

**LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PLOUGH CORNER  
ON MONDAY,  
02<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairperson:** J Cutting

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

**District Councillor:** Jeff Bray

**Essex County Councillor:** Dan Land

10 members of the public was in attendance.

**06/2025 – 01 | Welcome**

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**06/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. A Mitchell, J Mitchell, D Steele, D Botterell.

**06/2025 – 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.

None were declared.

**06/2025 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public**

Members spoke on the following:

MOP asked about the door on the telephone box and the entry access being stiff.

MOP asked about the maintenance of the Church Yard. The Chairman answered and said that it is not (explicitly) the responsibility of the Parish Council. We have however, gifted time, from our contractors, to cut it from time to time. We will see what we can do.

MOP asked about the oil drum on the entrance to Plough Corner Field, Cllr Duffett said this was due to be removed.

MOP asked about the lights that were positioned on the green, could we have them back?

MOP of the public asked about the pot holes on the entrance to Holland Road (by the church) Cllr Land said he thought this would be picked up in the coming months through his Councillor Scheme.

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

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

**06/2025 – 07 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public**

MOP mentioned about the planning application in Holland Road.

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MOP mentioned the speeding along Clacton, Harwich and Holland Road.

MOP mentioned the litter outside the Premiere has increased again.

#### **06/2025 – 08 | Clerk's Report / Correspondence**

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

- VAT Return
- play equipment update
- chairs purchased for the hall

#### **06/2025 – 09 | Chairman's Report**

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

- entrance to the field - access quote. A quote was received for approx. £1500. Proposed Cllr Hull, Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.
- chair approached residents about the possibility of using power for Christmas lights on Galloway Drive. This was welcomed and we look to move this proposal forward. Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr JS Daye - all in favour.
- the proposed new play equipment on Plough Corner fields will NOT cost the village anything. This is section 106 money from local developments via TDC.
- quotes to be sought for painting and upgrading the signs, lines and shelters.
- Bentley Landscapes have been contacted about the entry area to the village, the tubs and Christmas Tree.
- New speed signs in Harwich Road - a FOI has come in on these but if they have to come down the contractor will take them down. We look to apply for a SID in this area.
- Email from TDC about listing heritage sites, proposed that we included Millenium Green and Plough Fields.

#### **06/2025 – 10 | Crime and Prevention**

Cllr Hull outlined that crime is has increased slightly in the past period. This can always be down to a number of circumstances.

#### **06/2025 – 11 | Working Party / Committee Reports**

##### **Maintenance and Services**

Cllr Mitchell sent his apologies.

##### **Footpaths**

Cllr Gray mentioned that the paths are starting grow, Blacksmith Arms is getting bad.

Cllr Land noted that he would find out when the paths are likely to be done in the village.

##### **Streetlights**

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

25/00773/WTPO - 3 Holland Road CO16 9RT

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (95/00021/TPO) - Horse chestnut (T1) - fell due to declining condition

No Comment

25/00716/WTPO - Lynhurst 42 London Road CO16 9RN

Works related to Tree Preservation Order (95/00019/TPO) - Oak, crown reduction by 30% and branches to be cut back to 2 metres from trunk.

No Comment

25/00662/FUL - T&M Vehicles London Road CO16 9RB

Planning Application - Insertion of commercial door to north elevation

Recommend approval

25/00722/FUL - Land adjacent to Greenlawns Mobile Homes Greenlawn

Planning Application - self build dwelling

Recommend approval

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

#### Business Group

No report.

#### Solar Report

Good, we have had money coming in for the two systems. Thanks to Cllr Amor.

#### 06/2025 – 12 | TDALC

No report.

#### 06/2025– 13 | Committee Reports

##### Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

The Chairman reported that:

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- Cllr JS Daye reported on the situation of the trust. The legal docs have finally been completed and the accounts represent a surplus of just under £1500. That meant the trust could make a decision of paying some rent to the PC. Events on the field are doing exceptionally well with other smaller events, keeping things ticking along
- car show this weekend 7<sup>th</sup> June
- St. Helena Hospice charity event on June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Village Hall

Cllr MBE P Balbirnie noted:

- steady bookings continue
- chairs have been purchased for future events
- the area has all the facilities and is really sought after
- price for painting to be sought – especially the external seats

#### Millennium Green

Cllr J Taylor/Cllr Amor noted:

- looking good, the odd bit of anti-social behaviour but in the main the area is used to its potential.

#### 06/2025 – 14 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray noted the consultation on heritage sites and said it's important to submit sites, regardless of their size. LGR continues to progress in the background and a decision should be made on the number of councils by the Autumn. Local Plan continues through the process too. The A120 corridor is talked about. Waste contract in up for renewal in Jan 2026. They aim to keep two weekly collections in the contract.

#### 06/2025 - 15 | Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following points:

- LGR
- SID funding

#### 06/2025 – 17 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr P Balbirnie, Seconded Cllr M Balbirnie – all in favour.

**Resolved:** to vire 4K of money to pay for various events in the future, Christmas etc.

Proposed Cllr JS DAYE Seconded Cllr Taylor - all in favour.

#### 06/2025 – 18 | Items for future consideration.

Painting the shelters, lines, signs.

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**The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, 2025**

**Signed Chairman**