



Broomfield Parish Council

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

24/38	Members attending. Chair: Cllr Bleet, Cllrs Thomson, Bowman, Perera-Morris, Scott, Blake, Faulds, Travis, Boreham and Odelana. Also present, Clerk, Mark Hembury. One member of the public was in attendance. Resolved. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barnes, Taylor and Howell. Proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Blake. All in agreement.
24/39	Declarations of interests None received.
24/40	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th April 2024. Resolved. The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 10th April 2024 are accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr Bowman. All in agreement.
24/41	Public Question Time. Three questions were asked by the member of the public present – 1. What can be done about the bus stop near Felstead Field that is out of operation since the water repairs were completed, there is still a sign awaiting collection. The Clerk will investigate and take the necessary action. 2. Are there posters available objecting to the pylons? Cllr Blake explained that the Council believed it was important that they should not tell people how to respond to the consultation, but should do whatever they could to highlight what was involved and allow people to make up their own minds. The Norfolk/Suffolk/Eseex protest group can be contacted and will be able to provide posters. 3. What can be done to tackle the overgrown vegetation along Felstead Field? The Clerk stated that due to the difficulties in contacting the land owner concerned, the village attendant would be asked to attend and cut back the vegetation.
24/42	To receive a report from the County Council for items not on the agenda. The following report was provided by Councillor Steel - National Grid Norwich to Tilbury – Statutory Consultation: I proposed a Motion at the 14th May County Council meeting, to oppose the current NGET proposal - see full text below. The motion was passed. (all groups except Labour supported it, but Labour abstained on the vote). County Council will now produce their comments based on this motion. Chelmsford City Council will be reviewing their response at the Policy Board 11th June. I will be attending as a committee member. I have spoken to both Spatial Planning and Heritage Officer to understand the City Council response. Members of the public can attend and give their views. I arranged for Kemi Badenoch to meet with the representatives of all my Parish Councils (plus a couple more on the route), on the 17th May. For me, it is clear that Govt are driving the timescale and criteria, therefore this is not just about objecting to NG (hence my County Council Motion seeks to lobby Govt as well). From a parochial point of view, the Waltham Gap is likely to be near the point of unacceptability and local comments need to add to the list of problems and try and take it over the edge. Whilst the alternative of AC underground may be very disruptive (120m wide trench), the newer HVDC underground technology

occupies a 30m trench, but the technology is not mature. Lobbying through Govt (and our MP) may buy time for such technology to mature.

Because of the General Election the consultation deadline has been extended to 26th July

ECC Motion - National Grid's Proposed Norwich to Tilbury Project

Moved by Cllr Mike Steel and seconded by Cllr Lesley Wagland

'National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) have launched their third and statutory consultation, running until 18th June, following two non-statutory consultations in 2022 and 2023. ECC commented on the previous 2 consultations with a view that their strong preference was for an off-shore grid thus avoiding the harm to the local economy, environment and the health and wellbeing of their communities caused by 180km of 50m steel latticed pylons.

Following the previous consultations, little has changed in the latest proposal in terms of the route of pylons through Essex (except some minor shifting) and the addition of a new 400 kV East Anglia Connection Node ("EACN") substation, on the Tendring Peninsula.

This Council expresses its deep concern that the proposal by NGET remains unchanged given the opposition and that the latest proposals by NGET:

- Dismisses the Electricity System Operator (ESO) 2024 East Anglia Network Study that considers 9 alternative options and timescales, including off-shore and HVDC underground alternatives. All of these options are Norwich to Tilbury, and did not include an off-shore grid
- Dismisses the Hiorns Smart Energy Networks review published Nov 23, commissioned jointly by Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk County Council and challenged the delivery date of 2030, and suggested that the need for additional transmission capacity would be closer to 2035. Therefore, it would allow consideration of more acceptable options. All three county councils expressed their concerns that the currently proposed option will harm the local economy, environment and the health and wellbeing of their communities
- Dismisses the Offshore Coordination Support Scheme (OCSS) and reduces the consideration to just Norwich to Tilbury power transport, assuming that the power from the wind farms is already transported to Norwich, when the reality is that it isn't, but such contracts may be in place.

