



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

White Colne Village Hall, Bures Road, White Colne, CO6 2QA.

11th September 2024

To: All White Colne Parish Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of **WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held at **White Colne Village Hall** on **Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 1930hrs** for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the public and press have a right and are cordially invited to be present at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to address the Council under item 3 of the Agenda.

Jim Morris, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To **RECEIVE** any disclosure by members of interests in Agenda items.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

To **RECEIVE** questions and statements from members of the public.

4. MINUTES

To **RECEIVE and SIGN** as a correct record the Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024, and the Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 9th August 2024 (Appendix A).

5. MATTERS ARISING

To **RECEIVE and CONSIDER** the list of matters arising and ongoing since previous meetings (Appendix B).

6. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- i. Cllrs George Courtauld & Gabrielle Spray, Braintree District - Colnes Ward.
- ii. Cllr Chris Siddall, Essex County - Halstead Division.

7. PLANNING

To **RECEIVE and CONSIDER** Planning Applications, Appeals or Consultations notified by Braintree District Council, Essex County Council, or any other relevant body, including any received between the date of the Agenda and the meeting.

i. Planning Applications:

- a) None received.

ii. **Planning Decisions:**

a) Ref: 24/00881/FUL (Appendix C)

Location: 1-2 Fox & Pheasant Centre, Colchester Road, White Colne, CO6 2PS.

Proposal: Change of use from Use Class E to mixed Use Class E and Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Salon). Replace windows and doors.

Decision: Granted.

iii. **Planning Appeals:** None received.

iv. Consultation - Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix D).

v. Consultation - Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Braintree Local Plan: Scoping Report (Appendix E).

vi. Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation (Appendix F).

vii. Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD) (Appendix G).

8. HIGHWAYS

i. Correspondence: *Bures Road* (Appendix H).

ii. Public consultation launch: Essex Transport Strategy (Appendix I).

iii. Speed Indicator Device data (to be tabled at meeting).

iv. Bures Road drainage and manhole cover.

9. FINANCE

i. **To APPROVE** the External Auditor's AGAR S3 Report & Certificate, and Notice of Conclusion of Audit (Appendix J).

ii. **To APPROVE** the schedule of payments 22.05.2024-31.08.2024 (to be tabled at meeting).

iii. **To RECEIVE and CONSIDER** suggested items for White Colne Parish Council budget 2025-26.

iv. **To RECEIVE, CONSIDER, and ADOPT** New Model Financial Regulations (see Background Paper).

v. Correspondence: *Marie Curie* (Appendix K).

10. LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Allotments – correspondence regarding crop damage (Appendix L).

ii. Apple Day.

11. COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. White Colne Village Hall net zero project & energy provider update.

ii. Colne Valley Community Energy project.

iii. Grant funding applications and updates.

iv. White Colne Parish Council social media, livestreaming, and community liaison.

12. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

To RECEIVE from members any items for future consideration.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To NOTE the date of the next parish council meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2024.



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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11th September 2024

To: All White Colne Parish Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the Confidential Meeting of **WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held at **White Colne Village Hall** on **Tuesday 17th September 2024** immediately following the full council meeting for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Jim Morris, Clerk to the Council

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

14. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Appendix i).
15. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Appendix ii).
16. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Appendix iii).



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

White Colne Village Hall, Bures Road, White Colne, CO6 2QA.

Minutes of White Colne Parish Council meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr John Brace
Cllr Denise Drizen
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

Also Present: Cllr George Courtauld, The Colnes Ward
Cllr Gabrielle Spray, The Colnes Ward
1 member of the public

018/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Kris Bell, Cllr Jim Bond, and Halstead Division Cllr Chris Siddall.

019/24 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None received.

020/24 PUBLIC SESSION

No questions or comments received.

021/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21.05.2024; MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of White Colne Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 21.05.2024 were received, confirmed, and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson.

022/24 MATTERS ARISING

Members noted the list of matters arising and ongoing from previous meetings (attached to record Minutes). Waste sacks would be delivered in September; confirmation of the date for defibrillator training was expected; data from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be assessed at a future meeting, as would the new model Financial Regulations. Correspondence with Cllr Whitbread regarding the status of White Colne Village Hall would be sought.

023/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Braintree District Councillor Gabrielle Spray Offered a report to the meeting. The end of July and into August were likely to be busy for district councillors as many scheduled meetings had been rearranged due to the general election.

Three hundred potential sites had been received during BDC's call for its Local Plan review. A series of meetings of the Local Plan Sub-Committee would resolve which sites would be put forward. There would be two further rounds of public consultation.

The new government had taken office with promises of reforms to the planning system and had already approved a large solar farm on the Cambridgeshire-Suffolk border. BDC was remaining vocal in its assertion that undersea cabling would be preferable for the proposed upgrades to the National Grid.

Braintree District Councillor George Courtauld noted that the new government had promised to devolve power from Whitehall, although there was scepticism over its workability.

Cllr Courtauld was a trustee of the Earls Colne & Halstead Educational Charity. There were significant funds available for distribution as small grants to young people to help with purchasing equipment for their studies. A former beneficiary of the scheme, who had been able to buy their first violin with funds provided, was now a member of the London Symphony Orchestra. Members were asked to share details of the grant fund extensively.

