

# Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr Mark Brewer

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Dear Councillors

You are hereby requested to attend the forthcoming meeting of Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council at

**Lamarsh Village Hall** on **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2025**  
**at 7pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

*KBMoney* - Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk / RFO to the Council – 31<sup>st</sup>. January 2025

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

001/2025 Apologies for Absence

002/2025 Declarations of Interest

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

003/2025 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>. December 2024

004/2025 Essex County Councillor Report

005/2025 District Councillor Report

a) Waste Review Consultation

006/2025 Public Forum A total of 15 minutes is allowed for all public participation

007/2025 National Grid – Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

008/2025 Lamarsh Village Hall - To receive an update

009/2025 Alphamstone Village Hall - To receive an update

010/2025 Bell Hill Layby and Bench – Cllr S. Willis

011/2025 Planning Application/s

24/02635/HH - Magnolia Barn Goulds Road Alphamstone Essex CO8 5HP

Conversion of part existing cartlodge, including associated alterations, to provide annexe accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling

Documents can be found at

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SOC0Y0BFMY700>

25/00127/HH - Bramleys Pebmarsh Road Alphamstone

Single storey rear extension and replacement porch

Documents can be found at

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SQG3TGBFFXQ00>

25/00033/NMA - Clovelly Henny Road Lamarsh Essex CO8 5EU

Non-Material Amendment to permission 22/02627/HH granted 27 October 2023 for a First floor extension, garage conversion, materials and fenestration changes, with double carport. Amendment would allow a lean-to added within sheltered area with relocated door and new window to side elevation. Balcony removed and glazing moved forward to front elevation. Window reduced in height to rear elevation. New flue to rear elevation. In respect to the above application,

BDC write to inform A&LPC that they have received an application for a Non-Material Amendment to a previously approved application. Details of the application are displayed on the BDC's website. **Please note that this is for information only and due to the type of application we don't seek your comments.**

**012/2025**      **Decisions made by BDC**

**013/2025**      **Finance**

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. January 2025
- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for January & February 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements.

**014/2025**      Failure of March 2020 drainage works to cure flooding in Alphamstone Road, Lamarsh, Lamarsh Road. Alphamstone and bottom of Dark Lane, Lamarsh

**015/2025**      **County Broadband** – Update on Agreement - Wayleave across Village Green

**016/2025**      **Speed Limits on Road from Middleton Via Henny Street and Lamarsh to Bures Hamlet**

**017/2025**      **Items for next agenda**

**018/2025**      **Date of Next Meeting** - To set the date for next meeting



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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. December 2024 at 7pm in Alphamstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brewer (Chair), Cllr Nichols, Cllr Willis, Cllr Twinn, ECC Cllr P. Schwier, BDC Cllr D. Holland and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

**018/2024 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr S. Pittman.

**019/2024 Declarations of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllrs Willis and Twinn declared a NPI in any discussion relating to the pylons.

**020/2024 Approval of Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup>. September 2024. **All Agreed**

**021/2024 Essex County Councillor Report**

National Grid was discussed at ECC Full Council meeting where they agreed that NG should seek an alternative route; objecting in collaboration with Suffolk and Norfolk CCs the proposed route through East Anglia. As an example of the enormity of the Bramford-Twinstead reinforcement, an estimated 2m tonnes of minerals will be needed to be extracted and shipped to meet the National Grid temporary haul roads.

Waste Strategy for Essex has been adopted for the next 20 years

LED street lights 131,000 have been replaced saving an estimated £39m over the next 20 years.

Resurfacing of roads have started with another £21m put into the roads budget to repair potholes. Also, a new reporting procedure has been introduced that will reduce reporting apps to a single site. About 4000 per month of reporting each day. Officers look at these on a daily basis.

Flood grant has been introduced with strong take-up during the year.

The Chair thanked Cllr P. Schwier for helping to get ECC highways out to address the Alphamstone Road problem.

The gullies in Dark Lane will be cleared 4 times a year. The schedule may be increased after initial investigation.

Cllr P. Schwier left the meeting

**022/2024 District Councillor Report**

40mph speed limit. Little collaboration from the 2 Councils of Essex and Suffolk. Bells Hill was closed on the same day. It was untimely and Cllr D. Holland contacted both Councils to complain.

Bridge Street Bures to be closed in January '25 for pot hole repairs / resurfacing. The diverted traffic is expected to come through both villages, despite Suffolk Highways putting diversions up on the Suffolk side of the bridge. Essex CC and Suffolk CC should work together to minimise disruptions.

BDC budget setting is running a little late. Councillors will still receive their locality budget for 2025-2026.

Green bins cost will remain at £55 p.a. for 2025-2026. Changing the bin scheme is being reviewed with a public consultation. The preferred option: black bin going from 2 to 3-week cycle. Additional bins for glass and plastic another one for cardboard and paper. This project means that residents may end up with 5 bins to store.

**023/2024 Braintree DC Local Plan Review** - Sites submitted in Alphamstone and Lamarsh Parish.

A response by the Parish Council was sent to BDC before the deadline of 16<sup>th</sup>. August 2024

BDC are looking at sites with not less than 10 houses.

