

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

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

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Dan Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

03/2025 – 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

03/2025 – 02 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Botterell, Bray, Mitchell, Hull, Steele.

03/2025 – 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 M and P Balbirnie declared an interest on a motion. They are on the committee at the village hall asking for a grant.

03/2025 – 04 | Public Forum – Questions from Members of the Public

MOP reported that the pavement on the bend of Plough Corner has caused some accidents for a walker.

03/2025 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 3rd February 2025

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

03/2025 – 06 | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence

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

- nothing to report

03/2025 – 07 | Chairman’s Report

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

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- TDC have attended a meeting with the PC about future housing numbers for a new/updated local plan

03/2025 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull gave an update from data/local intelligence.

03/2025 – 09 | Working Party / Committee Reports

Maintenance and Services

Cllr Mitchell reported on the following:

Lights around the village are being repaired as and when necessary.

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

25/00163/FUL - Plot 4A The Meadows Betts Green Road

Planning Application - Erection of one self-build bungalow

Recommend Approval

25/00076/VOC - 54 The Street CO16 9LF

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of application 23/00999/FUL to allow an updated front elevation drawing showing the new front door amendments.

25/00038/FULHH - 21 Holland Road CO16 9RT

Householder Planning Application - convert existing detached double garage into one bedroom annex with kitchen & bathroom facilities to support independent living of elderly parent. Parking and driveway access to remain as existing.

Recommend approval

25/0229/FULHH - 1 London Road CO16 9RW

Householder Planning Application - Proposed car-port.

Recommend approval

25/00185/OUT - Land adjacent Batemans Lane Weeley Road CO16 9EN

Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - 11 self build / custom build dwellings.

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Recommend approval

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

03/2025 – 10 | TDALC

No meeting.

03/2025 – 11 | Committee Reports

Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr JS Daye gave an update on the new access road that has been installed and thanked the PC for the work. He went on to say that Parish Fields would like to offer a discretionary rent payment of £2000 to the Parish Fields. Cllr Cutting went on to explain that the Parish Council would willingly accept this offer. The field has a busy schedule of events throughout the coming months, including car and dog show and a charity event for the Hospice in June.

Village Hall Trust

Cllr P Balbirnie noted:

- works have been taking place, the snooker room was fortunately not shut for this time
- thanks to Dave Birch for his help with repairs in the hall
- play area is due an inspection in the coming months

Millenium Green

Cllr Taylor noted:

- fence is now around the meadow, signs are ready to be erected. No real issues.

03/2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported on the following:

- sent apologies

03/2025 - 13 | Essex County Councillor Report

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Cllr Land reported on the following:

- continued highway improvements around the village, more recently the Thorpe Road roundabout and Tan Lane.

03/2025 – 14 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

To agree the monthly payments.

Resolved: that the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr JS Daye, Seconded Cllr Amor - all in favour.

Resolved: to agree a cost of £140 for a play inspection at MUGA. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

Resolved: that a grant of £1000 be given to the Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Jeffries Seconded Cllr Duffett – all in favour.

03/2025 – 15 | Items for future Consideration

Chairman noted about SID signs to promote speed reduction in the village and will put forward a motion to purchase a couple at next meeting.

Meeting Closed 20:33pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday April 7th at 7.00pm 2025

Signed Chairman