

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER
ON MONDAY,
03rd FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

02/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Botterell and Bray.

02/2025 – 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.

Cllr Cutting declared he would be receiving expenses back from the Ellie Challis event.

02/2025 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP reported Little Clacton Road potholes are bad.

02/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 6th January 2025

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

02/2025 – 06 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence

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

- Traffic lights to be cleared asap

02/2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report

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

- Ellie Challis event was excellent and well received with an excellent buffet provided by the Blacksmiths Arms. Photos to be supplied to gazette and have been placed on Facebook page.

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- Grass cutting has commenced owing to the good weather / there is money left in the budget
- We have been asked to support some signs which include horses, speed etc.

02/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence. Reasonably ok, there are steady reports but nothing too serious.

02/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

Two street lights repaired / discussions about additional Christmas lighting was raised. The idea of having them powered from private supplies would help in getting this moving without the bureaucracy of having to deal with Essex County Council and external power companies. Approach businesses to see if we can start to get some buy in.

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

24/01895/FULHH - Crossways Thorpe Road CO16 9RZ

Householder Planning Application - New access and erection of a triple garage (following approval of 22/02101/FULHH)

Recommend refusal

24/01787/FULHH - Little Oaks, Betts Green Road, CO16 9NH

Householder Planning Application - Alteration to previous approval (application reference 23/00628/FULHH) to allow for minor changes to the extensions.

Recommend approval

25/00087/FULHH – The Paddocks, 52 Weeley Road, CO16 9EN

Householder Planning Application – Extension & alterations to existing annex, replacement detached garage & two flat roof dormers within rear roofplane of dwelling with glass balconies
Recommend refusal – more details required

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

Business Group

Recommendations to be put forward later in the meeting.

Village Projects

As per Chairman's report.

Solar Update

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

02/2025 – 10 | TDALC

No meeting.

02/2025 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The roadway up the side of the field has been installed. Further work will be undertaken on the main car park to fill holes.

Village Hall

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- bookings are coming in steadily
- snooker is being used too, if there are any more local people looking to play then there is a good facility available
- the hall booking system is online now and working well

Millenium Green

Cllr Taylor noted:

- fence is currently being erected around the wild flower meadow
- car park is being used extensively

02/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- sent apologies

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02/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following:

- works have taken place along The Street – new pavement
- roundabouts on Thorpe Road to be resurfaced at the end of February

02/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr D Hull, Seconded Cllr G Duffett - all in favour.

Resolved: that up to four signs be purchased for the village up to £1000 – Proposed Cllr JS Daye Seconded, Cllr Jeffries – all in favour.

02/2025 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Cllr P Balbirnie noted about some signs that were erected in Great Bentley Road to inform drivers of various.

Cllr Cutting noted that there are possibly lights on in the Oakwood centre.

Meeting Closed 20:17pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 3rd at 7.00pm 2025

Signed Chairman