

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
01st September 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

17 members of the public were in attendance.

09/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

09/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Cllrs JS Daye, Hull.

09/2025 – 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.

There were none.

09/2025 – 04 | Public Forum

Members spoke on the following:

MOP mentioned that letters had been received from the District Council in relation to ongoing matters in Harwich Road. Cllr Bray noted that addresses are not revealed when comments are made to the council.

MOP asked if a bin could be put by the trim trail.

MOP asked about the union jack flags which had been erected in the village

MOP thanked the Parish Council and its members who supported the event which took place to commemorate the end of WW2.

09/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 04th August 2025

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

09/2025 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- new emails system up and running and support is available to all councillors if needed.
- donation from local charity for a capital project

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- clerk noted that the Parish Council is able to donate to church ongoing costs

09/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- TDC issued a response in relation to communications from the council about development on Harwich Road.

09/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull sent her apologies but sent the stats which were outlined by the Chairman.

09/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported:

- Christmas lights are all in hand

Footpaths

Cllrs Gray and J Mitchell mentioned that the paths are looking good.

Clerk instructed to ask our contractor to remove the overhang on the bridge area/other areas on St. Osyth Road East.

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. Planning Group recommendations on the applications listed below.

25/01189/WTPO - 8 Leys Drive CO16 9RE

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (95/00019/TPO) 1 No. (T1) Ash - Reduce crown by 2-3 metres back to suitable growth points to relieve weight from previous pollard points.

Recommend Approval

Ref. No: 25/01118/PIP - Land to The rear of The Street CO16 9LD

Permission in Principle - Up to 7 residential dwellings.

Recommend Approval

25/01141/FULHH - 21 Harwich Road CO16 9ND

Householder Planning Application - New gym to rear of property. (Retrospective)

This site has worked without planning permission, therefore following no method statement, traffic conditions, work hours, unauthorised use of verge land for storage, skips and toilet.

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Although the description used with the application and method statement mention New Gym, the application does contain paperwork/drawings for the increase of building work to increase with a Dining room, Bathroom, Office Room, Games Room, Cinema Room and WC. The scale of the development is huge and is outside of the % of permitted development. It is completely out of keeping with the surrounding properties. The loss of amenity space that would be left within the garden is unacceptable making the whole area cramped.

The quantity of development along the boundary line creates an unacceptable situation. The noise and disturbance to the surrounding properties will be amplified by the lack of divide. The discharged water from the side of the extension would cause flooding of the neighbour's garden. The additional roof area increases the excess water run off, although the plans show a sump pump we are concerned by the effect to the natural water movements, when you also take into account the new ground level swimming pool.

We would ask for strong consideration to be given to all physical supporting features, ie foundations, boardings, cement pouring and the effect this has on all surrounding residents and their properties.

Recommend Refusal

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

Business Group

No update

Solar Report

Cllr Amor update that British Gas had paid and we have another appointment for the meter.

ATC Lease

We shall go with the recommendations

09/2025 – 10 | TDALC

An emergency meeting has been called to discuss Local Government Reform.

09/2025– 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that:

- a new directive for football teams to not play after 3pm has been instigated
- Parish Fields have debt collectors chasing a water bill which we do not believe is ours for the pavilion

Village Hall

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Cllr P Balbirnie (MBE) noted:

- volunteers worked so hard for the WW2 commemoration event
- bookings going well
- always looking for people to help at the village hall

Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- all ok

09/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following points:

- local plan meeting coming up – where are the sites put forward for Little Clacton
- Local Government Reform – its happening, its complicated and we await the next move.

09/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- Report given

09/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

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

09/2025 – 15 | Items for future consideration.

Meeting Closed 20:40pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm, 2025

Signed Chairman