

# **Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19:00 in Bradwell Village Hall**

**Those present:** Cllr Glenn Lockey (Chair), Cllr Adam Deighton, Cllr Tony Dunn, Cllr Antony Harding, Cllr Craig Evans, Cllr Michael Turner and Theresa Trotzer Wilson (Clerk)

**Also present:** County Councillor Ross Playle (Essex County Council), PC James Draper (Essex Police), Kelly Bleasdale (Essex Dementia Society), and Nigel (Braintree Camera Club)

**Members of the public:** 7

**Apologies:** Simon Attwood (Neighbourhood Watch Vice Chair), District Cllr Nathan Robins, Parish Cllr Lesley Kinder.

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr Lockey welcomed all present and

### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which were shared previously, were taken as read, agreed and signed accordingly.

(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Dunn – Unanimous)

### **3. Reports from Local Clubs and Organisations**

#### **Dementia Society (Kelly Bleasdale)**

Kelly Bleasdale reported on the ongoing support provided to those living with dementia, highlighting the allotment project.

**Project Goals:** Using recent donations, the society is developing a summer house at the allotments to allow service users to grow produce.

**Engagement:** Community members are encouraged to attend groups; volunteers and feedback are always welcome.

**Support:** Information leaflets and guides regarding diagnosis and access are available. Residents can contact Kelly directly for further assistance.

#### **Essex Police (PC James Draper)**

PC Draper provided a briefing on local issues and crime prevention:

**Antisocial Behaviour (ASB):** Reports in the Braintree District are being monitored. Residents are urged to continue reporting incidents, as this data dictates patrol routes.

**Home Security:** Residents should ensure homes look occupied (using timers for lights/radios). Simple deterrents like "Beware of the Dog" signs and keeping outdoor areas clear of potential tools for burglars are recommended.

**Vehicle & Valuables:** Keep jewellery and car keys out of sight. For keyless entry vehicles, use Faraday pouches to prevent signal cloning.

**Domestic Abuse:** This remains the highest demand on the service. PC Draper emphasised that while these cases are complex, reporting is vital to manage rising risks.

**Road Safety (Project Hero):** A sobering report noted approximately 60 fatalities in Essex (6 in Braintree) and nearly 30,000 serious injuries nationwide.

Reporting: Use Crimestoppers for anonymous tips or report directly to Essex Police. For social media reporting, quality of information (Time, Location, Make/Model, VRN) is essential.

Wethersfield: PC Draper clarified that the site does not currently demand more policing resources than a typical secondary school. He noted that some public perceptions are fueled by "political pawns" or false reports proven incorrect by CCTV.

Note: Issues regarding items attached to flagpoles fall under the jurisdiction of Highways and Essex County Council, not the Police.

**Village Hall Management Committee (Michael Turner)**

Usage: The committee's primary goal is increasing hall occupancy. Last year saw 47 diverse events, with Bingo remaining a highlight. Upcoming: A Dog Show event is scheduled soon. The committee remains open to new event suggestions from the community.

**Chairman's Report (Glenn Lockey)**

Cllr Glenn Lockey gave a report on the actions over the last year. The Chairman's Report highlighted a year of significant administrative and structural progress, notably the Clerk achieving her CiLCA qualification and the council gaining the General Power of Competence. Key infrastructure successes included securing a new three-year grass-cutting contract, upgrading village streetlights to LED, and installing new community assets like salt bins and benches. The Council remained active in planning and safety, monitoring the Rectory Meadow development and the Links Solar Farm deed while addressing road safety concerns. Finally, community spirit was bolstered by funding a free Parish Magazine and honouring Tony Dunn with the Freedom of the Parish for his tireless work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Braintree Camera Club (Nigel)**

Nigel gave a report on the Braintree Camera Club and are a customer of the Village Hall. Always looking for new members as small club.

**4. Items from Parishioners**

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:31

Signed by the Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_