

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
06th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J S Daye, G Duffett, D Hull, C Amor, A Mitchell, J Mitchell, J Taylor, D Steele

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

16 members of the public were in attendance.

10/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

10/2025 – 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.

10/2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 01st September 2025

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

10/2025 – 05 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP raised asked if there was any progress on 21 Harwich Road.

10/2025 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- grant received from Mr Watson
- parking around school

10/2025 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

- we have sought a quote from our landscapers about additional work on the churchyard
- Ellie Challis won another gold at Singapore – Write to Gazette about lack of coverage

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10/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull outlined that crime had increased on the year before for July. Nothing too serious however.

10/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- Christmas lights are in hand
- The Blacksmiths Arms have a Christmas event coming up with stalls etc.
- Thanks to Cllr Mitchell for his efforts from the Council

Footpaths

Cllrs Gray and J Mitchell mentioned that the paths are looking good.
Investigate trees on two paths.

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

25/01380/FUL - Land at Tan Lane CO16 9PS

Planning Application - Retrospective application for vehicular access and field entrance gate.

No documents / drawing / plans / Site location available. Blacked out forms

Recommend Refusal

25/01315/NMA - 25/01312/ROC - Firs Caravan Park 29 - 31 London Road CO16 9RN

Non Material Amendment to 13/01234/FUL - To remove the reference to the approved caravans being occupied for holiday purposes, and in turn, will allow for the Site to be used for residential purposes.

The site currently has 161 caravans, with an unknown amount of persons who would be registered at each one. If these were all allowed residential status our village would be hit by an instant increase in demand on local services. Effects on school places, doctors, dentists etc that already have huge demands upon.

Recommend Refusal

25/01312/ROC - Firs Caravan Park 29 - 31 London Road CO16 9RN

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Removal of Condition 2 (Caravan Occupation) of application 13/01234/FUL to enable the site to be used for residential purposes.

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25/01313/ROC - Firs Caravan Park 29 - 31 London Road CO16 9RN

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Removal of condition 2 (Caravan Occupation) of application 14/01852/FUL to enable the site to be used for residential purposes.

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Recommend Refusal

25/01276/FULHH - Green Finches Betts Green Road CO16 9NH

Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension to form new lounge and garage

Recommend approval

25/00860/LUPROP - 56 Elm Road CO16 9LR

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Use or Development for caravan in the rear garden to be used as an extension to home.

Recommend approval

25/01061/FULHH – 21 Harwich Road, CO16 9ND

Application for additional development works – retrospective

This application, along with 25/01141/FULHH, has been removed from the planning portal. Our comments have already been submitted

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

Business Group

The group will be asked to go through next year's precept for December approval. Please can the group meet at 6pm before the next meeting.

Solar Report

Cllr Amor updated that payments are being received. We still have to iron out the smart meter in the hall as there has been an industry recall on the meter we have.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November. There will be a service and a gathering at the war memorial.

10/2025 – 10 | TDALC

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Cllr Botterell reported that the meeting was an update on LGR and the Local Highways Panel.

10/2025– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that:

- a request for use of the field to install paddle
- the disabled access gate is in the process of being planned and installed

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- high winds affected the hall – currently have the car park closed
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Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- it is looking good

10/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- full TDC council meeting closed
- we should know about LGR more officially in the new year

10/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- further pavement works in London Road in the pipeline

10/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Botterell, Seconded Cllr Steele – all in favour.

10/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.

Meeting Closed 20:30pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm, 2025

Signed Chairman