



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. June 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs M. Gibson (Chair), G. Minish (Vice-Chair), J. Cobb, A. Gardner, R. Millett and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council). There were 5 members of the public present

**088/2025 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr M. Lear and Cllr J. Pollock

**089/2025 Declaration of Interest**

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

**090/2025 Minutes**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup>. May 2025. **All Agreed**

**091/2025 Chair's report and any update since last meeting**

Main Road north of Seaway was resurfaced on the nights of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Road closure and tow-away signage was put in place well ahead of the event and households received written notification – so no-one should have been unaware of the works. Yes, it was noisy at times as well as dusty but the workmen cleaned up thoroughly. It was bound to be disruptive as access is not good and lorries were having to turn by the Dairy and then reverse along Main Road. The staff on duty did all they could to help but there were times when access by vehicle was not possible (although emergency vehicles would have been walked through). The entrance to Wick Farm Road was given a deeper bed of tarmac to, hopefully, deal with the depredations from the turning buses. We did wonder if we could manage to purloin some of the tow-away zone signs but everything was cleared away as the closures were lifted! The signs could have been useful during peak times! I have been in touch with the Environment Agency regarding the condition of the sea wall at Breezy Point where there is extensive bramble growth as well as incursions of grasses etc on the seaward side.

**092/2025 Essex County Councillor Report – ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp** No report was given  
Cllr W. Stamp requested that this item is removed from future agendas. Parish Councillors refused to have this item removed.

**093/2025 District Councillor/s Report – Cllr Linda Haywood** No report was given.

**094/2025 Public Participation Session with Respect to items on the agenda**

A total maximum time of 15 minutes is allowed for all public participation sessions  
Is the Parish Council going to organise any functions for any bank holidays and VJ Day? Can a boot sale on the recreation ground be organised by local residents? Councillors agreed to the boot sale taking place. Some residents were annoyed about the parking of the tarmac lorries for Main Road to be re-surfaced.

**095/2025 Representative Reports**

**a) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils** – No update since last meeting

**b) Greening of the village** – Cllr R. Millett any update since last meeting

The boat has been refreshed with more plants and there will be more community planting in the beds nearby, in the next couple of weeks.

Sadly, there is still rubbish along the whole of Main Road, I took a stroll on Sunday before confirming this. Both bins in Jubilee are overflowing leaving cans etc in the toddlers play area and more rubbish around the boat.

Everywhere else is growing well and there is an enthusiastic team of community helpers watering and starting to weed around the fruit bushes and trees. Diddydots play a major part and others, of all ages are happily joining in

**c) Skatepark update** – Cllrs M. Lear / J. Cobb Cllr M. Lear has been working with Mayland PC but has no update since last meeting

Signed

*M Gibson*  
M. Gibson – Chair of SLPC

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d) **Climbing wall** – update from Cllr J. Pollock No update was given

e) **Assets in village update** – Cllr M. Gibson Slow progress has been made since the last meeting

**096/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response**

**25/00522/HOUSE** - 15 The Plovers St Lawrence Southminster Essex

Single storey rear extension, side extension and garage conversion with fenestration alterations.

**RESOLVED:** St. Lawrence Parish Council has no objection to this planning application

**097/2025 Planning Decisions made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence**

No planning decisions made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence

**098/2025 Finance**

a. To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2025

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. May 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 June 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements.

Cllr R. Millett proposed to not pay Kim Black's invoice for the litter picking as there is copious amounts of rubbish and overflowing bins in the village. Cllr G. Minish seconded **All Agreed**

**099/2025 Councillors to list any defective streetlights with location/s in the village** None noted

**100/2025 Items for Next Agenda**

Lych gate at Church

**101/2025 Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. July 2025 at 7pm**

Remainder of 2025 meetings 24.09.25: 22.10.25: 26.11.25: 17.12.25

**102/2025 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Councillors to Resolve that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

**103/2025 Closure of the Meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending.