Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7:30pm in Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell.

Present:

Cllr. Glenn Lockey (Chair)
Cllr. Adam Deighton (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Tony Dunn
Cllr. Antony Harding
Cllr. Michael Turner
Cllr. Craig Evans
Cllr. Lesley Kinder

In attendance:

Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson, Clerk & RFO
Paul Thorogood, Essex County Councillor
0 members of the public were in attendance.

26-7/104 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Cllr. Lockey, declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Councillor, Nathan Robins.

26-7/105 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

26-7/106 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public present.

26-7/107 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

i. A report from County Councillor Paul Thorogood was received. The key points noted were:

Braintree District Council Local Plan (Regulation 19 Consultation): The public consultation is open until 5:00 PM on Friday, 6 November. Submissions must demonstrate whether the plan is legally compliant and 'sound' or 'unsound'. Specific concerns were highlighted regarding the cancellation of the A12 and A120 dual carriageway schemes, proposed housing additions at Galley's Corner, the removal of Marks Farm Roundabout from the A120 creating potential traffic bottlenecks, and potential delivery doubts surrounding 2,500 proposed houses in Halstead.

Indaver Incinerator (Rivenhall):

- Water supply and pressure concerns in Feering and Kelvedon were raised ahead of the upcoming Liaison Committee meeting due to difficulties engaging with Anglian Water.
- On 25 September, trading conditions and geographical restrictions were removed in line with national policy, allowing waste to be sourced nationally.
- Approval was granted for a carbon capture system, though concerns remain regarding its net lifecycle carbon offset.
- Councillors expressed concern over the lack of accessibility to the Indaver Community Benefit Deed.

Highways & Traffic Matters: Speed survey requests have been submitted to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for The Street, with Stisted Parish Council monitoring progress. A speed survey request for Bradwell has also been submitted to Essex County Council, with a response expected within 10 working days.

Planning & Minerals:

- The Essex Replacement Minerals Local Plan is expected to be announced this autumn.
- Essex County Council has withdrawn its objections to housing development at Monks Farm, allowing it to proceed ahead of quarrying.
- Additional sites were added to the Local Plan process without initial consultation; the Regulation 19 stage provides the only opportunity for residents to comment on these sites and their significant infrastructure impacts.

ii. No District Councillors were present.

26-7/108 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

Councillors received and considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 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)

26-7/109 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk provided a report on the following:

Reported incident – An incident was reported regarding suspected drug-related handovers on e-bikes near Efesus Kitchen and Cuthedge Lane. This was reported to the police.

Highways – A member of the public emailed in complaining about the signage along the A120 regarding streetlighting. The resident was informed that this is to do with National Highways and not the Parish Council but that the concern was forwarded on to the appropriate authority.
Doghouse Road, Pattiswick, Bradwell will be closed from the 9th October and is in force up to 21 days, although estimated to be completed by 15th October. This closure is due to a burst water main.

Local Plan – Consultation is live until 5pm on 6th November 2026.

EALC HR Conference – Attended on behalf of the council to keep up to date on the latest HR regulations and changes.

Tree Grant Application – Community Tree & Bulb Planting Grant
Members noted that an application to the Braintree District Council Tree Planting Grant Fund could not proceed due to missing details and the condition requiring a minimum 10% allocation towards bulbs (requiring a total project expenditure of £1,000+ to claim £100 for bulbs). It was agreed that the Clerk withdraw the current application and instead apply directly to the Ward Councillors' community grant funds specifically for the native bulb project.

ACTION: CLERK

26-7/110 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report

26-7/111 PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications were received between the date of the agenda and meeting.

New Applications:

i. **26/02225/LBC – Silver Birches, Links Road, Perry Green, Bradwell, CM77 8ES**
Removal and reinstatement of external render.
Councillors agreed to support the application with preference for quick resolution.
(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Evans – Unanimous)

Applications determined:
None

For Information:
None

26-7/112 SOLAR FARM EXTENSION

A verbal report was received regarding the recent meeting with EDF Power Solutions. Members discussed concerns highlighted by existing solar farm developments, including equipment, noise, construction traffic, screening, and community benefit arrangements. It was agreed that the Council would press for a direct, dedicated community benefit allocation to the Parish Council as discussions progress.

