



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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4th December 2024

To: All White Colne Parish Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extra-Ordinary meeting of **WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held at **White Colne Village Hall** on **Tuesday 10th December 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 19th November 2024 (Appendix A).

5. MATTERS ARISING

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

6. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

To **RECEIVE and CONSIDER** an application to fill the council's vacant seat.

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) Ref: [24/02422/FUL](#) (Appendix C)

Location: Brooms Farm, Colne Park Road, White Colne.

Details: Erection of 1No. self-build dwelling and garage.

b) Ref: [24/02488/TPOCON](#) (Appendix D)
Location: 21 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.
Details: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: Laurel Tree - Reduce whole tree in height by 1m from 6 m and remove 2 branches.

c) Ref: [24/02538/FUL](#) (Appendix E)
Location: Brambles Farm, Brambles Lane, White Colne.
Details: Redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings to provide 3no. 4-bedroom dwellings, and 2no. 5-bedroom dwellings, 5no. parking structures, landscaping and associated development.

ii. **Planning Decisions:** None received.

iii. **Planning Appeals:**

a) Planning Application Ref: [24/01232/DAC](#) (Appendix F).

Planning Inspectorate Ref: [APP/Z1510/W/24/3355253](#)

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

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

iv. Cllr Bond correspondence regarding broken lamppost (Appendix G).

v. Connecting Essex through Cycling and Walking – Consultation (Appendix H).

8. LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Village Hall Health & Safety inspections (Appendix I).

ii. Playground inspection – Bures Road (Appendix J).

iii. Playground inspection – The Meadows (Appendix K).

9. COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Grant funding applications and updates, including grant agreement from BDC.

ii. Anglian Water Freebies (Appendix L).

iii. Age Well East advice service in Braintree (Appendix M).

iv. Christmas Tree Recycling (Appendix N).

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

To RECEIVE from members any items for future consideration.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To NOTE the date of the next parish council meeting: Tuesday 21st January 2025.



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

Present: Cllr Jim Bond
Cllr Kris Bell
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

Also Present: Cllr Chris Siddall, Halstead Division
One member of the public

056/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Batchford, Cllr Denise Drizen, Cllr John Wilson, and Colnes Ward Cllrs George Courtauld and Gabrielle Spray.

057/24 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

None received.

058/24 PUBLIC SESSION

A parishioner reported some recent issues in the local area, including: that they had been continuing to collect litter while out walking in the village; that the Public Right of Way (PRoW) FP27, which had been blocked by maize crops overspilling from the adjacent farmland, was clear again as the crop had been harvested; that they had spent time at the orchard clearing brash from the understory; and that they would appreciate an update on the gate that had been installed at Millfields.

Congratulations and thanks were offered to Cllr Taylor for the successful community event regarding the Colne Valley Energy Project and White Colne Village Hall's participation in the scheme. In addition, the parishioner had attended the Warm Hub being hosted weekly at White Colne Village Hall (WCVH) and noted with thanks that the village benefitted from the actions of the parish council.

Response: members thanked the parishioner for their support of the parish council, for litter picking, and for their time and exertion taken in clearing the orchard. The Ramblers Association could be asked for help with access to footpaths, should it be a recurring issue, and Cllr Siddall encouraged parishioners to report lack of access to Essex County Council (ECC). Cllr Siddall also noted that the installation of a gate on land at Millfields had been investigated by ECC, which found it to have been undertaken legally and was not enforceable.

059/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held on 17.11.2024 were received, confirmed, and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson.

060/24 MATTERS ARISING

Members noted the list of matters arising and ongoing from previous meetings (attached to record Minutes). Cllr Bell had returned the Speed Indicator Device (SID) to the supplier for its fault to be fixed; Allotment availability was to be publicised in the December issue of Three Colnes Magazine and the Allotment Allocation Policy was due to be considered at Agenda item 10i; Cllr Taylor had searched for available grant funding for re-fencing the Allotments, without success, and a quote for strimming vacant plots had been received; Cllr Bell would adjust the settings on the council's facebook page to allow members to post items on behalf of the parish council; and the council had benefitted from a good deal of positive publicity with regards to its Village Hall project. Remaining

outstanding were actions regarding the installation of new bus shelters, speed data, Electric Vehicle charging tariffs, and play area safety reports.

It was RESOLVED: that matters arising and ongoing be noted and progressed where necessary.

061/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Colnes Ward Councillor Gabrielle Spray had sent apologies in advance for non-attendance and distributed a report ahead of the meeting, attached as footnote¹.