**024/2024 Public Forum** Opportunity for public participation. No questions were asked.

**025/2024 National Grid – Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

Aerial photography has been happening over both villages. No further update. Cllr D. Holland to ask National Grid for a direct email system so problems and issues can be addressed quickly, for example, to ensure that mud is not carried down the roads where temporary haul roads cross village lanes.

**026/2024 Lamarsh Village Hall** - To receive an update. No update



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## 027/2024 Planning Decisions made by BDC

### 24/02047/HH - Park View, Lamarsh Road, Alphamstone

Two storey side and single storey front extensions. Addition of first floor to outbuilding to provide Additional accommodation. Alterations to fenestration and replacement private packaged treatment plant. **Application Granted**

### 24/02119/FUL - Daws Hall, Henny Road, Lamarsh

Erection of an agricultural barn. **Application Granted**

## 028/2024 Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25

3) To approve the payment of Accounts for July - December 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

Councillors agreed to open a new Community On-line saver account with Saffron Building Society. The signatories will be Cllr M. Brewer, Cllr B. Twinn and The Clerk on the account and once opened, the intention is to transfer the funds from the existing account which pays 0.1% interest (vs. 3.85%)

## 029/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to finalise 2025-2026 budget

Councillors discussed and finalised the 2025-2026 budget.

Cllr M. Brewer proposed a budget of £5,969 for 2025-2026. This makes the Precept demand from BDC £5,301 resulting in a Band D property of £25.91p (increase of £0.68 pa or 2.7%)

Cllr S. Nicols seconded. **All Agreed**

## 030/2024 Failure of March 2020 drainage works to cure flooding in Alphamstone Road, Lamarsh, Lamarsh Road. Alphamstone and bottom of Dark Lane, Lamarsh

As discussed under item 021/2024. Some additional work has been done at Dark Lane, with more to come (removing debris, resurfacing and repairing underground drainage pipe) . More work to be done at Alphamstone Road although yet to be determined.

## 031/2024 County Broadband - Wayleave across Village Green

The Clerk circulated the agreement received from Tamasin Curtis.

Cllr M. Brewer proposed signing and accepting this agreement with the 6 amendments included in the document. Cllr S. Nicols seconded. **All Agreed**

## 032/2024 Speed Limits on Road from Middleton Via Henny Street and Lamarsh to Bures Hamlet

D. Holland sent a letter to ECC requesting an update, the original submission having been made in January 2024 Essex Highways has indicated that there is no further budget available for this year and will need to wait until the next financial year. With the possible devolution from Central Government Highways will be less productive than they are now. The Parish Council agreed that it should still pursue having a 40mph along this route, particularly given the prospect of increased traffic from the Bures bridge closure and from contractors for National Grid.

## 033/2024 Date of Next Meeting - To set the date for next meeting

Councillors agreed the next A&LPC meeting date is 6<sup>th</sup>. February 2025 at 7pm to be held at Lamarsh village hall.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed

6<sup>th</sup>. February 2025

Cllr Mark Brewer - Chairman



	BANK RECONCILIATION			
Financial year ending 31.03.25				
Bank Balance as at	<b>30.04.24</b>	<b>31.05.24</b>	<b>30.06.24</b>	<b>31.07.24</b>
NatWest Bank - Current a/c	£ 2,990.07	£ 1,119.63	£ 1,079.81	£ 2,406.41
NatWest Bank - Reserve a/c	£ 1,746.85	£ 3,249.12	£ 3,252.73	£ 1,755.62
Saffron Building Society a/c	£ 2,517.87	£ 2,517.87	£ 2,517.87	£ 2,517.87
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 7,254.79</b>	<b>£ 6,886.62</b>	<b>£ 6,850.41</b>	<b>£ 6,679.90</b>
Less Unpresented cheques				£ 232.30
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 232.30
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 7,254.79</b>	<b>£ 6,886.62</b>	<b>£ 6,850.41</b>	<b>£ 6,447.60</b>
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21
Plus Receipts	£ 2,548.58	£ 2,550.85	£ 3,172.06	£ 3,225.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,254.79</b>	<b>£ 7,257.06</b>	<b>£ 7,878.27</b>	<b>£ 7,931.56</b>
Less Payments	£ -	£ 370.44	£ 1,027.86	£ 1,483.96
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 7,254.79</b>	<b>£ 6,886.62</b>	<b>£ 6,850.41</b>	<b>£ 6,447.60</b>
Difference	£ -	£ -	-£ 0.00	£ -
Bank Balance as at	<b>31.08.24</b>	<b>30.09.24</b>	<b>31.10.24</b>	<b>30.11.24</b>
NatWest Bank - Current a/c	£ 2,126.41	£ 3,846.11	£ 3,846.11	£ 3,846.11
NatWest Bank - Reserve a/c	£ 1,755.62	£ 1,759.87	£ 1,759.87	£ 1,759.87
Saffron Building Society a/c	£ 2,517.87	£ 2,517.87	£ 2,541.40	£ 2,541.40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 6,399.90</b>	<b>£ 8,123.85</b>	<b>£ 8,147.38</b>	<b>£ 8,147.38</b>
Less Unpresented cheques	£ 1,132.30	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Total of unpresented cheques	£ 1,132.30	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 5,267.60</b>	<b>£ 7,823.85</b>	<b>£ 7,847.38</b>	<b>£ 7,847.38</b>
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21
Plus Receipts	£ 3,225.35	£ 5,775.60	£ 5,799.13	£ 5,799.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,931.56</b>	<b>£ 10,481.81</b>	<b>£ 10,505.34</b>	<b>£ 10,505.34</b>
Less Payments	£ 2,663.96	£ 2,657.96	£ 2,657.96	£ 2,657.96
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 5,267.60</b>	<b>£ 7,823.85</b>	<b>£ 7,847.38</b>	<b>£ 7,847.38</b>
Difference	£ -	-£ 0.00	-£ 0.00	-£ 0.00
Bank Balance as at	<b>31.12.24</b>	<b>31.01.25</b>	<b>28.02.25</b>	<b>31.03.25</b>
NatWest Bank - Current a/c	£ 2,205.70	£ 1,923.56		
NatWest Bank - Reserve a/c	£ 1,765.95	£ 1,765.95		
Saffron Building Society a/c	£ 2,570.07	£ 2,570.07		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 6,541.72</b>	<b>£ 6,259.58</b>		
Less Unpresented cheques	£ 100.00	£ 100.00		
Total of unpresented cheques	£ 100.00	£ 100.00		
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 6,441.72</b>	<b>£ 6,159.58</b>		
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 4,706.21	£ 4,706.21		
Plus Receipts	£ 6,033.88	£ 6,033.88		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 10,740.09</b>	<b>£ 10,740.09</b>		
Less Payments	£ 4,298.37	£ 4,580.51		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 6,441.72</b>	<b>£ 6,159.58</b>		
Difference	-£ 0.00	£ -		





