

## Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:30pm in Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell.**

**Present:**

Chair: Cllr. Glenn Lockey  
Vice Chair: Cllr. Adam Deighton  
Cllr. Craig Evans  
Cllr. Tony Dunn  
Cllr. Anthony Harding  
Cllr. Michael Turner

**In attendance:**

Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson, Clerk & RFO  
3 members of the public were in attendance.

**25-6/204 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7:30pm and welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Lesley Kinder.

**25-6/205 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members of the Council are subject to the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 (The Revised Code), adopted at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13 May 2024. Appendix B requires Councillors to register and disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Cllr. Harding declared an interest in item 25-6/221ii.

**25-6/206 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No questions asked.

**25-6/207 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No reports and no County or District Councillors present.

**25-6/208 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2026**

Councillors received and considered the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 09 February 2026 and resolved to approve them as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.  
**(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Turner – Unanimous)**

**25-6/209 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received and an update provided on the following:

**Rivenhall Liaison Group**

The next meeting will take place on 12 March 2026 at 11:00am.

**Highways / Public Rights of Way**

Both Public Rights of Way issues previously raised have been reported and are currently listed for action, with works to be raised in due course.

**Great British Spring Clean**

The Great British Spring Clean runs from 13–29 March 2026. However there is no formal parish council arranged litter pick this year.

**Indaver – Response to Public Participation Concerns**

Following concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding the visible plume and tankers using the hydrant near the recycling centre, John Tatton (Indaver) provided a response.

Indaver advised that it is the only Energy from Waste facility in the UK with a plume abatement system, which is cosmetic and does not affect environmental performance. The system is currently not operating optimally and is being adjusted during the first year of operation under an Essex County Council approved management plan. The system operates when temperatures are above 17°C, although visible plumes may still occur while optimisation continues.

Regarding tanker activity, Indaver confirmed further investigation is required. They are currently using Water Direct for short-term water supply from hydrants at Braintree Industrial Estate and Earls Colne depot.

**Unity Trust Bank**

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) deposit protection limit increased from £85,000 to £130,000 per eligible account from 1 December 2025.

**Planning**

Responses to applications ESS/39/23/BTE/NMA20 and ESS/28/25/BTE have been submitted.

**ICO**

The annual ICO payment has been taken.

**National Highways – A120 Closure**

The A120 will be closed between Dunmow South Interchange and Panners Roundabout on 11-15 March, between 8:00pm and 6:00am, for LED lighting upgrades. This has changed from originally the 10-11 March. The A120 westbound between Dunmow West Interchange and Stansted will be resurfaced over two nights 12-13 March between 8pm and 6am.

**Farleigh Hospice – Walk for Life**

The Walk for Life will take place on 10 May 2026, with routes of 12km around Paper Mill Lock or 24km from Heybridge Basin.

**Land South of Coggeshall Road**

Essex County Council Highways confirmed they have responded to the relevant planning applications, which were approved subject to Construction Management Plans (CMPs). These have now been accepted and must be followed during construction, with enforcement by Braintree District Council.

Rectory Meadow will remain a private road and will continue to coexist with Public Footpaths 37 and 51.

Compliance with the CMPs during construction is the responsibility of the developer. Clerk to send letter to Braintree Planning.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**25-6/210 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLORS**

- i. It was **noted** that Cllr Dunn ordered flower seeds worth £38.50 with the remainder of the grant from INDAVER.
- ii. An update on the Neighbourhood Plan for Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council was received. On 12 March the plan will go to Planning Committee at Braintree and then go to consultation for 6 weeks, after which it will go to the examiner.