024/24 PLANNING

i. Applications

a) Ref: **24/01178/TPOCON** (attached to record Minutes).

Location: Pumping Station, Colneford Hill, White Colne.

Proposal: Fell 3no trees.

Response: White Colne Parish Council can see no reason why the Applicant wishes these trees to be felled. They are not particularly large, and are unlikely to be causing concern to neighbouring properties. There is mention of the tree works application being entered due to a customer complaint. It is not clear whether the customer is a neighbour of the application site. Neither the Application nor the accompanying Report provide adequate detail, such as species and age of the trees in question. Within the Conservation Area, healthy trees should be adequately managed to ensure their longevity and the amenity of the local area. In this case, the trees enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area by screening Anglian Water's pumping station. White Colne Parish Council therefore requests that an amended Application be entered, depicting the correct tree species and offering to carry out crown reduction rather than felling.

b) Ref: **24/01283/ELD** (attached to record Minutes).

Location: Brooms Farm, Colne Park Road, White Colne, CO6 2QN.

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use – Change of use to residential garden.

Response: No comment.

c) Ref: **23/02106/S106A** (attached to record Minutes).

Location: Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust, Land Opposite The Flying School, The Airfield, Earls Colne, Essex.

Proposal: REVISED MODIFICATION – Application made under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 (as amended) – Remove the weight restriction of the aircraft operating from the site and replace this with a requirement that aircraft operating from the site comply with specified CAA certified noise levels.

Response: No comment.

d) Ref: **24/01232/DAC** (attached to record Minutes).

Location: OS 7271 Land South West Of Fox And Pheasant Farm, Colchester Road, White Colne, CO6 2PS.

Proposal: Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 7 of approved application 21/02421/FUL.

Response: White Colne Parish Council had not been formally notified of the Application. Cllr Spray would ask BDC Planning whether WCPC should have been consulted and if WCPC's opinion was sought.

ii. Decisions – none received.

iii. Appeals – none received.

iv. Great Bardfield Neighbourhood Plan (attached to record Minutes). Members noted Great Bardfield's Regulation 19 Consultation.

v. Braintree District Local Plan Review 2041 (attached to record Minutes). Members noted the mediation of BDC's Local Plan Review. Cllr Taylor encouraged members to respond as either parishioners or in their capacity as members of the parish council.

025/24 HIGHWAYS

i. Correspondence: *White Colne Speed Limit* (attached to record Minutes). Members noted the correspondence and thanked the parishioner for attending the meeting. Issues with speeding traffic were known to be longstanding. The council's SID would be used to gather data on traffic speeds and the results would be passed on to the Rural Engagement Team.

It was RESOLVED: That Cllrs Bell & Bond add Bures Road as a site to be assessed.

ii. Correspondence: *GRIDSERVE Electric Forecourt®* (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

iii. Speed Indicator Device data. Item deferred to a future meeting.

iv. Bures Road drainage and manhole cover. A quote for the necessary works had been received.

It was RESOLVED: That the quote be accepted, and the works progressed.

v. Passenger Transport *Summer Transport Meeting*.

It was RESOLVED: That the invitation to attend the meeting, the date of which had passed, be noted.

026/24 FINANCE

i. **To APPROVE** the schedule of payments 22.05.2024-30.06.2024 (attached to record Minutes).

ii. **To RECEIVE and CONSIDER** the budget reconciliation for 2024-25 Q1 (attached to record Minutes). The schedule of payments and 2024-25 Q1 budget report had been circulated via email ahead of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments and budget report to end of Q1 be approved.

iii. **To RECEIVE and CONSIDER** information regarding Scribe accounts package. The clerk had attended a zoom meeting with a representative of the Scribe accounting platform and had circulated information ahead of the meeting. The package would produce reports for parish council meetings, VAT126 returns, and the Annual Return.

It was RESOLVED: To subscribe to the Scribe accounts package.

027/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Play area Health & Safety inspections – Bures Road (circulated with Agenda). Some minor issues had been reported.

It was RESOLVED: That Cllr Taylor would liaise with the council's handyman regarding the repairs needed.

ii. Play area Health & Safety inspections – The Meadows (circulated with Agenda).

It was RESOLVED: That Cllr Batchford would assess the report and action any items needing progressing.

ii. Allocation of available Allotment plots. A request for an Allotment plot had been received from a resident of Earls Colne.

It was RESOLVED: That available plots be offered to residents of the four Colnes, with priority given to White Colne parishioners. A price for strimming and placing membrane on vacant plots would be sought and considered at a future meeting.

iv. Village Hall noticeboard on Village Green. The noticeboard on The Green had toppled since the previous meeting and a repair had been carried out.