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## Transactions

### Your transactions

Account type: **Business Current**

Account number: **52438554**

Sort code: **602103**

Account name: **ALPHAMSTONE/LAM PC**

Date: **31 Jan 2025**

Showing: 31 Oct 2024 to 30 Jan 2025, All Transactions

Date	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
24 Jan 2025	DPC	KEVIN MONEY , CLERK PAYMENT , VIA ONLINE - PYMT , FP 24/01/25 10 , 31151522726613000N		£247.14	£1,923.56
21 Jan 2025	D/D	ICO , ZA091324		£35.00	£2,170.70
03 Jan 2025	CHQ	000898		£157.57	£2,205.70
16 Dec 2024	CHQ	000897		£1,482.84	£2,363.27

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### Your transactions

Account type: **Business Reserve Account**

Account number: **52648435**

Sort code: **602103**

Account name: **ALPH & LAM PC BR**

Date: **31 Jan 2025**

Showing: 31 Dec 2024 to 30 Jan 2025, All Transactions

Date	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
31 Dec 2024	INT	31DEC GRS 52648435	£2.09		£1,765.95

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A&LPC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT					
		Agreed 2024/25	Total Income / spend to Feb '25	Left in Budget as at Feb '25	Anticiapted left in budget as at 31.03.25
<b>Income</b>	Precept	5092	£ 5,092.00		
	Other Income	0	£ 200.00		
	Bank Interest	5	£ 73.88		
	Street Cleaning Grant	618	£ 617.60		
	VAT Refund	40	£ 50.40		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5755</b>	<b>£ 6,033.88</b>		
<b>Exp.</b>					
	Salary	2835	£ 2,633.88	£ 201.12	-£ 46.02
	Office expenses	220	£ 71.18	£ 148.82	£ 142.82
	Audit Fees	130	£ 130.00	£ -	£ -
	Donations	150	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -
	Street Cleaning	720	£ 720.00	£ -	£ -
	Fees & Subscriptions	200	£ 192.57	£ 7.43	£ 7.43
	Insurance	268	£ 267.62	£ 0.38	£ 0.38
	Alphamstone Village Hall	200	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -
	Lamarsh Village Hall	200	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -
	Alphamstone PCC	200	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -
	Lamarsh PCC	200	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -
	Training	20	£ -	£ 20.00	£ 20.00
	Dedham Vale AONB	100	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -
	Election costs	50	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
	Projects / Repairs	100	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
	VAT	50	£ 50.40	-£ 0.40	-£ 0.40
	Lottery/Defibs	252	£ 252.00	£ -	£ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5895</b>	<b>£ 5,367.65</b>	<b>£ 527.35</b>	<b>£ 274.21</b>



A&LPC FINANCE JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025 PAYMENTS						
Income:						
Expenditure						
Chq No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total	A&LPC Ref. No.
BACS	Jan '25	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 247.14	£ -	£ 247.14	3
DD		ICO - subscription	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00	4
BACS	Feb '25	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 247.14	£ -	£ 247.14	5
BACS		Janet Penfold - Street Cleaning July '24 - March '25	£ 540.00	£ -	£ 540.00	6
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£ 1,069.28</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 1,069.28</b>	
		Denotes already paid				