Halstead Division Cllr Chris Siddall had facilitated £9,000 of road repairs across Halstead Division. The worst potholes had been tackled, but there was still work to do. ECC was consulting residents and businesses for their views on the county council's budget for 2025-26, and was also consulting to gather viewpoints on its Health & Wellbeing Services. ECC was also attempting to alleviate pressure on doctors' surgeries by introducing a *Pharmacy First* scheme.

062/24 PLANNING

i. Applications

a) Ref: 24/01804/FUL (Attached to record Minutes)

Detail: Retrospective application relating to application ref: 23/00653/T56 approved on 02/05/2023 that required a site move within the water treatment works for operational reasons.

Response: White Colne Parish Council does not offer any comment on Planning Application ref 24/01804/FUL.

b) Ref: 24/02204/TPOCON (Attached to record Minutes)

Detail: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area.

Response: White Colne Parish Council has no objection to Tree Works Application 24/02204/TPOCON.

c) Ref: 24/02205/TPOCON (Attached to record Minutes)

Detail: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area.

Response: White Colne Parish Council has no objection to Tree Works Application 24/02205/TPOCON.

ii. Decisions

a) Ref: 24/01804/FUL (Attached to record Minutes).

iii. Appeals – none received.

¹ **REPORT for WHITE COLNE PC – NOVEMBER 2024**

PLANNING: Essex County Council are in the process of delivering a **Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)**. This important document, which has been subject to a public consultation, will set out how the Essex local authorities can protect our countryside, enhance wildlife and identify opportunities for habitat creation.

During the consultation period a lot of positive feedback was received from the farmer/landowner community who are keen to play their part in developing this strategy. Braintree Council submitted feedback, which has been acknowledged, and, together with other responses, this is now being collated by the Environment Climate Action and Green Infrastructure team at County before the document is finalised. The LNRS will be subject to review with Natural England suggesting the first review is likely to take place between 3-5 years.

Solar Farms: the Development Management team at Braintree Council continues to receive an increasing number of applications for solar farms, with developers engaging in pre-planning discussions with Officers before submitting their applications to the Planning Committee. There is clearly a balance to be struck between the need for alternative energy sources and protecting agricultural land. The Government has made it clear that there must be sound planning reasons for refusing such applications, however there are examples of refusals by local authorities being upheld by Inspectors at appeal but then being overturned by the Secretary of State and granted.

Budget 2025/26: Braintree Council's proposed budget for the next financial year will be discussed by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 19th November and then by the Cabinet on 25th November with the final Budget going to Full Council in February 2025. The Council's aim, as always, is to produce a balanced budget and protect services to residents whilst acknowledging that the financial situation for local authorities is challenging.

Colneford Hill, ECC and Cadent. Following the Chairman raising the loss of parking issue, as a result of a container and fencing placed in Colneford Hill by Cadent, I asked Head of Planning to investigate. The matter was referred to the Enforcement team who have responded today, Tuesday 19th. I will forward the reply separately but, in summary, *"the conservation area does not impact the temporary land use criteria which the GPDO (General Permitted Development Order) makes provision for, it also allows for a moveable building to be placed on land for a temporary period"*.

Gabrielle Spray, The Colnes Ward

iv. Potential Open Space Improvements (POSI) (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Taylor and the Clerk would complete the online submission on behalf of White Colne Parish Council.

v. Finchingfield and Wethersfield Joint Neighbourhood Plan -Regulation 14 Pre-Plan Submission and Public Consultation (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the Consultation be noted.

vi. Consultation – Work on a New Design Code Document (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Taylor and the Clerk would complete the online submission on behalf of White Colne Parish Council.

063/24 HIGHWAYS

i. Loss of resident parking allocation on Colneford Hill. A sub-contractor of ECC had installed a temporary structure on land that was considered to be residents' parking spaces by rights on Colneford Hill. Residents' vehicles had notices placed on them on the morning of works commencing. It was thought that at least one resident had obtained an agreement for parking dating back 20-30 years, and Cllr Taylor would review the parish council's Minutes dating back to the early 1990s.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted. Cllr Siddall would urge ECC sub-contractors to use better communication methods in future.

064/24 FINANCE

i. Schedule of payments 01.04.2024-31.10.2024 (attached to record Minutes). The council's Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had entered the council's receipts and payments into the new accounting software, and it was acknowledged that some work to increase its accuracy was required.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted and further work carried out.

ii. Items for White Colne Parish Council budget 2025-26. Works to and signage for the pond, ecology reports, works to WCVH car park and drainage, re-fencing play areas, and technical equipment for potentially livestreaming parish council meetings were suggested. The full budget for 2025-26 would be considered at the next scheduled meeting.

