



Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th. May 2025 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M. Gibson (Chair), G. Minish (Vice-Chair), J. Cobb, A. Gardner, R. Millett, J. Pollock and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council). There were 4 members of the public present

069/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr M. Lear

070/2025 Election of Chair for the 2025/2026 year

Cllr J. Pollock proposed Cllr R. Millett to act as Chair for 2025-2026 year. Cllr R. Millett seconded. Cllr A. Gardner proposed Cllr M. Gibson to act as Chair for 2025-2026 year. Cllr J. Cobb seconded. A vote was then taken – Cllr R. Millett received 2 votes with 1 abstention and Cllr M. Gibson received 3 votes with 1 abstention. Therefore Cllr M. Gibson was elected as Chair for the 2025-2026 year. **All Agreed.** Cllr M. Gibson then signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office form

071/2025 Election of Vice-Chair for the 2025/2026 year

Cllr R. Millett proposed Cllr G. Minish to act as Chair for 2025-2026 year. Cllr M. Gibson seconded. **All Agreed.** Cllr G. Minish then signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office form

072/2025 Election of Appointments and sub-committee. All Councillors are on all the Sub Committees

073/2025 To re-adopt all Council policies

Cllr M. Gibson proposed to accept the Parish Councils policies including the Safeguarding policy. Cllr G. Minish seconded. **All Agreed**

074/2025 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda
None declared

075/2025 Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd. April 2025 **All Agreed**

076/2025 Chair's report and any update since last meeting. As per the Annual Parish meeting

077/2025 Essex County Councillor Report – ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp

Cllr W. Stamp Annual report can be found at

<https://e-voice.org.uk/stlawrenceparishcouncil/supporting-documents/2025/>

078/2025 District Councillor/s Report – Cllr Linda Haywood No report was given

079/2025 Public Participation Session with Respect to items on the agenda

A total maximum time of 15 minutes is allowed for all public participation sessions
A letter is being send to the Post Office to get the post office up and running in the village

080/2025 Representative Reports

a) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils – Any update since last meeting
The next meeting is at Dengie village hall

b) Greening of the village – Cllr R. Millett any update since last meeting
Not too much to report. I and a very helpful greening team, have mainly been busy watering and we really appreciated a couple of night time downpours, in the past month
The trees, bushes and plants are thriving and fortunately the weeds, in most cases are lifting easily.
We have some flowers, which I have nurtured through the heat, and they will be planted in the boat and flowerbed, before our SLPC meeting

Signed

M. Gibson
M. Gibson – Chair of SLPC

18th. June 2025

c) Skatepark update – Cllrs M. Lear / J. Cobb

No further update. Still awaiting further quotations. The groundwork will take a considerable amount of money. Cllr J. Pollock to undertake the project to find funding to complete this project.

d) Climbing wall – update from Cllr J. Pollock

The climbing wall was installed at the beginning of May and we are awaiting an installation date for the rest of the equipment.

e) Assets in village update – Cllr M. Gibson. No further update**081/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response**

No planning applications have been submitted

082/2025 Planning Decisions made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence

No planning decisions have been made

083/2025 Finance**a. To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2025**

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2025

b. To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026

c. To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish

Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

084/2025 Councillors to list any defective streetlights with location/s in the village

No defective street lights reported

085/2025 Items for Next Agenda**086/2025 Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th. June 2025 at 7pm**

Remainder of 2025 meetings 23.07.25: 24.09.25: 22.10.25: 26.11.25: 17.12.25

087/2025 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business.

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.