

Pentlow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th. November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T. Bartlett, D. Wright, M. Stuchfield, I. Bower and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 3 members of the public present.

071/2024 Vice-Chair welcome

1) **To accept the resignation of Rachel Simnett as Parish Council Chair with immediate effect.** Councillors accepted the resignation of Cllr R. Simnett and thanked her for all her hard work as Chair of the Parish Council

072/2024 **Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier and Cllr R. Simnett

073/2024 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr M. Stuchfield and Cllr I Bower declared an interest in item 091/2024

074/2024 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Pentlow Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last PPC meetings held on 29th May and 22nd July 2024
All Agreed

075/2024 **Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier.** No report was given

076/2024 **District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker.** No report was given

077/2024 Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. Can the 2025 Christmas tree be paid around October '25? The Clerk informed the resident that this will be paid early next year. A resident asked about screening at the Solar Farm (This item was included later on the Agenda).

078/2024 BDC Refuse vehicle future date. March and October

Saturday, 29th March 2025 from 10.00am – 12noon has been agreed subject to BDC acceptance

079/2024 **Telephone Box – Repairs** have been completed to the telephone box

080/2024 Pinkuah Arms – No update following an appeal on the refusal from BDC.

There appears that there is no occupancy at the premises. Councillors thanked Cllr R. Simnett for all her hard work in compiling the excellently constructed objection submitted to the planning department

081/2024 **Update on grass cutting in the village.** The grass cutting has been returned to Braintree District Council

082/2024 Speedwatch update – Cllr T. Bartlett

Weekly Speedwatch sessions have taken place during times of more favourable weather conditions. More volunteers are required to assist the current three volunteers but despite including twice in the Parish News no one has come forward

083/2024 Village defibrillator – Cllr I. Bower

A resident has suffered a heart attack and could a defibrillator be placed at the village hall or inside the telephone box. Cllr I. Bower to take this project forward with costings etc.

084/2024 Distribution of Parish News to Pentlow residents – Cllr T. Bartlett

A volunteer is required to deliver 21 copies of the Parish News to the west side of Pentlow. A request was put in the Parish News but again no one has come forward. In the meantime Cllr Bartlett is undertaking the deliveries.

Clerk to contact BDC
 Remove from next agenda

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Cllr I. Bower

Signed

T. Bartlett – Vice-Chair

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085/2024 Planning Application/s

24/02113/COUPA – 5-6 School Barn Cottages School Road Pentlow Essex CO10 7JN
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 1 No. Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).
RESOLVED: No objection to this planning application

24/02207/HH – Highbury School Road Pentlow Essex CO10 7JP
Conversion of conservatory to garden room including alterations to provide a tiled insulated roof, addition of brick piers at junction with existing house and external corners, together with replacement UPVC windows and doors.
RESOLVED: No objection to this planning application

086/2024 Planning Decision/s made by BDC affecting Pentlow

No planning decisions have been made affecting Pentlow

087/2024 Planning Appeals**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Simpsons Farm Belchamp Road Pentlow Essex CO10 7JT
Description of Development: Erection of two-storey side extension & associated internal works
Planning Application Ref: 24/00830/HH & 24/00831/LBC
Appellant's Name: Mr N Johnson Planning Inspectorate Ref: 3350624 & 3350628
Appeal Start Date: 24 September 2024
An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State following Braintree District Council's refusal of the above application/s.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

Site Address: Pinkuah Arms Pinkuah Lane Pentlow Essex CO10 7JW
Description of Development: Change of use from public house to dwellinghouse
Planning Application Ref: 24/00325/FUL
Appellant's Name: Mr Bird Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/24/3352799
Appeal Start Date: 22 October 2024
An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State following Braintree District Council's refusal of the above application/s.

088/2024 Solar Farm update

Planting of the screening is scheduled to take place imminently by the landowner but there was some concern that this may be left. The question was raised concerning potential enforcement action as this was part of planning conditions. A further concern was raised concerning the solar farm becoming operational together with the promised financial contribution to be made. As this was not subject to the s.106 agreement it may be the developer will renege on this promise.

089/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31 October 2024
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31 October 2024
b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
c) Councillors to agree the November 2024 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

090/2024 Budget for 2025-2026

Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget and agreed the expenditure of £7775
Cllr M. Stuchfield proposed the budget figure of £7775 to be the same as 2024-2025 with a Precept figure of £7000 again to be the same as 2024-2025. Cllr I. Bower seconded. **All Agreed.**

091/2024 Village Hall

Cllr T. Bartlett informed the meeting that a Corporate Governance document has been prepared and agreed by the Councillors but is subject to negotiation with the Village Hall Committee (VHC). It was agreed that the governance structure must be agreed and in place by March 2025. Cllr T. Bartlett to lead and co-ordinate.
Cllr M Stuchfield expressed his concern that the renewal of the Lease had been outstanding for more than eight years with the Councillors remaining responsible including the actions of the VHC.

Clerk to ask
BDC I.
Parker

Cllr T.
Bartlett

Signed

T. Bartlett – Vice-Chair

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092/2024 Village Sign – update from Cllr M. Stuchfield

There is nothing further to report regarding the village sign.

Councillors agreed to support the village sign being designed. Essex County sign has disappeared at the Cavendish bridge. A member of the public agreed to report this to ECC Highways.

093/2024 Items for Next Agenda

Defibrillator update – Cllr I. Bower

094/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the village hall. May and October TBC

095/2024 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Vice-Chair then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

19 March 2025

**T. Bartlett
Vice-Chair**