



## BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Tony Roberts (Chair), Cllr Hannah O'Donnell, Cllr Philip Cosford, Cllr Amanda Whitaker, Cllr Alistair Whitaker

**NOT PRESENT:** none

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr Tim Hoskin, 5 members of the Public, Clerk – Laura Brooks-Payne

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and approve:** Cllr Steven Watson
- 2. To receive declaration of interest and dispensation:** None
- 3. To approve minutes of Parish Council meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025:**

Cllr Roberts noted a typo, Tim, not Bob. Clerk will amend. The Clerk had contacted the PCSO regarding parking on the highway surrounding Bayford Station. The Clerk had received a reply indicating that as vision is quite clear and there are no road markings there is nothing that can be done. Otherwise, Minutes were approved.
- 4. To receive a report from District Cllr Tim Hoskin:**

Cllr Hoskin advised that the new waste bins will be delivered imminently. An information leaflet has been sent to residents.

Local Government reorganisation – Herts will be split as a minimum into 2 sections, a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 has been set for a decision to be made by local councils. It was noted that the PC have not been involved in negotiations. Clerk will contact HAPTC for more information. Cllr Hoskin will ask if local PC's will be involved in the decision making process.

Review of the District plan – public consultation should be out in the Autumn.

Veolia (new waste contractor) are offering grants of £1000 towards environmental endeavours.

## Standing orders suspended for public participation

### 5. Comments from members of the public:

A resident observed that Veolia are now providing 4 new plastic bins for residents and yet are giving grants for environmental improvements. Cllr Hoskin noted that the main reason for the new waste bins is to increase recycling. Cllr Hoskin offered to come and hold a public meeting explaining why the new waste bin initiative has been put in place. This will be arranged.

The same resident asked if there could be Police presence in the village or do a talk on crime prevention due to increased crime recently in the Parish. Clerk will liaise with the local PCSO on the matter.

## Standing orders reinstated from here

### 6. OPEN SPACES

6.1 **To update on the Defibrillator location in Wormley West End:** Cllr Roberts has spoken to the landlord of the pub, both will arrange a meeting to discuss a location for the defib. Cllr O'Donnell will also attend.

6.2 **To update on the purchase of the Village Green:** Cllr Roberts explained that the PC are in a position to exchange draft contracts. The PC solicitor has forwarded all relevant paperwork to the Clerk and Chairman. Cllr Roberts has been through all the documents, including all deeds and statutory land documents. It was unanimously agreed and approved for the Clerk to sign the documents. It was noted however, that the PC is not committed if it transpires that the land has not been registered correctly.

6.3 **To update on ditch clearing:** Cllr Roberts advised that Cllrs have yet to arrange a working party and will now just wait to see what works HCC highways carry out at Cock Lane and on Brickendon Lane opposite Bourne Orchard and review thereafter.

6.4 **To update on signage to help rid of fly tipping:** Cllr Roberts advised that signs have been erected. Within two weeks a large fly tip occurred. It was discussed that cameras at either end of Back Lane may be beneficial, considering there is only one way in and out. Cameras are circa £150 each – the purchase of two cameras was unanimously approved.

6.5 **Update on fencing replacement surrounding the Village Green:** Cllr Roberts reported that the work has not been started but will commence in due course.

6.6 **To update on tree maintenance requirements on the Village Green:** Cllr Roberts is awaiting another quote for the work to be done. The remaining stump from previous tree work will be removed.

6.7

## **6.8 To discuss clearing of trees/pond on the golf club owned land:**

The Clerk had sent information to Jon Wragg (Team Leader - EH Planning). Jon considered in his reply that there was no evidence of a breach of the planning conditions applicable to the two previous new house builds.

## **7. FANSHAWS ROOM COMMITTEE**

**7.1 To receive the latest minutes:** Linda Ashley advised that the next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## **8. LOCAL CRIME**

**8.1 To receive a report on incidents of local crime:** The Clerk had circulated the latest reports for May & June 2025. In the Parish of Brickendon in May reported was one incident of criminal damage – Broxbourne Woods, one theft of motor vehicle and one theft (of farm animals). In June – one incident of criminal damage to fence, two theft of livestock and one threat to destroy property. See addendum for other notes. Also see item 5.

## **9. PLANNING**

**9.1 To receive the latest planning report & discuss applications:** The Clerk had circulated the summary to Cllrs prior to the meeting. These were discussed briefly.

**9.2 To discuss recent applications, any new planning enforcements & progress on any outstanding:** It was noted that the longstanding enforcement case re. a large mobile home on Long Leys had an injunction hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on 13th June in which the appeal was upheld, the occupier now has 6 months to clear the site by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## **10. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**10.1 To discuss and report on any issues arising:** Cllr Amanada Whitaker advised that on White Stubbs Lane from 13-15<sup>th</sup> August, diversions will be in place for roadworks.  
18-20th August - Mangrove Road, closure 7am to 6pm for repairing road surface.  
Brickendon Lane 2-7<sup>th</sup> October – Highways works  
7-13<sup>th</sup> October Cock Lane – Highways works

**10.2 To discuss possible traffic calming measures in Wormley West End:** Cllr Roberts advised that the Clerk has been in contact with Cllr Steven Watson who will be in contact again at the beginning of August, having returned from annual leave.

## **11. ENVIRONMENT**

**11.1 To update on the Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme & "naturalisation"**

**of areas on the village green:** Cllr Roberts reported that he has had a couple of meetings with interested residents.

In summary: no bat boxes are required, (no need in this area), conversations with Herts Zoo re bird boxes are ongoing, the triangle at the back of the green could be sewn with wildflowers, lower level fencing, clearance of brambles around the seat, a bark track through the area. Other proposals considered – to plant bulbs under knee rails along Fanshaw’s Lane, possible new bench for small green on Fanshaws Lane.

Cost for the project will be circa £800.

Cllrs discussed cost and whether rather expensive bird boxes are suitable. It was unanimously agreed and approved to allow £1000 for the project though it was noted that a grant may be available to pay for this. This will be investigated further.

## **12. FINANCE**

**12.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts:** The Clerk had circulated the latest accounts prior to the meeting. These were agreed and unanimously approved and the invoices signed.

**13. To update on making Parishioner Beryl Matthews an Honorary Freeman of the Parish:**  
Deferred to next meeting

**14. Matters for future consideration:** none

**15. Confirmation of the dates of the next meeting, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025:**  
Approved

**16. To close the meeting:** Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 9.04pm

**Laura Brooks-Payne - Parish Clerk**  
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## **ADDENDUM**

### **LOCAL CRIME REPORT NOTES – JUNE**

#### **Other news and updates:**

Thanks to an extensive and diligent investigation led by Sergeant Miller, the suspects involved in last month’s theft from the Sainsburys ATM in Buntingford High Street, were arrested and charged.

Following a recent spate of shoplifting offences in Buntingford stores, the Neighbourhood Policing Team identified and arrested suspects in all the recorded crimes for June. Two of

the offenders were also charged with similar offences carried out in the previous month. The team continue to take proactive action against rural fly tippers, with one such incident making the BBC news. The offender's premises were searched and they were subsequently charged with further offences of possession of Class A and B substances.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9vrerjpexlo>

In a rapid response to a live call of a burglar at an address in Wareside, officers from the team apprehended a suspect. As part of Operation Agrarian, several vehicles were seized for having no insurance.