



Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held in Broomfield Village Hall on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

24/133	Members attending. Chair: Cllr Bleet, Cllrs Thomson, Faulds, Howell, Scott, Perera-Morris, Bowman and Travis Also present, Clerk, Mark Hembury, and one member of the public. Other absences: Cllr Barnes Resolved. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Odelana, Taylor and Boreham. Proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Blake. All in agreement. A further apology for absence was received from City and County Councillor, Mike Steel.
24/134	Declarations of interests None received.
24/135	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th October 2024. Resolved. The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 9th October 2024 are accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Thomson and seconded by Cllr. Perera-Morris. All in agreement.
24/136	Public Question Time. No questions asked.
24/137	To receive a report from the County Council for items not on agenda. The following written report was given by Cllr. Steel: Election Due to the death of Cllr Ian Grundy (both ECC and CCC), ECC have received a valid requisition for a by-election to be held for the Stock Division. The service of the requisition means that a by-election must be held. This is the case notwithstanding that we are now in the last six months before the ordinary elections. Also, City Council, who have also received a requisition for a City Council by election, it has been determined that, if contested, polling day will be on Thursday 12 December, with the count being held the following day. It is therefore anticipated that the notice of election will be published on Thursday, 7 November. Information about the election can be found here: https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/upcoming-elections/ The pre-election period will commence on Thursday 12th November. ECC Meeting 15th Oct: Conservatives put through 2 motions: 1. One on opposing the removal of winter fuel allowance. 2. One on opposing green belt development and asking for Govt to better fund infrastructure to come with the increased NPPF targets (a 42% increase in Essex). The second motion was mine – so if anyone more info on the numbers, effects, etc – I can supply. Both motions passed. Member Led defects I have had the worst 2 kerb defects in Erick Avenue fixed. These were raised with me some time ago. However, a resident has complained that there are many more. I have added these to the scheme – but I have got quite a lot in the pipeline! Bus shelter raised with me (but not in my division: • Patching Hall Lane

	○ This shelter was removed due to a road traffic collision by Clear Channel. ○ The shelter location is one that comes into our Essex-wide Bus Shelter Contract in Summer 2027; which is when the existing contract that Chelmsford City Council have with the Supplier is due to end. ○ We're working with Chelmsford City Council and Clear Channel to request that they implement a solution as soon as possible. Once we have an update, we will share this with you and others who have enquired about this location. MP And congratulations to our MP, Kemi Badenoch, becoming Leader of the opposition in Parliament. I am working with Kemi's office to make sure that constituency issues still get addressed.
24/138	To receive a report from City Council for items not on the agenda. See report from Cllr. Steel above at 24/137.
24/139	Correspondence None received
24/140	Consultations 1. Address consultation, Chelmsford City Council. This was noted and the Parish Council had no objection. 2. Sir Geoff Hurst School, Beckmead Trust. This was noted – the Parish Council were very much in favour of the development.
24/141	Reports from Councillors on outside bodies Local Highways Panel – Councillor Steel (County and City Councillor) See report under 24/137 Woollards Charity – Councillor Faulds reported that there was the sum of £8059 to spend, with a further £34,026 in the main Jocelyn fund for the next ten years. Recently 13 children were provided with funding for school trips, 5 from the Jocelyn fund and 8 from other funding. A beautician is receiving funding to start operating from the Village Hall. Farleigh Hospice has received a donation of £1000. A lady, the victim of elder abuse, evicted by her family, has been given help to find a new home. Xmas vouchers of £150 are available to families on application. A Community Care Group has been provided with funding. Broomfield Hospital liaison – Councilor Blake. An advert for an Estates Management Director covering three hospitals, is causing some resentment due to the level of salary offered. Cllr Blake would pass details of the travel co-ordinator contact to the Clerk to write a letter with an update on the Council plans. Football Sports Clubs – Events and Fundraising Manager. A written report was submitted by The Events Manager – a new contract has been confirmed with the Football Club for the use of the pitch on Angel Meadow each Sunday in the football season. A list of forthcoming events was shared with the meeting. Elderly Care Homes – Events and Fundraising Manager. There was an expression of gratitude for the help received from the carehome staff who had been working with Donna for the past few weeks. Transport – Councillor Thomson. The last timetable changes didn't take place until 3rd November. The timetable at Skerry Rise has finally been replaced, but the protective case needs to be cleaned as it is covered with sticky tape. Following complaints in the Essex Chronical re First Bus and routes X10/X30, the map has now been changed. A meeting takes place at County Hall on 4th December for parish representatives – a report will be given at the next Council meeting.