028/24 COMMUNICATION & LIAISON

i. Colne Valley Community Energy project. Cllr Taylor had given a well-received talk about the project at a Silver End Parish Council meeting. Pay as you go contracts had been prepared for social housing tenants in Braintree, and it was hoped to have private contracts ready in October 2024.

ii. White Colne Village Hall net zero project update. Works were scheduled to begin week commencing 19th August. Eight workers were expected to complete the project within a week. A full launch and open day would be held in November 2024 to help promote the Colne Valley Community Energy Project.

iii. *Awards for All* grant funding update. An application for £19,980 had been entered by Cllr Taylor with the aim of funding a part-time chef, three personnel, food and hall hire for two years of Community Hub provision during winter. It would be 16 weeks before finding out whether the application had been successful, although all the boxes had been ticked. Cllr Spray was thanked for providing £500 of funding towards the project.

iv. White Colne Parish Council social media, livestreaming, and community liaison. A Facebook page had been launched. Cllrs Bell and Drizen were due to meet to discuss tasks.

v. Correspondence: *Local Bus Tender Outcome* (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

029/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Items from the council's Matters Arising & Ongoing would be considered.

030/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs. Cllrs Batchford, Brace, and Wilson offered apologies for absence. The meeting closed at 20:45hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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Minutes of White Colne Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Friday 9th August 2024 at 11:00hrs.

Present: Cllr Jim Bond
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

Also Present: 2 members of the public

031/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Kris Bell, Cllr John Brace, Cllr Denise Drizen, Cllr George Courtauld (The Colnes Ward), and Cllr Gabrielle Spray (The Colnes Ward).

032/24 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None received.

033/24 PUBLIC SESSION

Parishioners discussed the inclusion of *Land north of Colchester Road* (WHIC2302) as a potential development site in Braintree District Council's Local Plan review. The proposed site lay outside the settlement boundary, would be out of scale compared with the village, would be visually prominent, would be detrimental to biodiversity gains made at the site, and may lead to the closure of the footpath running across the site. A modest proposal including affordable housing for local people and in keeping with the scale of the village could be considered acceptable.

The Meadow, south of 30 Colne Park Road (WHIC2306) had also been included after answering BDC's 'call for sites.' The proposed development site was accessible only via an unclassified road, did not benefit from connection to the sewerage system, nor was it served by public transport. Part of the land was classified Public Right of Way as part of the walk along the former railway line. A previous proposal had been refused at Appeal.

RESPONSE: Members thanked the parishioners for their input and resolved to bear the points raised in mind when considering Agenda item 6ii.

034/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16.07.2024

Approval of the Minutes of White Colne Parish Council meeting held on 16.07.2024 was deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

035/24 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising and ongoing from previous meetings (attached to record Minutes) were deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

036/24 PLANNING

i. Planning Applications:

a) Ref: [24/01503/FUL](#) (Appendix C).

Location: Little Grange, Boley Road, White Colne.

Proposal: Construction of a replacement dwelling. Existing dwelling to be demolished once replacement constructed.

Response: White Colne Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application ref 24/01503/FUL.

b) Ref: [24/01379/REM](#) (Appendix D).

Location: Land To The Rear Of, 5 Colne Park Road, White Colne.

Proposal: Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 22/02902/OUT granted 27.02.2023 for: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 1 No. 3 bedroom bungalow.

Response: White Colne Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application ref 24/01379/REM.

c) Planning Applications, Appeals or Consultations notified by Braintree District Council, Essex County Council, or any other relevant body between the date of the Agenda and the meeting.

None received.

ii. Braintree District Local Plan Review 2041 (Attached to record Minutes).

Response: White Colne Parish Council notes the inclusion of two potential development sites within White Colne parish in the Braintree District Council Local Plan Review, and makes the following comments:

WHIC2302 Land north of Colchester Road.

White Colne Parish Council (WCPC) objects to the inclusion of site ref WHIC2302 as a potential development site. The site lies outside of White Colne's identified Development Boundary (as depicted in Local Plan Policy map 21A: *Earls Colne and White Colne*). Chapter 6.4 'Village Character and Size' of White Colne Village Design Statement states: "With the exception of permitted new builds for agricultural uses and the conversion of existing, redundant agricultural buildings, all development should be contained within the existing Village Envelope." In addition, Public Right of Way FP 10 119 runs through the site.

WCPC acknowledges the need for the Local Plan to be reviewed in order that it continues to remain relevant and workable with National Planning Policy Guidance. At the current 'call for sites' stage, however, it is unclear for what purpose WHIC2302 would be used. WCPC notes the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 'Key Statistics' published on Braintree District Council's website states that: "Braintree District has sufficient sites to meet its housing requirements." It is WCPC's assertion that no further sites are needed in order to meet BDC's identified SHLAA, and that site ref WHIC2302 should be removed from consideration for development at the earliest opportunity.

WHIC2306 The Meadow, south of 30 Colne Park Road.

White Colne Parish Council (WCPC) objects to the inclusion of site ref WHIC2306 as a potential development site. The site lies outside of White Colne's identified Development Boundary (as depicted in Local Plan Policy map 21A: *Earls Colne and White Colne*). Chapter 6.4 'Village Character and Size' of White Colne Village Design Statement states: "With the exception of permitted new builds for agricultural uses and the conversion of existing, redundant agricultural buildings, all development should be contained within the existing Village Envelope."

In addition, Public Right of Way FP 26 119 runs through the site and forms part of the walking route along the dismantled Colne Valley Railway.

