

## **BELCHAMP ST PAUL & BELCHAMP OTTEN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Belchamp Otten Annual Assembly**

HELD ON MONDAY 13 April 2026 at 7:30 pm at THE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE,  
FOWES LANE, BELCHAMP OTTEN

Present: Councillors David McKee (Chairman), and Rob Bowden.

In attendance: John Douglass (Parish Clerk), Cllr Peter Schwier (Essex CC).

One member of the public attended.

#### **1. Chairman's opening remarks, introduction of Councillors and apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Money, Cllr Iona Parker (Braintree DC), and Peter Hesketh (Footpath Warden and Emergency Officer).

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Bowden as a new Councillor. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their work over the past year.

#### **2. Consideration of the Minutes of the APA held on 7 April 2025.**

The minutes were reviewed and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Matters arising.**

No matters were tabled.

#### **4. Annual reports:**

Chairman's Report - Cllr David McKee. The Chairman read his report to the meeting. It will be published in full on the website.

Footpath Warden's Report – Peter Hesketh. The Clerk summarised the report. It will be published in full on the website.

Tree Warden - No Tree Warden at this time.

Emergency Officer’s Report – Peter Hesketh. The Clerk read the report. It will be published in full on the website.

**5. Essex County Councillor Report** –Cllr Peter Schwier. Cllr Schwier gave a summary of his report, and highlighted a number of achievements of Essex C C over the year, including the coming reorganisation into unitary councils, and the opening of the new train station at Beaulieu Park. Council elections are scheduled for May 2026. The report will be published in full on the website.

**6. Braintree District Councillor Report** – District Cllr Iona Parker. The Clerk summarised the report, noting that the BDC element of council tax has been held at the previous year’s level. The report will be published in full on the website.

**7. OPEN FORUM** - *When electors have the opportunity to raise questions and to comment on local issues.*

No matters were tabled.

The meeting closed at .....8:00 pm.....

Signed..... (Chairman)

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