It was RESOLVED: that a local landowner be asked for quotes for pumping council-managed watercourses; and that the possibility of grant funding works and equipment be investigated.

iii. New Model Financial Regulations (see Background Paper). Members assessed the new model Financial Regulations, altering the wording and amounts listed in some clauses.

It was RESOLVED: that the RFO make the suggested alterations to the model Financial Regulations and re-present the item at a future meeting.

065/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Allotment Allocation Policy (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the Policy be adopted.

ii. Allotments – annual social event.

It was RESOLVED: that Allotment plot holders be offered an invitation to a formal event in the new year.

iii. Biodiversity Audit on landholdings. A basic desk-based survey was likely to cost in the region of £500-£1,000.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be considered for budgeted expenditure in 2025-26.

iv. Repairs to Village Hall car park. A contractor had been appointed to carry out emergency repairs as the surface had been deemed a health & safety risk. An invoice was expected to be forthcoming.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted.

066/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. New Local Council Award criteria (attached to record Minutes). Whilst achieving accredited status was an aspiration of the council, other projects were of greater importance.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be reconsidered at a future date.

ii. Open consultation: Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings (attached to record Minutes). Members agreed that remote attendance at meetings would be a good idea, but did not see any benefit in the allowance of voting by proxy.

It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Taylor and the Clerk would complete the online submission on behalf of White Colne Parish Council.

iii. White Colne Village Hall net zero project & energy provider update. WCVH had been accredited as being carbon neutral. Outstanding works included changing the light fittings; and adding a roof to and taking an electricity supply from the Hall to illuminate the EV charging post. The gas meter needed to be disconnected to cease the council receiving a standing charge, but Scottish Power would charge for the work to be carried out. The council was waiting for Urban Chain's quote for the Hall's feed-in tariff, and it was hoped that excess power could be used by local residents and businesses. Information on the Hall's annual kilowatt production of energy was required.

It was RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

iv. Colne Valley Community Energy project. The public meeting held on 16th November had been very well attended, and Cllr Taylor had received a slew of requests for further information following the event.

It was RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

v. Grant funding applications and updates. A grant of £1,500 for chairs for WCVH was expected, the monies would be used to purchase 51 new chairs. There was no word on whether the grant application for developing a natural play area had been approved, and there were no available opportunities to fund new fencing at the Allotments, but a grant for the orchard could be successful

It was RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

vi. White Colne Parish Council social media, livestreaming, and community liaison. With the new government's Consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings ongoing, it was resolved to defer a decision on purchasing technical equipment until the outcome was known.

A discussion was held on the council's subscription to Three Colnes Magazine. Copy was required six weeks in advance, and White Colne's submissions had often been omitted, leaving village events going unadvertised. The magazine was unwieldy for volunteers to deliver, and was published too often to be sustainable.

It was RESOLVED: that local volunteers for the magazine be consulted on their willingness to continue deliveries.

067/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Budget and 2025-26 Precept requirement; Financial Regulations; electricity feed-in tariffs, co-option of a new member, and Three Colnes Magazine were suggested.

068/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs.

069/24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

To EXCLUDE members of the public and press from the remaining Agenda item(s), by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with White Colne Parish Council Standing Order 3(d).

It was RESOLVED: that public in attendance be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. The Clerk also left the meeting.

070/24 CLERK'S PROBATION PERIOD & CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

i. The Parish Clerk's performance during the employment probation period.

ii. The offer of a Contract of Employment for the Parish Clerk.

It was RESOLVED: that the Clerk be offered the Contract of Employment with an increase to twelve hours per week from 01.12.2024.

The meeting closed at 21:35hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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MATTERS ARISING & ONGOING

027/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

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

047/24 HIGHWAYS

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to respond to Bures Road correspondent.

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Siddall over Bures Road agricultural site.

050/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

ACTION ARISING: Members to make facebook posts on a regular basis.

055/24 BUS SHELTERS

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to apply for three new wooden bus shelters.

060/24 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Bell to adjust facebook settings.

062/24 PLANNING

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor and Clerk to respond to POSI Consultation.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor and Clerk to respond to Design Code Consultation.

064/24 FINANCE

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to contact local landowner regarding quotes for works.

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to update Financial Regulations for January meeting.

065/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ACTION ARISING: Formal event for Allotment plot holders to be held.

066/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

ACTION ARISING: Local Council Award to be considered at a future meeting.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor and Clerk to respond to remote meetings Consultation.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to liaise with Three Colnes Magazine posties.

Appendix C

Consultation on Application Number 24/02422/FUL - Brooms Farm, Colne Park Road, White Colne

Ref: [24/02422/FUL](#)
Location: Brooms Farm, Colne Park Road, White Colne.
Details: Erection of 1No. self-build dwelling and garage.