This Council therefore calls upon:

- NGET to reconsider their proposal of an exclusive Overhead Line (OHL) solution for Essex as presented in the statutory consultation, on the basis of the devastating effect of 50m of steel lattice pylons on residents, businesses, communities and the local environment, and that they further consider the alternative options from the ESO study and the case for delay from the Hiorns report.
- ESO and Govt widen the ESO Options report and not restrict the starting point for all options as Norwich, which has the pre-emptive effect of making the OHL solution the most economical, and restricts consideration of a strategic off-shore grid.
- ESO and Govt ensure that the OCSS is brought into consideration along with the extended timetable of the Hiorns report, which would then enable lower

impact solutions for the residents, businesses, communities and local environment of Essex'

Update on member Led Defects

As previously reported, I get to direct the extra defect teams for 6 weeks throughout the year. I entered a number of defects for the first round, and have just completed the second round submission.

I need a photo and a Track-It ref number, if you want me to add to future work .

<https://www.essexhighways.org/track-it>

Carriageway Defects	
Writtle – junction of Lodge Road and St John's Road	Make safe done - new team will 24th June for permanent fix
Writtle outside funeral directors, opposite Rose and Crown	Completed
Writtle St Johns Road	
Writtle - Ongar Road (119) between Longmeads Close and Redwood Drive	Rejected - already going to be done under job no 2363638 on the 24/
Writtle – outside fish and chips shop – drain surround	Completed
Great Waltham Great Waltham Junction Bury Lane/Mashbury Road/Barrack Lane	Completed
Main Road, Broomfield - drain and island	Both completed
Highwood The Street	
Roxwell Vicarage Road and The Street	:Rejected - works are to be completed on 19/04/2024 under job no 2357
Howe Street Mill Cottage, which is next door to Mill House	Completed
Little Waltham On Cranham Road Opposite Domsey Lane turning	Completed
Great Waltham road to Brook Mead	Completed
Pleshey Road The entire length of Pleshey Road, from the junction near Dropshots to Walthambury Farm,	
Pavements	
Broomfield Berwick Avenue in front of drive of 14 Berwick Avenue CM1 4AS	Completed
Great Waltham South Street	Completed
Great Waltham Chelmsford Road – on West side	Completed
Broomfield Erick Avenue, Chelmsford	
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Carriageway Defects	
RDR sunken drains 2905084, 2904755, 2914194, 2896493	
Great Waltham Outside CM3 1DF Great Waltham Existing Ref 2921753	

	Pavements	
	Ford End https://w3w.co/merely.readjust.maternal to https://w3w.co/cabin.turkeys.oasthouse	
	Ford End bloomers.juggled.snips	
	Ford End protest.universes.summer	
	Ford End quits.landmark.giving	
	Ford End leaned.agreement.rips	
	Ford End homelands.placidly.treetop	
	Ford End adventure.spouse.punctual	
	Ford End homing.tech.preheated	
	Ford End abundance.fortified.contrived	
	Ford End marble.rebounder.gadgets, drawn.advice.swimsuits, rates.wades.pixel, blaze.heckler.fish, summaries.shower.message	
	Ford End savings.elevates.pumps, airbase.pelting.dearest	
	Roxwell develops.lawns.factored Existing Ref 2921744	
	Roxwell w3w spent.toddler.vans Existing Ref 2921746	
	Roxwel w3w bandstand.documents.standards Existing Ref 2921749	
	Broomfield lodge.couch.gallons Existing Ref 2921751	
	Broomfield Butlers Close Existing Defect 2836875	
	Signs	
	Ford End school sign	
	Writtle Cycling sign	
	Ford End 40mph sign	
<i>Broomfield and Writtle LHP schemes agreed for funding in 24/25</i>		
• LCHE226001 – School Lane, Broomfield – SCP –addition of wig wags. • LCHE212007 – Chignal Smealey – implementation of gateways and 40mph marking • LCHE212015 – LW – 20mph past school + wig wags		
I have also managed to get a more costly scheme approved by the Chairman’s Panel:		
LCHE1820 70	Doctors Surgery, Lordship Road, Writtle – Bus stops Pair of bus stops, raised kerbs flags/poles	Implementation