A previous proposal for development at the site was dismissed at Appeal (APP/Z1510/W/19/3229655) on 3rd June 2020. The reasons for dismissal included that: "The proposal would disrupt some views across the open countryside from the PROW and in turn would alter the character and appearance of the area when viewed from this public space," "development would harm the character and appearance of the village, countryside, and the settlement pattern," and, "the proposal would cause an unacceptable level of harm to the character and appearance of the village and countryside which would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the scheme." The Planning Inspector's findings and reasons for dismissal cannot be mitigated and, as such, the proposed development site is wholly unsuitable for consideration.

WCPC acknowledges the need for the Local Plan to be reviewed in order that it continues to remain relevant and workable with National Planning Policy Guidance. At the current 'call for

sites' stage, however, it is unclear for what purpose WHIC2306 would be used. WCPC notes the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 'Key Statistics' published on Braintree District Council's website states that: "Braintree District has sufficient sites to meet its housing requirements." It is WCPC's assertion that no further sites are needed in order to meet BDC's identified SHLAA, and that site ref WHIC2306 should be removed from consideration for development at the earliest opportunity.

037/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Apple Day, and Bures Road speed data collection were suggested.

038/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs. The meeting closed at 11:35hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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MATTERS ARISING & ONGOING

007/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to organise delivery of waste sacks to White Colne residents.

012/24 HIGHWAYS

ACTION ARISING: Cllrs Bell and Bond to report speed data comparison.

013/24 POLICIES & DOCUMENTS

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to assess new Model Financial Regulations for future consideration.

014/24 VILLAGE HALL

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Siddall to clarify White Colne Village Hall ownership.

015/24 ALLOTMENTS

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to ask for Allotment availability to be advertised in Three Colnes Magazine.

022/24 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to write to Cllr Whitbread regarding Village Hall ownership.

025/24 HIGHWAYS

ACTION ARISING: Cllrs Bell and Bond to gather speed data at Bures Road.

027/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to liaise with handyman re items arising from Bures Road play area report.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Batchford to assess items arising from The Meadows play area report.

ACTION ARISING: Seek quotes for vacant Allotment plot maintenance.

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to update Allotment Allocation Policy.

036/24 PLANNING

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to enter responses to Planning Applications and BDC Local Plan review Consultation.

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
DECISION SHEET**



Application Details	
Application No:	24/00881/FUL
Development Type:	18Q
Date Valid:	3rd May 2024
8/13 Week Date:	28th June 2024
Extension Of Time (If Applicable):	7th August 2024
Recommendation	
Officer Recommendation:	Application GRANTED
Case Officer:	Harrison Lockwood
PD to be removed (Yes/No): (Condition Number & GPDO Class)	
Temporary Permission (Yes/No): (If Yes, Specify Expiry Date)	
S106 Legal Agreement (Yes/No):	
Delegated Decision	
Delegated under Part C of the Scheme of Delegation?	YES NO
If Delegated under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation, has copy of the Member Agreement been uploaded to IDOX?	YES Date of Chair's Briefing:
Authorised Delegated Officer Check	Signature / Date:
Development Type Delegated Report Decision Notice Extension Of Time (If Applicable)	SCE Date: 07.08.2024

DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No:	24/00881/FUL
Address:	1 - 2 Fox And Pheasant Centre Colchester Road White Colne Essex CO6 2PS
Proposal:	Change of use from Use Class E to mixed Use Class E and Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Salon). Replace windows and doors

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- See Appendix 1

SITE HISTORY

- See Appendix 2

DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND SITE CONTEXT

The Fox and Pheasant Centre forms a courtyard of buildings which are used for a mixture of retail and commercial purposes. Access is gained from the south-western corner of the site, with parking available throughout the central courtyard area. This proposal specifically relates to units one and two, the most immediately visible buildings upon access to the courtyard located to the east of the area. Beyond this eastern boundary lies Fox and Pheasant Farmhouse, which is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest (List Entry No. 1170860). In terms of planning history, the site has largely remained unchanged although various businesses have operated throughout the premises.

PROPOSAL

The proposal concerns the change of use from a Class E unit, to a mixed use Class E and Sui Generis for a dog groomers. Other than the replacement of windows and doors, the elevations would remain unchanged. The statement provided with the application outlines that the users would be restricted to one customer drop off and collection at any given time, during daytime hours.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

ECC Highways – No comments.

ECC Historic Buildings Consultant – No objection.

BDC Environmental Health – No objection.

PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL

White Colne Parish Council – No comments in support or objection.

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

A site notice was displayed to the front of the site and the immediate neighbours notified of the proposal. One representation has been received which references drainage capacity at the site. The design and access statement has been updated with further information in light of this and it is ultimately considered a matter between the site landlord and business operators. For the purposes of this proposal, it is not considered that the change of use would result in any adverse impacts as a result of the existing drainage arrangement.