	Schools – Councillor Bowman reported that there had been a good attendance at the Remembrance services by pupils from Chelmer Valley High School. Police – Councillor Scott. There have been a number of thefts from cars recently. People are encouraged to ensure that nothing of value is left in their cars. North West Parishes – Councillor Blake reported that notes of a meeting held on 27th September had been circulated to members for their information.
24/142	To note financial reports for October 2024 To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for October 2024 To note cashbook, income and expenditure for October 2024. To note salary payments for October 2024. Resolved: The Council approves the financial records for October 2024 noting the current account reconciliation figure of £33,850.26 Proposed by Cllr. Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr. Blake All in agreement.
24/143	Broomfield Parish Council has a local Speed Watch Group to contribute towards making roads through the village safer for all users. It is proposed that Geoff Garfield be appointed the new co-ordinator of this group. Resolved. Broomfield Parish Council approves of the appointment of Geoff Garfield as the Speed Watch co-ordinator. Proposed by Cllr.Bowman and seconded by Cllr.Howell. All in agreement.
24/144	To consider changing the name of Broomfield Parish Council to Broomfield Village Council. Following a discussion,it was agreed that further consultation was required and the Broomfield Times and the Annual Parish Meeting could be used to seek the views of residents.
24/145	The Environment Committee is scheduled to meet at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. It is proposed that in future the Environment Committee will meet at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, to allow a meeting of the Village Hall Committee to take place immediately beforehand from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Resolved. The Parish Council approves of changing the time of the Environment Committee meeting to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Proposed by Cllr. Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr. Howell. All in agreement.
24/146	The Parish Council is asked to consider a licensing application made by the King's Arms Public House and to agree any representations it wishes to make to the City Council Licensing Department. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would submit representations against the application on the basis of the public nuisance that would be caused due to the severely limited parking available and the noise that would be caused to neighbours who live in the vicinity of the premises particularly Church Green, Glebe Crescent and Main Road.
24/147	The Chairman will provide an update on the proposed Park Project. Cllr. Bleet provided an update on the progress of the project and the various ideas that had been put forward for consideration. A further progress report would follow.
24/148	The Parish Council is asked to consider the following virements to the current budget – Transfer of £590 from 4050/100 (staff training) to 4110/110 (subscriptions) Transfer of £380 from 4050/100 (staff training) to 4120/110 (Professional fees) Resolved. Broomfield Parish Council approves of the two virements as outlined. Proposed by Cllr. Travis and seconded by Cllr.Scott. All in agreement.
24/149	The poor lighting in the vicinity of the Village Hall was discussed at the recent Trustee meeting. The Village Hall Charity has received a quote for the installation of further lighting to resolve this issue and makes a request to the Parish Council for a grant to cover the cost of the work.

	Resolved. Broomfield Parish Council approves of a grant of £2287.60 to the Village Hall Charity for the installation of additional lighting, the spending to be taken from the CIL Earmarked Reserve. Proposed by Cllr.Bowman and seconded by Cllr. Blake. All in agreement.
24/150	Clerk's Update The Clerk provided the following updates: • The sum of £1800 had been received as a CIL contribution from Paglesham House. • Staff would be in receipt of the backdated pay award this month, so the salaries payment figure would be higher than usual. • A response to the planning enquiry on the Barn had been received – the change of use could not be allowed if the provision of storage space for allotment users was not safeguarded. This will be considered before any formal application for a change of use is made.
24/151	To note minutes from the following Committees:
24/151.1	Finance and Personnel Committee – draft minutes from 23 rd October. These were noted.
24/151.2	Environment Committee – draft minutes from 16 th October. These were noted.
24/151.3	Planning Committee – draft minutes from 6 th November. These were not available at the time – to be included at the next meeting.
24/151.4	Communications Committee – No recent meeting
24/151.5	School Lane Working Group – A meeting has taken place with Steve Amann, Highways Engineer. A walk about has been proposed to consider the various transport schemes that might be considered.
24/151.6	Health and Wellbeing Group – no further update.
24/152	Matters for the next meeting The meeting concluded at 9.46 p.m.