

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor: Jeff Bray

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

7 members of the public were in attendance.

05/2026 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

05/2026 – 02 | Nomination for Chairman

Nominations for Chair were asked for. Cllr Cutting was proposed by Councillor Amor and seconded by Cllr Hull – all in favour. There were no other nominations.

05/2026 – 03 | Nomination for Vice Chairman

Nominations for Vice Chair were asked for. Proposed Cllr Cutting Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour. There were no other nominations.

05/2026 – 04 | Appointments to committees

The Chair announced the resignation of Cllr Hull and gave his utmost thanks and respect for the work that she has done for the council.

05/2026 – 05 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs JS Daye, D Botterell, P Balbirnie, A & J Mitchell

05/2026 – 06 | Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'pecuniary and prejudicial' interest relating to the items on the agenda.

05/2026 – 07 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 08th April 2026

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

05/2026 – 08 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP mentioned about the bus stop on London Road.

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05/2026 – 09 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- MUGA 3G
- assertion 10 update
- well done to Cllr Duffett – the works on parish fields car park

05/2026 – 10 | Chairman's Report

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

- Harwich Road planning applications committee date announced
- thanks to Cllr Duffett for his work on the car park

05/2026 – 11 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull noted the months activities

05/2026 – 12 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr A Mitchell reported:

- Cllr Cutting gave an update

Footpaths

Growing now, with overhang on some paths.

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.

26/00563/OUT - Land rear of 35 Holland Road CO16 9RT

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

Recommend refusal

Our comments from previous refused applications for the site still stand.

26/00541/FUL - Meadow Cottage St Osyth Road East CO16 9RP

Planning Application - Retention of shed/workshop for machinery storage, retention of lean to garage and temporary. Recommend Approval

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

Business Group

Nothing to report

Solar Report

Cllr Amor provided a verbal update. Thanks were given to Cllr Amor for his continued efforts.

Speed Calming Measures

Chairman would like to see further SID devices (speed signs) in the village. There is a motion on the agenda to support this.

Village Improvements

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

05/2026 – 13 | TDALC

Nothing to report.

05/2026 – 14 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Groundwork on Car Park is done

Car Boot start on 7th June

Car show 17th May

Village Hall

Cllr M Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- thanks to Chris, Dave and Lyn. Also, a member of the public who has offered some support to the hall who lives locally

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- ticking over nicely, buttercups look beautiful
- wild flowers coming through
- inconsiderate parking persists in the bays

05/2026 – 15 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- working on various local issues including planning
- been invited to parliament to discuss Local Government Review and its worthiness

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05/2026 - 16 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- parking opposite the pub – big lining lorry – should it be there?
- SID devices are in! Great result for the village
- Plough Corner – works to take place on road and pavement at same time

05/2026 – 17 | Finance and Motions

Resolved: To agree the monthly payments. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

Resolved: to approve a spend of up to £2000 for speed indicator devices. Proposed Cllr Cutting, Seconded Cllr Duffet – all in favour.

Resolved: to approve an amount £7000 for the purchase of Grounds maintenance machinery. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour.

05/2026 – 18 | Items for future consideration

Meeting Closed 20.33pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st June at 7.30pm, 2026

Signed Chairman