ASSESSMENT

Principle of Development

Businesses located in the rural areas contribute significantly to the economy of the District and provide local employment opportunities to those living in rural areas which might be accessible by walking and cycling. Policy LPP7 of the Adopted Local Plan regards that outside development boundaries, proposals for small-scale commercial development, which involve the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building, will be considered acceptable subject to the criteria set out therein. This criterion concerns the highways impacts of the proposals, impacts upon neighbouring amenities and the impact upon the local landscape character.

In this instance, the units at the Fox and Pheasant centre provide for existing retail and commercial operations which cover a range of uses such as offices, workshops and salons. The provision of a dog groomers would be viewed in corroboration with these other uses in contributing to a small scale diverse rural enterprise. The proposal is therefore acceptable in principle, subject to the material considerations assessed throughout the report.

Design, Appearance and Impact upon the Character and Appearance of the Area

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the importance of achieving well designed places in section 12. Paragraph 131 of this section states that ‘the creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities.’ Paragraph 139 states development that is not well designed should be refused, especially where it fails to reflect local design policies and government guidance on design. This is reflected through Policies SP7 and LPP52 of the Adopted Local Plan which seek the highest possible standard of design in new development.

The external alterations would be limited to the replacement of doors and windows in order to increase security at the units. Given the lack of visual alteration at the site, the impact upon the local landscape character as per the requirement of Policy LPP7 of the Adopted Local Plan would therefore be negligible. Furthermore, the appearance of the replacement doors and windows are in keeping with the existing property with similar glazing detail provided. The design and appearance impacts of the proposal upon the wider character of the area are therefore considered acceptable.

Heritage

The building is located within the setting of the Fox and Pheasant Farmhouse, which is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest (List UID: 1170860). Paragraph 205 of the NPPF states that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). Paragraph 207 develops upon this further, noting that where a proposed development leads to substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal including where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use.

This is reflected in Policy LPP57 of the Adopted Local Plan which outlines the requirement that for designated heritage assets, the development must meet the tests set out in national policy. It then goes on to specify the following:-

- The works or uses include the use of appropriate materials and finishes
- The application submitted contains details of the significance of the heritage asset, within a Heritage Statement which should include any contribution made by their setting
- There may be a requirement for appropriate specialist recording to be carried out prior to the change of use, demolition or conversion of a listed building or associated historic building

Necessary expertise has been sought from a Historic Buildings Consultant in accordance with Paragraph 201 of the NPPF which outlines that local planning authorities should take account of the available evidence and any necessary expertise in their determination. The replacement windows and doors are acceptable and would not diminish the heritage value of the site. In addition, the new use of the building would not adversely impact upon the setting of the heritage asset. The proposal is therefore acceptable in this regard.

Impact on Neighbouring Residential Amenities

Policy LPP52 states that development shall not cause undue or unacceptable impacts on the amenities of nearby residential properties. Unacceptable impacts are considered as any factors that can carry the potential to degrade the enjoyment of neighbouring properties in terms of overlooking, overshadowing, loss of light or loss of privacy.

There would be no adverse impact in this regard, however the use of the building may carry the potential to result in increased disturbances by way of noise and smell. In this regard, BDC Environmental Health have been consulted on the proposal and raised no objection. Limiting the use to one customer at a time would prevent any excessive or prolonged spells of noise and appropriate disposal methods are available at the site. The proposal is therefore acceptable in this regard.

Highway Considerations

Policy LPP52 of the Adopted Local Plan outlines that new development proposed should not have a detrimental impact on the safety of highways or any other public right of way, and its users. ECC Highways have been consulted on the proposal and raised no comments. The site plan indicates that there would be two parking spaces dedicated to the unit. The supporting statement outlines that the use of the site would be restricted to one customer at a time resulting in limited additional vehicular movement. A condition is imposed on the permission to ensure that this remains the case and that parking provision at the site remains adequate.

RECOMMENDATION

Application GRANTED

APPENDIX 1:

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

National Planning Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)

Braintree District Local Plan 2013 - 2033

SP1	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
SP7	Place Shaping Principles
LPP1	Development Boundaries
LPP7	Rural Enterprise
LPP42	Sustainable Transport
LPP43	Parking Provision
LPP47	Built and Historic Environment
LPP48	An Inclusive Environment
LPP57	Heritage Assets and Their Settings
LPP52	Layout and Design of Development

Neighbourhood Plan

N/A

Other Material Considerations

Site Allocations and Development Management Plan
Essex Design Guide
Essex Parking Standards
ECC Development Management Policies

APPENDIX 2:

