



Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Broomfield Parish Council Village Environment Committee, held 20 November 2024 at 7.30 pm in Broomfield Village Hall.

E24/130	Members attending Chairman: Cllr Angie Faulds. Councillors: Perera-Morris, Scott, Bleet, Howell and Boreham Other members: Nicola Goulter Deputy Clerk and Donna Hance and a member of the public Apologies: Cllr Taylor Resolved: To record and accept apologies for absence – unanimously agreed
E24/131	Declarations of interests None
E24/132	To approve the previous minutes of the Parish Council Environment Meeting held on the 16 October 2024. Resolved: The environment Committee approves of the minutes of the Environment Committee held on the 20th November 2024.
E24/133	Public Question Time: A member of the public was present and raised the following points. Trees Parsonage Green. The resident suggested that new trees be planted on the green. The resident noticed new leaves on some of the trees that previously had been reported to be dead. Disabled Swing Seat for the children's playground – It was requested that we investigate getting a disabled swing for the children's playground again. The Deputy Clerk updated the members that playquip were coming to quote and could not give any idea of prices without visiting the site. Action: Deputy Clerk to obtain quotes. Felsted Field Hedge - It was reported that the hedge is overgrown again. Cllr Bleet informed the member of the public that the clerk had looked at the hedge and was happy with it. Flint wall Bridgemarsh- The resident reported again the flint wall is in a fragile state and to send a letter to both properties asking again to carry out repair work as quickly as possible. Also report to Highways. Action: Deputy Clerk updated the members-That a letter had previously been sent to the owners. BULBS –the resident asked if any bulbs had been purchased. Cllr Faulds reported that bluebells and wooden anemones had and had been planted in the woods. The resident asked if some could be planted

	by the phone box. Cllrs Scott, Boreham and Donna Hance joined the meeting at 8.25pm
E24/134	Financial Matters. Noted The Budget for the next financial year 2025 was discussed and agreed.
E24/135	Children’s Playground. Playground Inspection Report-Noted Playquip will be conducting a survey on the children’s play area looking at the dips in the ground. Quoting for a disabled swing also looking at the bear bin removal and repairing the ground to fill the mouth of the bin so it can’t be used as bin and to be placed somewhere else in the park location yet to be decided. ACTION: Deputy clerk to liaise with playquip with obtaining a quote.
E24/136	Centenary wood Cllr Faulds reported that bulbs have been planted and we should have a dead hedge erected to protect the new area. JCM will be carrying out the last cut on the trees and will be working on the pond. Donna Hance informed the committee that the grant expires in February and plans to order some signs for the woods.
E24/137	Allotment Site/Association. Donna Hance reported that there were some dead trees at the allotment. There were two potholes, and a quote was required for the repairs. Action: Donna Hance to take photographs and send the images to JCM Also quotes for the potholes to be obtained from Colin Quilter.
E24/138	Environment Enhancement Parsonage Green the dead trees to be removed and obtain new trees from the Chelmsford City Council. Hanging baskets to be re planted.
E24/139	Green Place Management Plan (formally known as Environmental 1–5-year Plan) Donna Hance reported that she is in the process of applying for the green flag.
E24/140	Notice Board/Finger posts The Notice boards and finger posts have been ordered and the delivery date quoted as the end of January 2025. The Angel bus stop notice board to be ordered. Action: Deputy Clerk to order notice board

E24/141	Speed Watch The next session is on 23 November 2024
E24/142	Litter pick – 23 November 10am-12pm Donna Hance to report
E24/143	Parsonage Green Please refer to item agenda E24/121
E24/144	Football Club It was agreed that an updated contract will be to be sent to the Football Club Action: Deputy Clerk to update contract.
E24/145	Correspondence received There were two separate emails regarding the hospital approach bus stop requesting a bin and a lot of rubbish collecting at the bus stop. An email regarding parking on grass verges on Church Green and the same resident was concerned about possible damage to young lime trees. A resident emailed requesting a bench on Parsonage Green Action: Deputy Clerk to respond to all emails. Hospital approach request for rubbish bin: To the residents regarding the request for a bin at hospital approach bus stop. The Deputy Clerk explained that Broomfield Parish Councils village attendant was doing a spot check on a weekly basis to clear some of the rubbish. That we had applied for a bin but the request was refused on the grounds that there are yellow lines and a vehicle could not stop on yellow lines to empty the bin. The Deputy Clerk would email Chelmsford City Council asking for some clarity and Cllr Mike Steele. Request for bench on Parsonage Green: The Deputy Clerk to email the resident to explain that Broomfield Parish Council were not willing to purchase a new bench as the old bench was removed/stolen from the site. The Deputy Clerk will suggest that perhaps the resident could purchase a bench should they wish to. Parking on Church Green A Fence has been erected on Church Green around the young lime trees to protect them from cars parking on the grass verges.
E24/146	Planning application 24/05239/TPO-Church Green – Decision- No comment.
E24/147	Annual Tree Inspection – The Deputy Clerk informed the committee members that the Tree survey was due as it is every two years. Deputy Clerk to contact tree services to arrange a survey
E24/148	Matters for next meeting. All Matters arising from these minutes Bike Shed – Quotes for corrugated sheets to replace the existing plastic.
E24/149	Meeting Closed at 8.55