

Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Otten Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 7.30pm at The Community House,
Gages Road, Belchamp St Paul.

Present: Councillors David McKee (Chairman), Ruth Carter, Dominic Curran, David Middleditch, Holly Chaplin, Tony Money and Hannah Rumsey. 3 members of the public were also present. In attendance: John Douglass (Clerk).

2952 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest Apologies were received from Cllrs Bills, Lock, and Mardon. Apology was also received from Cllr Schwier (ECC). A declaration of interest in item 2969 2 Planning – Solar Farm was received from Cllr Middleditch.

2953 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME (5 minutes) No matters were raised.

2954 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2024 The minutes were unanimously approved.

2955 Matters arising from the September PC meeting (not covered separately on the Agenda) No matters were raised.

2956 Essex County Council matters Emails received from Cllr Schwier (Essex C C) had previously been circulated to Councillors.

2957 Braintree District Council matters No matters were discussed.

2958 Finance – Approval of receipts and payments The receipts and payments report prepared by the RFO showed the following:

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount
04/10/2024	REPAY CUSTOMER (PAYMENT TO PFMC IN ERROR)	330.00	
04/10/2024	TFR from PFMC		330.00
04/10/2024	J C DOUGLASS	381.38	
04/10/2024	IMPRESSIONS (TRACTOR REPS)	350.00	
04/10/2024	NFU MUTUAL DISS	149.92	
04/10/2024	ESSEX ASSOCIATION EALC (CLERKS COURSE)		75.00
01/10/2024	R. H. NANKIVELL	110.00	
30/09/2024	MR FRED EADY (TWICE MISSED PREVIOUSLY)	138.00	
26/09/2024	PAYMENTS BTREE DC		2500.00
26/09/2024	BELCHAMP ST PAUL & 309831 30906568		408.27
26/09/2024	BELCHAMP ST PAUL & 309831 30906568		18.97
23/09/2024	ANGLIAN WATER BUSI 113619258	408.27	
17/09/2024	E.ON NEXT LTD A-E2BE2511-001	18.97	
06/09/2024	TENNIS CLUB	1046.54	
05/09/2024	PAYMENTS BTREE DC		1046.54

Current account balance at 15th October was £5050.48

Deposit account £5,075.58

PFMC account £5, 376.19

32 -Day Notice account £11,332.15

Approval of the 2 reports ended 15 October 2024 was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Middleditch, and unanimously agreed.

2959 Vacant BSP Councillor seat No response had been received to board notices, a website invitation, or an advert in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk was instructed to post an entry in the Belchamp Facebook page.

2960 Strimming/clearing the ditch in front of Savilles at Cole Green, BSP The Chairman will speak to former Cllr Pheby to identify a suitable subcontractor.

2961 PFMC – Review of Terms of Reference - update Cllr Chaplin will speak to the Playing Field Management Committee concerning the creation of a working committee of the Parish Council to deal with the matter.

2962 Local Development Code Working Group – Survey update Delays have been experienced due to councillors' illness.

2963 Speedwatch update Excessive speed of agricultural vehicles in BSP, and of vehicles in general in The Street BO, was noted. The appropriate action would be to notify police, but Cllr Curran pointed out that this would only be effective if specific evidence was provided. There was discussion concerning the designation of Pollards Green Lane as an ECC Quiet Lane. The Clerk was instructed to establish the cost of the proposal.

2964 Defibrillators The Clerk confirmed that routine monthly checks of the 2 machines were being undertaken. A previous training session had been well attended, and a further session for 13 Nov 2024 in the Community House was scheduled.

2965 Flooding in local streets The Clerk will be able to efficiently report incidents to ECC on the basis of Councillors providing a What3Words location plus 2 photos. There were currently 4 incidents under report to ECC: **1) Lantern Cottage BSP:** the site has been added to the ECC ad hoc jetting programme; **2) Drain in Wakes Hall Lane Knowl Green:** reported to ECC on 4 July 2024; **3) The Street BO:** officers have attended and met with Cllr Rumsey: the ditch opposite Barclay House needs regrading and the ECC enforcement team will write to the owner (P Schwier email 26 Sep 2024); **4) Gages Rd Knowl Green:** reported to ECC on 12 Sept 2024.

2966 Replacement of Parish Council computer A vote of thanks to Cllr Carter for providing the new computer at no cost to the PC was proposed by Cllr Rumsey, seconded by Cllr Middleditch, and unanimously agreed.

2967 Repainting BSP bus shelter & Belchamp Otten village sign Bus Shelter: the Chairman noted that repainting of the shelter had been commenced by a parishioner. BO village sign: it was noted the sign is now in need of complete replacement: the Clerk was instructed to assist Cllr Rumsey in identifying possible funding for the work.

2968 Correspondence Details of correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors. Points addressed were: 20s Plenty – making 20 the default speed limit (point 2A); Lottery Heritage Fund (point 8).

2969 Planning – 1 New Applications / Decisions

1 24/01249/HH 4 Cole Green Cottages, BSP – Replacement Front Door – refusal (contradicting 3/9/24 minute 2948 1)

2 24/02147/HH Glebe Cottage, Cole Green, BSP – Fabric repairs and extensive works – application 1/10/24 – comments by 5/11/24 – determination 26/11/24.

3 24/00065/NEWDEV & 23/03005/FUL Lamberts Farm, Gages Rd, BSP – demolition of garage & erection of 6 dwellings – proposal to rename the street Michaels Yard.

- **2 Solar farm proposal Bakers Road BSP – Update** - (Cllr Middleditch left the meeting) – it was noted that the plans have been passed by the BDC planning committee. Accordingly the involvement of the PC in the planning aspect comes to an end. BDC have refused the PC Stage 3 complaint. The role of the PC will now be restricted to assisting Mr Ian Kiddy in bringing a judicial review against the decision.

2970 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME (5 minutes) A parishioner raised further points concerning the designation of Pollards Green Lane as an ECC Quiet Lane.

2971 Any urgent matters and proposals for future agenda items No matters were raised.

2972 The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 7:30pm in The Community House, Gages Road, Belchamp St Paul.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Signed(Chairman)

26 November 2024