SITE HISTORY

Application No:	Description:	Decision:	Date:
88/00605/P	Retention and continued use of premises as retail and light industrial units.	Refused	01.08.88
83/00009/P	Continuation of use as restaurant.	Refused	28.02.83
86/01892/P	Erection of granny annexe and garage extension.	Granted	03.03.87
86/01893/LBC	Erection of granny annexe and garage extension.	Granted	03.03.87
87/00005/A	Display of non-illuminated hanging sign, and illumination for existing sign.	Granted	24.04.87
88/01669/P	Retention Of Existing Retail And Light Industrial Premises	Withdrawn	25.11.88
88/01781/P	Installation Of New Window To Rear Elevation, Construction Of Open Porch To Rear Of Dwelling	Granted	22.11.88
89/00273/P	Retention And Continued Use Of Premises As Retail And Light Industrial	Refused	15.08.89
89/00776/P	Erection Of Log Cabin To Let For Tourism During Spring And Summer Months	Granted	18.07.89
90/01116/PFHS	Retention Of Existing Commercial Uses And Improvements To Buildings And Highway Access	Granted	11.02.92
94/00756/LBC	Removal of fireplace to expose original inglenook	Granted	06.09.94
98/01737/LBC	Proposed alteration of existing staircase flight	Granted	22.02.99
09/00063/FUL	Change of use of Unit A from A1 (retail) to A3 (restaurant/cafe) with the ancillary use as a shop and takeaway service.	Granted	19.03.09
09/00108/DAC	Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 2, 3 and 4	Part Grant, Part Refused	06.08.09

	of approval 09/00063/FUL		
09/01481/FUL	Removal of condition 3 attached to planning consent 90/01116/FUL relating to the use of the unit; Variation of condition 7 of 90/01116/FUL relating to vehicular movements times; Change of use of Unit 1 to Health and Beauty Salon	Withdrawn	14.01.10
10/00583/FUL	Removal of condition 3 attached to planning consent 90/01116/FUL relating to the use of the unit and variation of condition 8 of 90/01116/FUL relating to vehicular movements times	Granted	24.06.10
11/01631/LBC	Proposed new windows and door and change of use of garage to kitchen area	Granted	23.01.12
12/00086/DAC	Application to discharge condition no. 5 of approved application 11/01631/LBC - Proposed new windows and door and change of use of garage to kitchen area	Granted	10.05.12
15/01276/LBC	Replacement of three first storey casement windows	Granted	21.12.15
19/02047/LBC	Replacement 2 No. windows.	Application Returned	
23/00055/COUPA	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 1No. Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3).	Withdrawn	23.02.23

Consultation – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

23/08/2024 17:06

White Colne Parish Council

Braintree District Council is currently reviewing its Local Plan. As part of this process it has been agreed to update the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The SCI sets out the consultation strategy the Council will use when engaging in the Local Plan Review as well as the planning process in general.

Prior to adoption a consultation is being held between Friday 23rd August and 5pm on Thursday 10th October 2024.

The document is available on our website at:

- <https://braintree-consult.objective.co.uk>

Responses should be made via the online portal. Please note that the document can be accessed without creating an account or logging in but registration is required for responses as anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

A paper copy is available to view at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9HB.

Once the consultation has been concluded the comments received will be reported to the Local Plan Sub-Committee and any alterations to the SCI agreed by that committee.

For further information please see the Planning Policy pages on our website:

www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/braintree-district-development-plan

Yours sincerely

The Planning Policy Team

Braintree District Council

Consultation – Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Braintree Local Plan: Scoping Report

04/09/2024 14:12

White Colne Parish Council

We have previously notified you about Braintree District Council reviewing its Local Plan. As part of this process we need to produce a document against which the draft document can be assessed in terms of the likely environmental, social and economic effects it would have. This is called a Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

Before we confirm the details in this document, we must undertake a technical consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England of the scoping report. We are also inviting other stakeholders to comment on the document should they wish. The consultation is being held between Wednesday 4th September and 5pm on Friday 4th October 2024.

The document is available on our website at:

[Braintree Planning Policy Consultations page](#)

Responses should be made via the online portal. Please note that the draft document can be accessed without creating an account or logging in, but that registration is required for responses as anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

After the consultation period ends, responses from consultees will be reviewed and appropriate amendments made to the information contained in the Scoping Report, including the baseline information, policy context and SA framework where necessary.

For further information please see the Planning Policy pages on our website:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/local-plan-review-2>

Yours sincerely

The Planning Policy Team
Braintree District Council

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation

01/09/2024 16:19

Dear Stakeholder

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

Bures Hamlet Parish Council, as the qualifying body on behalf of both Bures St Mary and Bures Hamlet, is now consulting on the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for Bures. This consultation is in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) and will run for a period of a minimum of 6 weeks from Monday 2nd September to Monday 28th October 2024.

The consultation offers a final opportunity for you to influence the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to the Braintree District Council and Babergh District Council.

*All comments received before **midnight on Monday 28th October 2024** will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Parish Councils and may be used to amend this draft. A Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be made available alongside the amended Neighbourhood Plan at a future date. Please also note that your comments cannot be treated as confidential and that they, or a summary of them, will be reproduced in our Consultation Statement at a later date.*

The Pre-Submission Plan, supporting evidence and survey link can all be found online: buresneighbourhoodplan.com

Should you wish to provide comments please send these by email to the Bures NP Steering Group buresnp@gmail.com by survey response or by post to the Parish Clerk, Jenny Wright, at the address below.

Mrs J Wright
Clerk to Bures Hamlet Parish Council

buresparishcouncils@gmail.com

<http://bures.onesuffolk.net/>

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD)

10/09/2024 11:33

Dear Stakeholder,

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD)

The partner Councils (Tendring District Council, Colchester City Council, and Essex County Council) for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community are carrying out a consultation on modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD) following hearing sessions held in May 2024. The Inspector has now recommended modifications to the DPD that he considers necessary to make the plan sound.