**25-6/211 PLANNING MATTERS****New Applications:**

- a. **26/00178/VAR – Land Adjacent Hanwick Farm, Hollies Road, Bradwell**  
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 23/01614/FUL granted 01.02.2024 for: Proposed new residential development comprising 7 no. new dwellings with new access from Hollies Road and associated development. Variation would allow:- A change to the design, siting and mix of the proposed development.  
*Comments due by 17 March 2026 – No comments*

**Applications determined:**

None

**For Information:**

- a. **26/00253/DAC – Land South of Coggeshall Road, Bradwell Essex**  
Discharge of condition 4 (Containment Assessment) of 21/01772/OUT  
Pending Consideration
- b. **26/00159/DAC – Land South of Coggeshall Road, Bradwell Essex**  
Discharge of condition 13 (Ecology Survey) of 21/01772/OUT  
Condition Discharged
- c. **26/00091/PLD – The Compasses Inn, Compasses Road, Pattiswick, Bradwell Essex CM77 8BG**  
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development – Replacement of first floor windows  
Application Permitted
- d. **26/00063/DAC – Land South of Coggeshall Road, Bradwell Essex**  
Discharge of conditions 3 (Construction Method Statement), 14 (dust and mud control management scheme) & 17 (construction traffic management plan) of 21/01772/OUT.  
Conditions Discharged
- e. **25/02864/DAC – Land South of Coggeshall Road, Bradwell Essex**  
Discharge of conditions 10 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) of 21/01772/OUT  
Conditions Discharged

**25-6/212 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF) CONSULTATION**

It was **resolved** for the Parish Council to submit a response to the Government's consultation on the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The council agreed to submit the template response.

**ACTION: CLERK****25-6/213 BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN – REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION**

It was noted that Braintree District Council has published its Preferred Options consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as part of the Local Plan Review. Council **resolved** to defer discussion until the next meeting.

**25-6/214 BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – AMENITY HIRE CHARGES FOR 2026-27**

The Amenity Hire Charges for 2026-27 were noted however Council **resolved** to not provide this service for the Parish.

**25-6/215 PLAYING FIELD**

- i. The monthly verbal report for the play equipment was received and no necessary actions reported. Cllr. Evans continues to chase Caloo.
- ii. The invoice from EH Countryside was not yet received however, due to time constraints with the grant application for this, it was **resolved** to approve the invoice from EH Countryside for cleaning equipment to use on the playground as long as it is within the £1000 grant budget from Locality.  
**(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Deighton – Unanimous)**

**ACTION: CLERK****25-6/216 FOOTPATHS**

No updates or concerns relating to footpaths in the parish received.

**25-6/217 VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD**

An update from Cllr Turner was received regarding the replacement of the Notice Board. Progress has been made and a photo received of the work completed so far.

**25-6/218 MICROSOFT 365**

It was **resolved** to move from the current Microsoft 365 Family subscription to Microsoft 365 Business Standard using the quoted price from Whitebarn IT services to assist with the migration and license.  
**(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Deighton – Unanimous)**

**25-6/219 FINANCE**

- i. The financial statements to 28 February 2026 were approved and signed by two councillors.
  - a. Bank Reconciliation to 28 February 2026
  - b. Budget Report

- ii. The following payments/transfers that were made in February were noted:

Payee	Gross	Description
Mrs. T Trotzer Wilson	£742.77	Staff Salary
SSE	£105.49	Streetlight power for Jan 2026
Unity Trust	£6.00	Monthly Service Charge

- iii. The following payments were authorised:

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£704.05	£1.00	£705.05	Staff Wages – Feb 10 to March 9
SSE	£82.64	£4.13	£86.77	Streetlight power for Feb 2026
Tony Dunn	£38.56	-	£38.56	Reimburse Flower Seeds purchased with remainder of grant
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£825.25</b>	<b>£5.13</b>	<b>£830.38</b>	

Two councillors to sign schedule of payments sheet.

**(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Deighton – Unanimous)**

Information Exchange & Agenda Items were brought forward.

*Cllr Harding left the meeting – 20:16*

**25-6/220 INFORMATION EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Noticeboard Working Party

Cllr. Evans gave apologies ahead of the next meeting

**25-6/221 GRASS CUTTING SPECIFICATION – RENEWAL AND PROCUREMENT**

- i. It was **resolved** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972  
**(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Dunn – Unanimous)**
- ii. Councillors carefully considered the tenders received for the Grass Cutting Contract 2026–2029 and **resolved** to award the successful contract to EH Countryside for a 3-year contract.  
**(Proposed by Cllr. Evans – Seconded by Cllr. Dunn – Unanimous)**

**ACTION: CLERK**

**25-6/222 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026** in **Bradwell Village Hall** at **7:30pm**.

**The meeting closed at 20:27**