



Broomfield Parish Council

A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council was held on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Broomfield Village Hall for the transaction of business as set out below.

25/86	Members attending Chair: Cllr Bleet Cllrs: Taylor, Odelana, Perera-Morris, Barnes, Garfield, Scott, Howell & Faulds Motion: To record and accept apologies for absence Resolved: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thomson & Travis Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Faulds . All in agreement.
25/87	Declarations of interests No declarations were received.
25/88	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th July 2025. Motion. The minutes of the Full Council meeting are accepted as a true record. Resolved: The minutes of the meeting were not approved as the minutes were incomplete. These will be taken to the September meeting.
25/89	Public Question Time. The meeting may be temporarily suspended for up to fifteen minutes if members of the public wish to comment on agenda items or items of interest or concern to the parish. No members of public were present.
25/90	To approve a response to the Chelmsford Association of Local Councils (CALC) questionnaire on devolution and local government reorganisation. The history, constitution and devolution were discussed. Broomfield Parish Council have recently joined CALC at an annual membership of £40. The next meeting will be held on 14th August and Cllrs Bleet and Garfield will attend. Discussion took place over parcels of land that are currently held by Chelmsford CC & possibly Essex CC. <i>ACTION: Place this item re possible land purchases (ie Roselawn play area, Nash Drive play area, Berwick Ave areas, Broomfield Place) on the September full Parish Council Meeting to discuss whether the precept should be increased to cover this additional expenditure.</i> The questionnaire was read through thoroughly and questions discussed. A draft was composed and will be circulated to all Councillors who attended the meeting for approval before submission (due 8/8/2025) All in agreement. <i>ACTION: KH to circulate completed Questionnaire & submit by 8/8/2025</i>

25/91	To approve the purchase of a water bowser and fitting of a towbar to the Council van. Motion. Broomfield Parish Council approves of the purchase of a water bowser and the fitting of a towbar to the van at a total cost of £3250.47 net of VAT (Bowser £2408.80, Tow bar £441.67, delivery £400.00) The following virements to be made – 4300/220 (seats/benches) to 4260/210 (New equipment) £1000.00 4305/220 (Bins) to 4260/210 (New equipment) £1100.00 4410/240 (Centenary Wood) to 4260/210 (New equipment) £500.00 4415/240 (Parsonage Green) to 4260/210 (New equipment) £120.00 Resolved: To purchase the water bowser and fit the towbar to the Council van. Proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Howell. All in agreement.
25/92	Matters for the next meeting - Negotiating the managing of green spaces – contact to be made with CCC Parks Department & ECC to request information on which areas they manage & have responsibility for in the Parish There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

CHELMSFORD ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Supporting Parish and Town Councils in the District of Chelmsford

Parish Council Feedback Questionnaire on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Council Name	Broomfield Parish Council
Completed by	Cllr Margaret Bleet
Role (e.g. Clerk/Chair/Councillor)	Chair

Section A: Current Powers

1. Are you satisfied with the current statutory powers available to Parish Councils?
Please find a link to NALC's advice on general powers:

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/local-council-general-powers-england.html>

Yes



2. In what areas do you feel your Parish Council is currently powerless or ignored? (continue on new page if required)

Essex Highways – particularly speed limits & crossing
All ECC services only available to us via ECC Cllr at present – we need direct contact & be involved in decisions re bus services; parking restrictions & the policing of them
Take on responsibility for green spaces and the management of them
Be a statutory consultee on licensing matters
Cycle ways – design & build cycleways
Planning decisions – be party to Section 106 Agreements and negotiations re CIL funding, especially regarding community facilities

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Section B: Powers and duties

3. Which of the following additional powers would your council support CALC campaigning for?

☒ Statutory right to consult on all strategic and operational devolved issues

☒ Formally agreed process for representation as part of unitary authority committees

☒ Where powers are devolved, funding to follow i.e. Budgets and devolved funding

☒ Enhanced/devolved powers to challenge other tiers of authority decisions

☒ Ability to test local solutions for local issues, formal structures to enable involvement and change, for example Freedom to pilot local services (e.g. roads, housing)

☒ Support for creation of new Parish Councils in unparished areas

4. Are there other opportunities that devolution and/or LGR may bring for your Council or the parish sector as a whole? For example: Any additional powers or protections you believe we should pursue/champion for our sector. (Continue on new page if required)

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Section C: Strategy and Representation

5. Mayoral Strategic Authority - Would your council support CALC in representing and lobbying on behalf of Parish Councils, with a view to seeking formal commitments from all Mayoral candidates to an ongoing dialogue with CALC going forward?



Yes

20 mph issue or not voting
Buses

6. Unitary Authorities - Would your council support CALC in representing and lobbying for commitment to developing a formal structure for engagement in developing the Unitary structures?



Yes

No

Depends (please explain)

7. Parish Council Sector - Would your council support a public campaign to promote the role of Parish Sector Councils with a view to increasing awareness?



Yes

No Maybe (resources dependent)

8. CALC will include a key guest speaker slot at every meeting and would welcome your suggestions, The CALC Committee will look for speakers relevant to its priorities and your responses to the survey. In addition, please provide suggestions – topics and names below;

Paul Van Dam – CCC Parks re green spaces management

9. The CALC committee are creating a forward plan for future meetings, if you have any items or topics you would like to see on the agenda. Please provide details below

Request presence of Mayoral candidates
Free buses to Broomfield Hospital (national expert)

10. If there is an issue, topic or area of concern that you would like to see CALC prioritise please provide details below: i.e. Planning, Highways, Policing

Planning
Essex Highways

Buses

11. What do you most want from CALC as a voice for local/Parish Councils across Chelmsford?



Stronger lobbying



Practical toolkits and templates



Campaign support and visibility



Opportunities for collaboration with other Councils



Other...please explain below

Please return responses by 08/08/2025 to:

Email: clerk.chelmsfordalc@gmail.com