26-7/113 HIGHWAYS & SAFETY CONCERNS: THE STREET

i. **Speed Traffic Survey (The Street):** Quotations for an Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) speed survey on The Street were received and considered to support discussions regarding a potential 20mph speed limit proposal. It was noted that County Councillor Paul Thorogood is currently requesting that Essex County Council (ECC) fund and supply the survey directly, and members agreed to await the outcome of this request.

ii. **20MPH Safer Streets Initiative:** An update was received from Cllr Harding. It was reported that County Councillor Paul Thorogood continues to advocate for the scheme at ECC level.

iii. **A120 Junction Signage Obstruction:** An update was received from Cllr Harding regarding ongoing discussions with National Highways concerning obstructing signage near the garage. Members were informed that National Highways has confirmed a team will be dispatched to either remove or relocate the sign.

26-7/114 HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

An update regarding a collapsing brick tomb (the Sage family grave) at Holy Trinity Churchyard was **received**. The Clerk is still waiting to hear an update from the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

26-7/115 TREE WORKS

i. Members considered the quotes **received** for an inspection on the Walnut Tree in the Playing Fields. One quote was received which councillors discussed however, the Council wished to wait until further quotes were received. Clerk to continue to chase.

ACTION: Clerk

ii. An update was received regarding the pollarding/pruning of the fruit trees. It was noted that the council are awaiting a response from EH Countryside regarding work to reduce the height of the trees to eight feet.

26-7/116 PLAYING FIELD

i. **Inspection Report:** The monthly verbal inspection report was received from Cllr Kinder. It was noted that no further actions were required.

ii. **Access Arrangements:** An update was received regarding ongoing correspondence with Ceres Property Agency concerning access to the playing fields. It was noted that no further response had been received..

ACTION: Clerk

iii. **Maintenance:** An update was received regarding weed clearance around the basketball court area. EH Countryside to be asked to clear as part of grass cutting agreement.

iv. **Access Bollards:** Members considered quotations obtained by the Clerk for the replacement of two access bollards. It was agreed to defer purchasing replacement bollards pending confirmation of whether the installation/repairs could be undertaken by EH Countryside.

26-7/117 FOOTPATHS

Footpath 33 has a fully functioning and repaired bridge.

26-7/118 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REVIEW

The clerk confirmed that six Neighbourhood Watch signs were purchased through the Braintree Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group for a total of £110.40, as agreed at the September PC meeting. The Clerk handed these to the councillors who will add them to the appropriate street furniture around the Village.

26-7/119 FINANCE

i. The financial statements to 30 September were **received** and signed for by two councillors.
   a. Bank Reconciliation to 30 September 2026 b. Budget Monitoring Report

ii. The following payments/transfers made in September were **noted**:

Payee	Gross	Description
SSE Energy	£36.68	Street Light Power for August 2026
Mrs. Trotzer Wilson	£811.26	Staff Wages
PKF Little John	£252.00	External Audit fee for 2025/26 year
Unity Trust	£7.00	Service Charge
TOTAL	**£1106.94**	

iii. The following income received since the last meeting was **noted**.

Date	Payer	Gross	Description
24/09/2026	Braintree District Council	£9,210.00	2nd Precept Instalment
30/09/2026	Unity Trust	£112.42	Bank Interest

iv. The following payments were **authorised**:

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
Mrs. Trotzer Wilson	720.94	1.00	721.94	Staff Wages and Expenses
SSE	37.36	1.87	39.23	Streetlight power for September 2026
Braintree Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group	110.40	-	110.40	Six Neighbourhood Watch Street Signs
TOTAL	**£868.70**	**£2.87**	**£871.57**	

(Proposed by Cllr. Lockey – Seconded by Cllr. Deighton – Unanimous)
Two councillors signed the schedule of payments sheet.

26-7/120 INFORMATION EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Members noted the following updates and items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Indaver Community Benefit Deed: To review access to and details of the Indaver Community Benefit Deed.
- District Councillors' Grant (Bulbs): The Clerk to submit a formal request to the District Councillors for grant funding towards native bulbs for the common land. (ACTION: CLERK)
- Common Land Seeding Working Party: Volunteers and councillors to assemble on Saturday, 17 October for a community seeding event on the common land.
- Neighbourhood Plan: It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to Regulation 16 public consultation commencing on 6 November.

26-7/121 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is due to be held on **Monday 9th November 2026** at **7.30pm** in **Bradwell Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 20:18

Signed as a true record 9th November 2026 .....