

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER  
ON MONDAY,  
03<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, L Gray, J S Daye, G Duffett, D Hull, C Amor, D Steele

**District Councillor:**

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

16 members of the public were in attendance.

**11/2025 – 01 | Welcome**

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**11/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs J and A Mitchell, Botterell and Taylor.

**11/2025 – 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. Payment to Cllr M Balbirnie for the Remembrance Sunday wreath who declared a Pecuniary Interest.

**11/2025 – 04 | Public Forum**

Members spoke on the following:

MOP asked if there was any progress on 21 Harwich Road. An update from Cllr Bray was read out.

Charley from TDC sports department attended and gave a short presentation on what might be available to local councils.

**11/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 06<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

**11/2025 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence**

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

- Air cadets payment
- precept payment
- grant from local resident
- Mr Watson grant

**11/2025 – 07 | Chairman’s Report**

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

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- Christmas lights are now installed on the green and ready to be switched on at our FREE event for locals. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6-9pm
- Vera's bench has been reinstated after the summer accident
- **ACTION:** remove the street furniture on triangle
- communications about the flags – Chairman gave an update
- bollards installed in Clapgate Drive

#### 11/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined that crime reduced in August year on year. We have a distinct lack of intelligence on the crimes without our Special Constable.

#### 11/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

##### Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- lights are up and ready to go

##### Footpaths

Cllrs Gray 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. Cllr Cutting read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

25/01443/FULHH - Faodail Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Householder Planning Application - Detached double garage

Recommend approval

25/01428/LUEX - Stone Hall 55 London Road CO16 9RB

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development for siting of caravan for incidental/ancillary residential use.

Recommend approval

25/01344/FUL - 58 - 62 The Street CO16 9LG

Planning Application - Proposed demolition of No. 58-62 and redevelopment of the site for 9 no. market dwellings (net increase of 7).

This site is unsuitable and totally unneeded for this application for additional large multiple properties. The site is accessed by a narrow width road which joins the highway at a dangerous and busy turning point. Residents have already complained to the parish council about vehicles parking and lack of visibility all around the only access junction. The size of the properties (1\*2 bed, 5\*3 bed, 2\*4 bed + 3\*5 bed) raised

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concerns not only for additional traffic flow but also the amount of parking for the households. As a mini estate the only visitors parking would be in the dead end road or within the car park servicing the animal rescue facility.

This site is not with the accepted Local plan and the village has already been overwhelmed by the constructions of new dwellings within the last few years. (Multiple mini estates including Stone Hall, Harwich road, Holland Road, The Street) The Parish has large developments approved yet to be built - 96 homes on the Street, mini estate at Hayes garage etc  
Recommend Refusal

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

#### **Business Group**

The group met and went through a draft precept for 2026-27. That will come before council in January.

#### **Solar Report**

Cllr Amor updated that payments are being received. We have a date for them to attend.

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. 10.45am at the Memorial and 11.10 at St James Church.

#### **11/2025 – 10 | TDALC**

Cllr Botterell sent his apologies.

#### **11/2025– 11 | Committee Reports**

##### **Little Clacton Playing Field Trust**

The Chairman reported that:

- works have taken place in a number of areas on the site
- a plaque has been installed for the Air Cadets

##### **Village Hall**

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- membership to clubs is picking up and successful
- the recent winds affected the roof, this has been rectified
- looking forward to the 29<sup>th</sup> November event for the village

##### **Millennium Green**

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- all looking good / wild flower area needs cutting

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**11/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- sent his apologies

**11/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report**

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- SID
- surface water alleviation scheme planned for opposite the church
- pavement improvements – London Road

**11/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation**

To agree the monthly payments.

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

**11/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.**

**Meeting Closed 20:30pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm, 2025**

**Signed Chairman**