The Councils are holding a six-week public consultation on these modifications and supporting documents, from **10th September 2024 – 21st October 2024**.

The Consultation documents are:

- Modifications for Consultation
- DPD Policies Map – Modifications Update
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – Modifications Update
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) – Modifications Addendum

A track changed version of the DPD has also been produced to show how the proposed modifications would appear in full.

The consultation relates specifically to these documents and in particular the proposed modifications which have been recommended by the Inspector.

This consultation is not an opportunity to repeat or raise further representations about the published plan or to seek further changes to the plan.

You can view the above documents and submit your comments by visiting our engagement website at <https://talk.tcbgardencommunity.co.uk>.

Paper copies will be made available to view at Colchester Town Hall, Clacton Town Hall, Wivenhoe Library, Greenstead Library and all libraries in Tendring District.

You can view the Councils' Statements of Community Involvement at [Statement of Community Involvement \(tendringdc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk) and at [Statement of community involvement | Colchester Borough Council](#).

Kind regards,

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Project Team:
Colchester City Council, Tendring District Council and Essex County Council

Bures Road

31/07/2024 11:59

Good morning

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> I live at 35 Colchester Road and I am wondering if any one else has raised concerns about the amount of heavy vehicles that are using the Bures Road. I know that farm vehicles are busy this time of year but the increase in articulated vehicles that find it hard to even turn into the road has increased enormously this year. They have also caused us to have to pull so far into the side of the road so they can get past.

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> I await your reply

> Regards Pat.

Public consultation launch: Essex Transport Strategy

08/08/2024 12:49

We are delighted to be launching the public consultation for our new Transport Strategy for Essex, or Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4). The consultation starts today and will run for seven weeks, closing on Sunday 22 September.

Essex Transport Strategy

Our new Essex Transport Strategy will provide an overarching plan, outlining our vision for transport in Essex and what we need to do to be successful. It will set important transport priorities to help inform our future decisions and actions, and to unlock funding opportunities. It will be evidence-based and focussed on the delivery of the wider outcomes identified by Everyone's Essex, our plan to improve the lives of the people of Essex.

The consultation covers the key themes and outcomes that will underpin the further development of the Transport Strategy.

- Supporting People, Health, Wellbeing, and Independence; Ensuring that people have inclusive and affordable access to key services, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing, and ensuring that the transport network is safe, and feels safe, for all users.
- Creating Sustainable Places and Communities: Ensuring that all places support the transport needs of all residents, that Essex County Council works with partners to design sustainable developments from the start, and reducing the impact transport has on the environment.
- Connecting People, Places and Businesses: maximising the business potential of Essex, ensuring that people have inclusive and affordable access to employment, education & training, and that the transport network has a secure and long-term future.

Our new strategy will be underpinned by a number of other new and existing policies. These include our proposed new 'Place and Movement Approach', which looks at how we categorise our roads and streets, recognising they are used in different ways and the need for a more flexible approach to reflect this. We would also like your feedback on this. The best way to find out more about the strategy is by visiting our online consultation page at: consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-transport-strategy In addition, we have produced a consultation document which is available on the page. Printed copies will shortly be available from mobile libraries, selected libraries and upon request. A second consultation will take place early next year on the full draft Essex Transport Strategy.

Kind Regards,
Melanie Happi Timbou BSc (Hons)
Sustainable Travel Planning Officer Intern

A promotional banner for the Essex Transport Strategy consultation. The banner features a red background on the left side with white text, and a photograph of a street scene on the right. The text includes the title 'Essex Transport Strategy', the call to action 'Help shape the future of transport in Essex.', the consultation website 'consultations.essex.gov.uk', and the closing date 'Sunday 22 September 2024.'. The Essex County Council logo is also present.

Essex Transport Strategy
Help shape the future of transport in Essex.
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Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:	
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
			✓	

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

21/05/2024

and recorded as minute reference:

MIN 661

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

J. Stace

Clerk

P. Paleyman

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	
1. Balances brought forward	33,892	31,859	<i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	12,243	12,243	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	36,083	30,542	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	7,120	8,147	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>
6. (-) All other payments	43,239	34,460	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	31,859	32,037	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	31,859	32,037	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	145,020	153,455	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	0	0	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		✓		<i>The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</i>
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			✓	<i>The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.</i>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

P. Palfreyman

Date

21/05/2024

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

21/05/2024

as recorded in minute reference:

MIN 661 REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

[Signature]

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of **White Colne Parish Council – EX0269**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2023/24

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None.

