

Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th. September 2025 at 7pm in Alphamstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr M. Brewer (Chair), Cllr S. Nichols, Cllr B. Twinn, Cllr S. Willis and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There was no member of the public present.

056/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier, BDC Cllr D. Holland and Cllr S. Pitman

057/2025 Declarations of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda
None Declared

058/2025 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 30th. May 2025 **All Agreed**

059/2025 Essex County Council report – Cllr P. Schwier. No report was given

060/2025 District Councillor report – Cllr D. Holland

Cllr D. Holland's report can be found at <https://e-voice.org.uk/alpc/supporting-documents/2025/>

a) Speed Limits on Road from Middleton Via Henny Street and Lamarsh to Bures Hamlet

BDC Cllr D. Holland has stated that I note that you have the speed limit proposal on your agenda and have to confirm that I see little or no likelihood of this proposal being implemented for reasons I have spoken of in the past. I therefore recommend that this item be dropped for the foreseeable future.

A&LPC Councillors agreed to take this forward.

061/2025 Public Forum A total of 15 minutes is allowed for all public participation

No questions were asked

062/2025 Lay by at Bells Hill – update from Cllr S. Willis

The land has been confirmed as Essex Highways. The litter issue is to be kept under monitoring, with anecdotal evidence, from the person responsible for street cleaning, indicating that there has been less litter in the past few months at this site. The Clerk to inform parishioner, who raised the issue of litter, of this decision

063/2025 Salt bins need to be addressed also. Remove, repair, replace and fill

There are 5 salt bins in the Parish, 2 are owned by Essex Highways (on Bell Hill) – 3 by A&LPC (Daws Hall, Brook Bungalows and Lamarsh Road – Newman's Farmhouse).

Cllr B. Twinn has 1 tonne of bagged salt stored at his property.

The bin at Daws Hall to be replaced, as it is damaged and to notify ECC Highways that the 2 bins on Bell Hill are unusable.

064/2025 Braintree District Council - PSPO Vehicular Nuisance Consultation

Cllr M. Brewer to prepare a response on behalf of the Parish Council

065/2025 Councillors to discuss street naming and rural signage – Cllr S. Willis

This is an Essex County Council issue. Alphamstone Road, between Daws Hall and Moat Lane, has been renamed by Google Maps to Twinstead Road.

This name change is causing residents grief as the postal address for residents is Alphamstone Road

With a number of fingerposts damaged or missing in the Parish, Councillors want to understand if there is an Essex Highways policy to replace broken signs and/or fingerposts? P. Schwier to be informed

066/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

25/01629/AGR - Coppins Farm Lower Green Alphamstone Essex CO8 5HE

Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development- Four livestock drinking ponds.

BDC is informing A&LPC that an application for a Prior Approval under the General Permitted Development Order 1995 (as amended) has been submitted.

Please note that this is for information only and due to the type of application BDC do not seek A&LPC comments - **Prior Approval Required and Given on 15th. August 2025 by BDC**

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067/2025 County Broadband – Update on Agreement - Wayleave across Village Green

No update from solicitor at Nexa Law

Cllr M. Brewer to chase the solicitor to get this issue resolved before the end of the year

068/2025 Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2025

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2025

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 June, July, August and September 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

069/2025 2026-2027 Budget – Councillors to submit proposals for the draft 2026-2027 budget

Councillors were asked to consider any project/s, with costings, for 2026-2027 financial year.

070/2025 Items for next agenda

071/2025 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 11th. December 2025 at 7pm at Lamarsh village hall

072/2025 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8pm.

Signed

MBrewer

Cllr Mark Brewer - Chair

11th. December 2025