

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER  
ON MONDAY,  
07th APRIL 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

**Councillors:** M Balbirnie, P Balbirnie, L Gray, C Amor, J Taylor, JS Daye, J Jeffries, A Mitchell

**District Councillor:** J Bray

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

**04/2025 – 01 | Welcome**

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**04/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Botterell, Steele, Duffett.

**04/2025 – 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 having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members.

Cllrs Mitchell and Jeffries noted pecuniary interest in relation to a planning item on the agenda.

**04/2025 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public**

MOP reported that the parking situation around the school is causing issues to local people.

**ACTION: letter to the school and NEPP**

MOP asked about the parking in The Street – could there be bays installed outside the church and shops. St Georges Day activities are taking place in the Blacksmiths Arms 26<sup>th</sup> April. Morris Dancing and a party.

MOP asked about submissions for the local magazine – there was no Little Clacton entry.

**04/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

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

**04/2025 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence**

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

- accounts have been inspected by an accountant – no significant issues
- play inspection has been done

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- new play equipment will be installed forward in coming months

**04/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report**

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

- pollution in the Kempton Park area, TDC has looked into the matter and cannot find the location of the spill
- there was a comment about disabled gate access to the parish fields.

**04/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention**

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence. Crime remains low in the village. Speed watch sessions have taken place, 22 / 26 vehicles were doing over the speed limit.

**04/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports**

**Maintenance and Services**

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

The bollard outside the shop which has been knocked down. Contractor will remove the part sticking up.

Christmas lights - meeting to take place to discuss logistics.

**Footpaths**

Cllr Jeffries/Gray reported that they are passable and fine.

**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 Taylor read out the monthly plans.

**APPLICATIONS**

A discussion took place about the current consultation concerning the TDC revision of the Local Plan. It was decided that the best option would be B and that Little Clacton had already taken its fair share of houses in the past years.

25/00436/WTPO - Thorpe House 149 Harwich Road CO16 9NJ

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (19/00003/TPO) - T1 and T2 Oak, crown lift to both trees including the removal of minor pendulous growth.

Recommend approval

25/00355/FULHH - Hall Cottage 127 St Osyth Road West CO16 9NY

Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension.

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Recommend approval

25/00292/FUL - Plot 4B The Meadows CO16 9SE  
Planning Application - Erection of one self-build bungalow  
Recommend approval

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

**Business Group**

Nothing to report.

**Solar Update**

Cllr Amor gave a brief update on the project.  
British Gas still being chased about the smart meter.

**04/2025 – 10 | TDALC**

No meeting.

**04/2025 – 11 | Committee Reports**

**Little Clacton Playing Field Trust**

Cllr Cutting noted the car park improvements are complete.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May is the start of the car boots, £1 a pitch – best in town!

**Village Hall Trust**

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- thanks to the PC for the grant towards damp issues
- thanks to Mavis, Chris and Dave for all their help

**Millenium Green**

Cllr Taylor noted:

- still some small works including bark and a padlock on the new wild flower meadow

**04/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- Kempton Park pollution issue was looked into
- Local Government Review meeting to take place in coming days (ongoing)

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- Local Plan consultation is live on the TDC website and it's important that people have their say.....

**04/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report**

Cllr Land reported on the following:

- Councillor highways scheme has restarted
- Community locality fund – SID signs
- Tan lane patching
- grant from TDC prosperity fund

**04/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation**

To agree the monthly payments.

**Resolved:** that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, Seconded Cllr Taylor - all in favour.

**Resolved:** to agree a cost of £5000 for the purchase of 2 SID signs and two further speed signs. Proposed Cllr Hull Seconded Cllr Amor – all in favour.

**Resolved:** that a grant of £250 be given to the CAB. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie Seconded Cllr Jeffries – all in favour.

**04/2025 – 15 | Items for future Consideration**

**Meeting Closed 20:20pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm 2025**

**Signed Chairman**