



Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pleshey Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm.

2025/1405 Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Loudfoot.

Councillors: Groves, Gunn and Holland.

2025/1406 Apologies for absence.

Clrs Somerville and Howeson.

2025/1407 Declarations of interest (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/1408 Public participation session for anyone with an interest or concern that they wish to raise with the Parish Council.

There were no members of the public present.

2025/1409 Confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**Resolution: The minutes were confirmed.**

2025/1410 External authorities report.- ECC Cllr Mike Steel.

• **Pylons – National Grid Proposal:**

- Proposal has been accepted for formal examination by the Government Planning Inspectorate.
- Consultation registration closed on **27 Nov 2025**; Cllr Steel, Essex CC, Chelmsford CC, and all relevant parish councils have submitted representations opposing overhead lines.
- Pre-examination expected to take ~3 months; formal Examination phase up to 6 months. Registered parties will be invited to provide further comments.
- Secretary of State then has 3 months to decide following the recommendation report; decisions can be challenged in the High Court.

• **Greater Essex Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation (LGR):**

- Greater Essex Combined County Authority (GECCA) still planned for **May 2026**; however, the Mayoral election is now postponed to **May 2028**.
- GECCA will receive part of its investment funding upfront for 2026–27 and 2027–28.
- LGR continues unchanged: elections to new unitary councils scheduled for **May 2027**, with councils taking control in **April 2028** (when ECC will be abolished).

- Consultation on the four proposed unitary models continues until **11 January 2026**; decision expected around July.
- ECC elections currently expected in **May 2026** unless Government imposes another postponement; ECC Leader is opposed to any delay.

**Finances.**

**Budget - £13,250**

2025/1411 Financial Report:

Unity Trust Bank:

Current: £ 278.17 0% Interest.  
 Savings: £ 18,138.28 2.10% Interest  
 • Reserve £11,187 Golden Jubilee Refurbishment  
 Included in savings account.

**Total £18,416.15**

**Resolution: The Accounts were noted.**

**Budget Update**

	£13,250.00	Spent	Balance	
Staff Costs	£5,700.00	£4,064.00	£1,636.00	
General Administration	£7,550.00	£1,957.00	£5,593.00	
				Potential
	£13,250.00	£6,021.00	£7,229.00	UNDERSPEND

The underspend is already in the accounts.

**Resolution: The Budget was noted.**

2025/1411 Payments for approval at the meeting:

Item	Budget Line	Paymer
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£36.00
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£182.30
Clerk	salary	£187.23
HMRC	Paye	£102.40
Unity Trust Bank - Service Charge	Bank fees	£6.00
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£182.30
HMRC	Paye	£102.40
Clerk Jan salary and expenses	salary	£292.80
Clerk- Flaydale - Toddler Seat	GJPA	£126.40
		£1,217.83

**Resolution:**                    **The Payments were approved.**

2025/1412                    Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation – Vice Chairman.

**Resolution:**                    **The bank reconciliation was noted.**

### **Reports and Updates**

2025/1413                    Clerks Report.

- GJPA Surfaces. – Rubber is the preferred option.
- Funding Options – CIL – Expect feedback in February 2026. £4,000 grant bid.
- Pleshey.org to Fast Host – Not been actioned yet.

2025/1414                    Update on the Risk Matrix.  
No more risks noted.

2025/1415                    Update on GJPA.  
Noted some strimmer damage to posts to be actioned in spring.  
Vinegar and Water to treat Algae on several of the play floors.

2025/1416                    Update on the information board at the Caste viewing point.  
Essex Place Services are extremely slow and a bottle neck for the project.

**Resolution:**                    **Chair to chase up again.**

2025/1417                    Discuss the trees around the Castle.

**Resolution:**                    **Clerk to follow up with agencies.**

2025/1418                    Discuss the Castle, Village Ditch, and vegetation.

**Resolution:**                    **Clerk to follow up with agencies.**

2025/1419                    ICY Weather and Back Lane: How to ensure Back Lane is safe to walk on when it is icy (recognising it is only once every 2 years, and not currently on the ECC salting route, and there is only a partial footpath)?

Conditions for the road service:

- Be one of priority roads PR1 or PR2 - (also referred to as County Routes)
- access routes to hospitals with accident & emergency facilities, fire stations, ambulance stations, and other emergency services.
- bus routes with four or more buses per day in both directions for at least five days of the week.
- sites where there have been four or more personal injury accidents within a three-year period and frost/ice on the road surface was a contributory factor.
- other 'high risk' sites where a full risk analysis has been conducted by ECC. The assessment based on traffic volumes and an allowance will be made if the road or site has a significant hill or bend.
- the Winter Access Rural Network (WARN) – the access route to the main settlement of a parish of fifty or more households not already on the precautionary salting route.

#48 - Temple Grove to Pleshey  
Mon 19 January 2026

Stop name					
West Hanningfield, Temple Grove, O/s	-	09:55	11:55	13:55	15:55
Galleywood, The Eagle, O/s	07:58	09:58	11:58	13:58	15:58
Chelmsford, Wood Street Tesco, Opp	08:04	10:04	12:04	14:04	16:04
Chelmsford City Centre, Retail Market, Stop 2	08:10	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:10
Chelmsford City Centre, Bus Station, Stand 9	08:12	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12
Chelmsford, Town Croft, Opp	08:17	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:17
Woodhall Estate, Rutland Road, Opp	08:22	10:22	12:22	14:22	16:22
Broomfield, The Angel, Opp	08:27	10:27	12:27	14:27	16:27
Broomfield, Hospital, Stand 3	08:30	10:30	12:30	14:30	16:30
Little Waltham, Church Hill, Adj	08:35	10:35	12:35	14:35	-
Great Waltham, Memorial, Opp	08:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	-
Pleshey, Back Lane, E-bound	08:50	10:50	12:50	14:50	-

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Pleshey, Back Lane, E-bound	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	-
Great Waltham, Memorial, Adj	09:07	11:07	13:07	15:07	-
Little Waltham, Church Hill, Adj	09:12	11:12	13:12	15:12	-
Broomfield, Hospital, Stand 2	09:18	11:18	13:18	15:18	16:33
Broomfield, The Angel, O/s	09:22	11:22	13:22	15:22	16:37
Woodhall Estate, Rutland Road, Adj	09:26	11:26	13:26	15:26	16:41
Chelmsford, Town Croft, Adj	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	16:46
Chelmsford City Centre, Chelmsford Railway Station, Stand 11	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	16:51
Chelmsford City Centre, H & M, Stop Dc	09:37	11:37	13:37	15:37	16:54
Chelmsford, Wood Street Tesco, Adj	09:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:01
Galleywood, The Eagle, Opp	09:47	11:47	13:47	15:47	17:07
West Hanningfield, Temple Grove, O/s	09:50	11:50	13:50	15:50	-

**Resolution:** Clerk to write to ECC Steel to highlight that route 48 appears to meet the criteria for Back Lane to be gritted.

2025/1420 SNN Consultation 26/03171/NAMPRO Barn North of Bury Farm – ‘Newbury Barn’.

**Resolution:** No objections.

2025/1421 Items for the next agenda – All.

- 11 03. 2026 Monthly Meeting 8PM.
- 13 05. 2026 AGM & Annual Assembly of the Parish -8PM.
- 10 06. 2026 Monthly Meeting 8PM.
- 09 09 .2026 Monthly Meeting 8PM.
- 11 11.2026 Monthly Meeting 8PM.

Meeting closed 20:27  
Will Adshead-Grant  
Clerk to the council.