	Mill Lane hedgerows I have received complaints about the hedges either side of Mill lane leading up to the football club. And have been asked to request enforcement notices. I understand that the lane is a single track road and as part of the planning consent, the Football Club agreed to provide marshals to safely control the traffic in Mill Lane for large events. I will continue to pursue the enforcement notice. City Council Issues: Nash Drive Play Area I note complaints about the Play Area. It is unusual for a parished area to have a play area that is managed by City Council. Given the complaints I requested an update from City council on the plans for this play area. The response given was: <i>“Whilst City Council will continue to undertake routine maintenance in Nash Drive to ensure the play area is safe for use, when the equipment reaches the end of life, there are no plans to replace the play area and the area will be returned to grass.</i> <i>The nearest main equipped play provision within the Petty Croft area is the new play area provided in the new housing area north of Hospital Approach, less than 40m away. Further equipped play provision is also provided by Broomfield Parish Council who have refurbished their equipped play site at the Parish Hall.</i> <i>By contrast, the Nash Drive Play Area is a small local infant play area and is located mere meters away from local properties and has in the past been the subject to consistent complaints from local residents about anti-social behaviour alleged to be associated with this play area. It is fair to say that this location in Nash Drive is not ideal and there are no plans to replace or refurbish this play area when better alternative provision is available within the area.</i> <i>During a recent site visit to the play area on the 17th of April 2024, the play area at Nash Drive was found to be in a safe and maintained condition. The grass had been mown recently and the hedge surrounding the play area had been cut/maintained during the winter period.</i> <i>Whilst it is appreciated that this may not provide your constituent with the requested replacement of the Nash Drive Play Area, the more local equipped play facilities in Petty Croft do provide an alternative to the Nash Drive play area.</i> I have asked if City council are willing to transfer the area to Broomfield PC but have not yet received a response. Dog Walking: I have had a query from Broomfield Parish Council, about this piece of land in Broomfield – owned by CCC. They have had a request from a resident about having a “dog field” - letting dogs off a lead in a contained area. City Council have made it clear that their open spaces policy does not support a contained area for dog walking!
24/43	To receive a report from City Council for items not on the agenda. See agenda item 24/42
24/44	Correspondence None received.

