

Little Totham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 2nd June 2026

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 2nd June in the Evangelical Hall, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: N. Lawrence

Councillors: A. Birkin, T. Gritton (from 7.45pm), V. Hare, J. Hughes and J. King

Parishioners: 4

In attendance: Parish Clerk

26.62 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received after the meeting from Cllr Venton.

26.63 To invite Councillors to declare an interest in matters on the Agenda

Cllr King has an ongoing interest in the common land.

26.64 Minutes 12/05/26

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2026 be approved and confirmed.

26.65 Approval and signing of the 2025/26 AGAR forms

Forms were approved and signed by the chairman and clerk.

26.66 Traffic issues

- a) The clerk, Cllr Birkin and her husband had carried out a speed watch session before the meeting and recorded three speeding vehicles. The clerk will co-ordinate other dates for June with the group.
- b) The tru cam patrols in April had resulted in one capture.
- c) Cllr Lawrence had been in contact with Little Clacton PC who already have the Elan City device and they are satisfied with it. The clerk has sourced other quotes for VAS signs and Elan City is a good price.

RESOLVED Cllr Lawrence will contact Cllr Venton to ask if he has checked the suitability of the device.

26.67 Common land

- a) The risk assessment is still to be drafted. Other organisations holding events on the common will be asked for a copy of their risk assessments in future.

RESOLVED Cllr Hughes offered to undertake the parish council's risk assessment.

- b) Mr Mabbitt will be providing historic information about the common land which will help with holding a ceremony and getting a plaque made to acknowledge the parish council's ownership.

26.68 Planning

- a) **Applications:** None

- b) **Decisions**

26/00245/WTPO (TPO 20/03) T5 Oak Removal of one branch near overhead electricity and telephone cables and in close proximity to No. 7 The Green – REFUSED.

26.69 Invoices presented for payment

M. Gardiner	Clerk’s salary May	£219.00
HMRC	Tax	£54.80
Microsoft	365 subscription	£84.99 (expenses claim to clerk)
LT Evangelical Church	Hire of hall	£20.00

26.70 Correspondence

Maldon and District CVS are looking for sites for their summer holiday outdoor games programme for children aged 3-12. Councillors felt it was too soon to offer the common, having only just taken on the ownership but could be something to consider in the future.

RESOLVED Clerk to ask for more information for future consideration.

26.71 Update from District Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported that Cllr Siddall was not re-elected as Leader this year and Cllr Simon Morgan now has this position. Cllr Hughes is a member of the Performance, Strategy and Audit committee and the Where Quality of Life grant will be on the agenda for their next meeting.

26.72 Public questions

A resident raised concerns about the amount of hemlock growing in the parish. The clerk will check it has been reported to ECC and ask for a caution to be included in the newsletter.

A resident asked if any plans for development in Park Wood Lane have been discussed recently but councillors are not aware of anything.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA – 7th July 2026