

Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th. February 2026 at 6.30pm in Alphamstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr M. Brewer (Chair), Cllr S. Nicholls, Cllr S. Willis, BDC Cllr D. Holland and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There was 1 member of the public present.

001/2026 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier, Cllr B. Twinn, Cllr S. Pitman

002/2026 Declarations of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda

None declared

003/2026 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11th. December 2025 **All Agreed**

004/2026 Essex County Council report – Cllr P. Schwier. No report was given

005/2026 District Councillor report – Cllr D. Holland

- Proposal for budget have now been through the scrutiny process and will be confirmed at Full Council.
- BDC Council Tax bill remains unchanged.
- £1.8m of the pension pot (due to pension surplus) has been transferred back into daily running costs.
- No increase in green bin charges, with new bin services to go live in June
- More funding pots, consequently, being made available for local organisations and community projects
- BDC has looked at the Local Plan - having an up-to-date plan together with a 5-year housing supply
- 6-week consultation period for local plan under Regulation 18 from mid-February '26
- National Grid has a Community Fund of £4.2m to be allocated along the Bramford-Twinstead reinforcement project's route, with c.£530,000 to be allocated with 5 miles of Butler's Wood substation .

006/2026 Public Forum A total of 15 minutes is allowed for all public participation

A resident spoke about planning application 26/00114. This may cause a problem with Lamarsh village hall having a right of access to the septic tank which is on the applicant land. Visibility of access. Outside village envelope.

007/2026 Replacement of Salt bin

The Clerk will purchase this new salt bin soon after this meeting and have it delivered to Cllr B. Twinn's farm address after 14th. February 2026

008/2026 Friends of Alphamstone Church – update from Cllr S. Nichols. No update was given

009/2026 Alphamstone Village update No report from Alphamstone village hall

010/2026 Lamarsh Village update

Wall in the process of being rebuilt, weather permitting, thanks to a grant from BDC.

Our hall is regularly being used for fitness classes and there is talk of more to come.

Our notice board has been revamped and will soon be sign written

011/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

25/02828/HH - Cocks Foot Goulds Road Alphamstone

Proposed new pitched roof to enable first floor accommodation incorporating rooflights & removal of chimney.

RESOLVED: Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council has no comment on this planning application

26/00114/HH - Woodview Goulds Road Alphamstone

Proposed single storey rear extension, entrance porch, first floor extension above existing detached garage and replacement two storey link extension between detached garage and dwelling.

RESOLVED: Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council has no comment on this planning application

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26/00226/OUT - School Bungalow Henny Road Lamarsh

Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access for the erection of one dwelling.

RESOLVED: Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council objects to this planning application

Planning comment can be found at

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=T9SEHHBFFV400>

012/2026

County Broadband – Update on the Wayleave Agreement sent on 30.12.25

Information received from Tamasin Curtis on the progress of this signed agreement is below

I have chased County to confirm that I am ready to go and just waiting for them to confirm they can move to finalise the deed. Please note that I am away from the office for 3 weeks from next Monday so I have asked the to complete this before I head off. At the meeting this evening this email was received - It looks like they are ready to agree to date the document can you confirm you are happy for me to do this.

013/2026

Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. January 2026

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. January 2026

2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/2026

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/2026

3) To approve the payment of Accounts for January and February 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

Councillors agreed to the March payments being made in March '26 before the year end

014/2026

Items for next agenda

Definitions of planning responses:

015/2026

Date of Next Meetings – 15th. May at Lamarsh VH at 6.30pm which is the Annual Assembly of Parishioners and A&LPC AGM:

3rd. September 2026 at Alphamstone VH at 6.30pm: 11th. December 2026 at Lamarsh VH at 6.30pm

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Closure of the Meeting

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed

Cllr Mark Brewer - Chair

15th. May 2026