24/45	Consultations None received.
24/46	To receive reports from Councillors on outside bodies. Local Highways Panel – see agenda item 24/42 Woollards Charity – Cllr Faulds reported that their AGM was held last week. A further meeting would be held next week to confirm new criteria, as they are not clear at present. Broomfield Hospital liaison – Cllr Blake stated that he had spoken to his original contact and had now been provided with the details of the correct person to speak to. A request had been made to establish who should be spoken to regarding the pylons, contact had been made but no response has yet been received. Football Sports Clubs – a report from Donna Hance confirmed that the Football Club had rented additional car parking space on the field for their recent funday – they will be doing the same for the second day which takes place soon. Elderly Care Homes – The manager at the Broomfield Village care home came to visit last week and is now going to volunteer on a Wednesday at coffee morning. Donna and Angie will be visiting the marketing suite on Friday. Transport – Councillor Thomson reported that using the bus app is not always straight forward. Some buses are being cut without notification. There are two C2 routes that are causing confusion. The X10/X30 routes have changed with the Patching Hall Lane and Keene Home timetables incorrect - not all buses travel up to the Hospital. Next timetable changes are due on 28th July. Schools – Councillor Bowman. Has sent a letter to the new head teacher at Chelmer Valley High School, awaiting a response. A meeting has been held re ‘Make space for girls’. Pupils from CVH visited the park, we are waiting for the report. Police – Councillor Scott. No recent meeting – they are held bi-monthly. North West Parishes Group – Councillor Blake reported that the Group had a meeting last week. The discussion regarding pylons will be covered in his report under the Pylons agenda item.
24/47	To note financial reports for May 2024 To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for May 2024 To note cashbook, income and expenditure for May 2024. To note salary payments for May 2024. Resolved. The Council approves the financial records for May 2024 noting the current account reconciliation figure of £37,862.03 Proposed by Cllr Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr Faulds. All in agreement.
24/48	To review the Council’s Internal Control Strategy Document Resolved. The Council approves the published internal control strategy document for 2024/25. Proposed by Cllr. Blake and seconded by Cllr. Travis. All in agreement.
24/49	To review the Council’s Risk Management Document. Resolved. The Council approves the published risk management document. Proposed by Cllr. Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr. Bowman. All in agreement.
24/50	To approve the annual return for publication. a) Resolved. The council approves the Annual Governance Statement for publication. Proposed by Cllr. Faulds and seconded by Cllr. Blake. All in agreement. b) Resolved. The Council approves the Accounting Statement 2023/24 for publication. Proposed by Cllr. Blake and seconded by Cllr. Perera-Morris. All in agreement.
24/51	The Council previously authorised the opening of a Business Savings Account with The Nationwide Building Society. Having submitted an application, the Business Savings

	Account was then withdrawn. An alternative proposal is the opening of a one year savings bond with Redwood Bank. This account is protected by the FSCS scheme. Motion. The Council approves of the opening of an account with Redwood Bank and the deposit of £40,000 in a one-year bond. Following a report from the Clerk, there was agreement to withdraw the motion. The Clerk would undertake further research on alternative deposit accounts that might be suitable.
24/52	To review the Council Safeguarding Policy. It was agreed that this item would be carried over to the next meeting.
24/53	To review the Freedom of Information Policy. It was agreed that this item would be carried over to the next meeting.
24/54	To review the Lone Worker Policy It was agreed that this item would be carried over to the next meeting.
24/55	Chelmsford City Council is undertaking a review of its Local Plan. The Parish Council is asked to consider the response it wishes to make as part of the consultation process. Resolved. The Council broadly welcomes the Local Plan Review Preferred Options; and delegates making a full response to the Planning Committee on the lines set out in the report presented. Proposed by Cllr. Faulds and seconded by Cllr. Bowman. All in agreement.
24/56	National Grid is undertaking a consultation process into its plan for the erection of pylons from Norwich to Tilbury. The Parish Council is asked to consider its response to this consultation process. It was agreed that Cllr. Blake would prepare a response and bring this back to the next meeting.
24/57	To review the Council Infrastructure and Investment Plan. It was agreed that further work would be done on the Plan and it would be brought back to the next meeting.
24/58	To consider a grant request by Broomfield Village Hall Charity for the installation of a disabled ramp access to the rear office doorway. Resolved. The Parish Council approves of a grant of £1860.00 to Broomfield Village Hall Charity for the installation of a disabled access ramp as described, funds to be taken from the CIL earmarked reserve. Proposed by Cllr. Bowman and seconded by Cllr. Scott. All in agreement.
24/59	Clerk's Update. The Clerk reported that the Electric Vehicle charging points were now live and available for use.
24/60	To note minutes from the following Committees:
24/60.1	Finance and Personnel Committee – noted at the April Council meeting.
24/60.2	Environment Committee – draft minutes from 15 th May. These were noted.
24/60.3	Property & Planning Committee – draft minutes from 1st May. These were noted.
24/60.4	Communications Committee – Cllr. Bleet reported that Cllr. Bowman had agreed to be the Chairman of this meeting.
24/60.5	School Lane Working Group – Cllr. Bleet reported that the scheduled meeting last week had to be postponed until next week.

24/61	Matters for the next meeting Review of the Policies and Procedures exercise. The meeting concluded at 9.42 p.m.
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