – 18 | Items for future consideration

Rubbish Bins

Church cutting

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Benches and planters look a little untidy - painter to be contacted.

Meeting Closed 20:48pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm, 2026

Signed Chairman