3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature



Date

29/07/2024

White Colne Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2024

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Section 16 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
<p>1. The audit of accounts for White Colne Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been completed and the accounts have been published.</p>	<p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website. The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.</p>
<p>2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return including the auditor's certificate and opinion is available for inspection and copying by any local government elector of the area of White Colne Parish Council on application to:</p>	
<p>(a) <u>JIM MORRIS</u> <u>PARISH CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER</u> <u>clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk</u></p>	<p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR</p>
<p>(b) <u>1000-1600 MON-FRI</u></p>	<p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p>
<p>3. Copies will be provided to any local government elector of the area on payment of £ <u>1</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.</p>	<p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p>
<p>Announcement made by: (d) <u>J. Morris, RFO.</u></p>	<p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p>
<p>Date of announcement: (e) <u>17th September 2024.</u></p>	<p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>

Marie Curie

15/08/2024 16:03

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

As part of the fundraising team dedicated to serving Essex, we are always looking to gain support for our charity's (Marie Curie the UK's largest terminal illness charity) end of life support services, which is why we are reaching out to you. People are dying with a terminal illness, we need to make sure we can be there for everyone who needs us until the very end. That's why, we're reaching out to you, to ask for your help of our Marie Curie Information & Support service which includes a freephone support line where callers can contact us from the comfort of their own home and can speak directly to a Marie Curie Nurse, online information & support from how to let a child know a parent is dying to advice on funerals and finances and we also send out free booklets and leaflets to those who need them all free of charge.

Could you please share our appeal for support with your fellow councillors and if there is anything as a Parish Council that you can do to support our worthy charity please do get back in touch.

As experts in providing end of life care and support, Marie Curie can help, but only if it continues to raise the donations it needs to fund its vital work. Each call to our support line costs £17 to the charity. We have a mixture of staff and volunteers on our information and support service to minimise costs as much as possible but with training, facilities, booklets, printing and some staff costs, we still have some costs to bear. If you would be willing to make a donation we would be very grateful indeed and our account details are:

- Cheques can be sent to our administration team (please include the attached form together with your cheque)
- BACS payments to our regional account: Marie Curie South Region, Sort code: 60-40-05, Account no: 41586018. Please ensure the reference says: 'CF57PC' followed by as many letters of the village name as possible. If you choose this option please pop me an email so I can allocate your donation on our system against your Parish Council record. Thank you.

Marie Curie understands that family members of those affected by terminal illness need our support as well, because of this friends and family of those who are terminally ill can also contact our Information & Support service which is open 6 days a week: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 11am to 5pm and we also open on special days like Mothers & Fathers Day and we are open over Christmas including Christmas Day for anyone struggling. If you, or someone you know, is affected by a terminal illness our Support Line team are ready to help with the information you need when you need it. Call free 0800 090 2309. You can also find more information on our website: mariecurie.org.uk

If you'd like to find out more about how to get involved, get in touch with me, your local Community Fundraiser,

Warmest wishes,
Angela Taylor

Community Fundraiser for Essex (I am based from home on the Essex/Suffolk border but our administration team is based in Scotland).

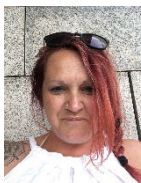
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By giving us your details you agree to hear from us about other ways you can help. We will write to you by post from time to time to let you know about our work, fundraising activities and ways to get involved.

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Angela Taylor She/Her
Community Fundraiser Essex

Marie Curie
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Northampton NN1 5LP
www.mariecurie.org.uk

**Whatever the illness,
we're with you to the end.**





**Marie
Curie**

Marie Curie donation form (please print off)

Please fill in the below and send together with your cheque if this is the option you choose so we can process a quick and flawless, easy transaction into our accounts and can also process your thank you letter, if you wish to receive one.

Parish Council Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

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Donation sum: £ _____

Thank you letter: YES _____ NO _____

Please send to:

The Supporter Relations Team, Marie Curie, PO BOX 23897, 14 Links Place, Edinburgh, EH6 9AB

To the Administration team:

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6 photos

30/08/2024 15:41

Councillors

Please find attached photos taken of the devastation caused presumably by muntjacs, mice and rabbits are presumed innocent, to our sweet corn patch. Two other allotments have also been attacked, Carols being one. I did not lose my entire crop I picked one last Wednesday to show my wife that they were ready!

We have had problems over the years mostly from pigeons and mice but this year has seen a massive escalation as the outer fencing has deteriorated. To begin with all of us had problems with damage to onions and leeks. I had to replant three times my cabbage and calabrese from the rabbits, finally having to buy sturdy wire fencing from Darkins as they managed to break in anything less. Then either rabbits or muntjacs nipped the tops out of the runner and french climbing beans. The former recovered after I surrounded the crop with more fencing but the latter were totally destroyed.

If we are to continue renting the allotment then it is obvious that better protection is needed either by the Parish Council or by myself. Some of you know my allotment is split into three separate elements, one large plot making about two thirds of the total and the other two a third each. To fully enclose the larger plot I estimate that the netting alone would cost in the region of £170, the three unprotected sides measured just short of 50 yards, and the stakes probably another £40.

Before I consider investing that much I think the Parish Council has to consider whether they wish to encourage participation in the allotments as the overall conditions have gone downhill in the last couple of years. It is now only the front rank plus one in the second rank that are kept to a decent standard.

My wife and I would be very sorry to have to relinquish our allotment as we get a tremendous satisfaction from the work and vegetables but I hope you will agree with me that the current situation is not sustainable.

Bernie Gaught

PS On another matter, congratulations on the current measures being undertaken at the Village Hall.







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