

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON WEDNESDAY 06th May 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: D Botterell, J Taylor, G Duffett, D Steele, D Hull, C Amor, L Gray

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

05/2025 – 01 | Election of Chairman and Acceptance of Office

Cllr Botterell nominated Cllr Cutting, Seconded Cllr C Taylor, no other expressions of interest - all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 02 | Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Cutting proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr P Gray, no other expressions of interest – all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 03 | Noted the continuation of council roles and responsibilities

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

05/2025 – 04 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs A Mitchell, J Mitchell, M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie and JS Daye.

05/2025 – 05 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any ‘personal’ or ‘personal and prejudicial’ interest relating to the items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members.

There were none.

05/2025 – 06 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 7th April 2025

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

05/2025 – 07 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP mentioned about the planning application in Holland Road.

MOP mentioned the speeding along Clacton, Harwich and Holland Road.

MOP mentioned the litter outside the Premiere has increased again.

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05/2025 – 08 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- internal audit all signed off - no issues
- play equipment on the parish fields – awaiting installation date

05/2025 – 09 | Chairman's Report

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

The sign at the entrance to Plough has been fixed as it was dangerous.

Speed signs have been put into Harwich Road at either ends.

Jubilee Oak crash, we have a quote and seek a further quote.

MUGA light has been replaced that was broken, thanks to Cllr Mitchell.

Ongoing review into the gate onto parish fields.

05/2025 – 10 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined that crime is stable in the village. We do not have our Special Constable so we rely on the data from the police.

05/2025 – 11 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell sent his apologies.

Footpaths

Cllr Gray/Amor – paths starting to grow.

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

25/00292/FUL – Plot 4B The Meadows, CO16 9SE

Planning Application - Erection of one self-build dwelling.

Recommend approval

25/00665/OUT – Land rear of 35 Holland Road

Outline Planning Application (Access/Layout to be considered only) - Erection of two self-build bungalows.

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Recommend Refusal – We strongly oppose back garden development, especially with the layout being total out of character with the area. To consider this application in a positive light would open up a dangerous precedent, with serious and long term repercussions. The planned narrow access route does cause concern with regards to access for rubbish trucks, emergency services etc

If the applicants wished to demolish the existing property and instate two property with full length gardens, in keeping with the street view, we would be more favourable.

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

Business Group

No report.

Solar Report

Going well

05/2025 – 12 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell noted there is still discussions about the pylons affecting Tendring. Extraordinary meeting called to discuss Local Government Reform, presented by Ian Davidson.

05/2025– 13 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that:

- car Boot Sales will commence from Sunday 25th May 2025.
- a classic car show will take place on the 18th May
- a modern car show will take place in early June
- dog show beginning of June
- St. Helena Hospice charity event on June 28th

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie sent apologies.

VE Day event will take place on May 8th 1-4pm

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor noted:

- there are a few little things that need looking at – speak to contractors

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05/2023 – 14 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray sent apologies

05/2025 - 15 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LHP scheme
- Locality Fund

05/2025 – 16 | To approve part 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Hull – all in favour

05/2025 – 17 | To approve part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Steele – all in favour

05/2023 – 18 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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

05/2023 – 19 | Items for future consideration.

Update on the gate project to Parish Fields.

Plaque for the coronation near new tree

Meeting Closed 20:42pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd June at 7.30pm, 2025

Signed Chairman