Consultation on Application Number 24/02488/TPOCON - 21 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex

Ref: [24/02488/TPOCON](#)
Location: 21 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.
Details: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: Laurel Tree - Reduce whole tree in height by 1m from 6 m and remove 2 branches.

White Colne Parish Council's Tree Warden notes that: "the tree is in the rear garden and cannot be seen from the road, so any reduction in size will not affect the street scene. Referring to the photo supplied with the application, I cannot see that reducing its height by 1m and taking off two lower branches will have a detrimental effect. To the contrary, it may allow more light to the deciduous tree planted nearby and to some solar panels in the garden. I can't see any reason for objecting to the application. In fact, the new owners have done a lot to tidy up the front garden and have trimmed bushes back to allow better access to the defibrillator housed in the phone box. This was a job I used to have to undertake myself, so I am rather glad that the new owners are attending to the bushes that used to grow over the pavement and across the door of the kiosk. They have planted more laurel in the front garden - not a native variety I would recommend but at least it's more greenery."

Consultation on Application Number 24/02538/FUL - Brambles Farm, Brambles Lane, White Colne

Ref: [24/02538/FUL](#)
Location: Brambles Farm, Brambles Lane, White Colne.
Details: Redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings to provide 3no. 4-bedroom dwellings, and 2no. 5-bedroom dwellings, 5no. parking structures, landscaping and associated development.

Our ref: 24/00089/COND
Your Ref:
Direct Dial: 01376 312753
Ask for: Melanie Corbishley
Date: 27.11.2024



Development Management
Causeway House Braintree
Essex CM7 9HB

Tel: 01376 552525
Email: appeals@braintree.gov.uk

White Colne Parish Council
Clerk To The Council
White Colne Parish Council
78 Manor Road
Colchester
CO3 3LY

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: OS 7271 Land South West Of Fox And Pheasant Farm
Colchester Road White Colne Essex CO6 2PS
Description of Development: Application for approval of details as reserved by
condion 7 of approved application 21/02421/FUL
Planning Application Ref: 24/01232/DAC
Appellant's Name: Mr S Prater
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/24/3355253
Appeal Start Date: 20 November 2024

I refer to the above details. An appeal against the imposition of conditions has been made to the Secretary of State following Braintree District Council's granting of the above application/s.

The appeal will be determined at **written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Team East 1
Room 3B
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

All representations must be received by 25 December 2024 and sent directly to the Planning Inspectorate. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be

considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the appeal reference, APP/Z1510/W/24/3355253.**

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents are available for inspection online at www.braintree.gov.uk/pa. Once online, click the **Appeals** button and then search for the reference number at the very top of this letter. If you do not have access to the internet you can visit the Council's office at Causeway House, Braintree or libraries at Halstead or Witham to view the details online. Please note, no paper copies of the application are available to view at the Council's office or libraries.

For further information on the appeals process, you can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklets free of charge from GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal>.

When made, the decision will be published online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

Melanie Corbishley
For Planning Development Manager

Fwd: Street light ID187816

19.11.2024 19:47

With reference to the missing lamp on Colneford Hill, White Colne CO6 2PJ. This lamp was destroyed in a road accident in November 2021. The telegraph pole was replaced within 4 hours and power restored, the BT lines were repaired within 24 hours. I reported this at the time and it was reported by others. When checking the website on the third anniversary of the incident it appeared the report was no longer active and the lamp has still not been replaced. It is odd that during this period all the remaining lamps in the village have been replaced with LED lamps ignoring this one.

A similar incident involving a lamp post owned by ECC on Colchester Road Halstead was replaced within 3 months. It seems that a rural community is again being let down. Anything that you can do to progress this will be much appreciated.

Regards

Cllr J Bond
White Colne Parish Council

Connecting Essex through Cycling and Walking – Consultation

21.11.2024 14:30

Dear Partner

Today we have launched a consultation asking residents to give us their views on our proposed Connecting Essex cycling network. The consultation will end on the 10th of January 2024. We particularly want to hear from residents about whether the routes provide the right strategic links and whether there are any important routes not shown.

The page in the link below takes you to the consultation survey and video which explains, what a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is; and why we want to hear the views of residents and businesses about how to connect together local cycling networks across the county to gradually create a cohesive cycling network that will link a number of towns and villages across Essex.

Residents have already given feedback on routes in Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Rochford, Witham, Maldon, Waltham Abbey, Loughton (including Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell), Jaywick/Clacton and Harwich/Dovercourt. Essex County Council's Safer, Greener, Healthier team now want to hear the views of residents about the remaining networks in Essex which will connect all the routes together as well as link up rural areas. **Our ambition is to have an Essex-wide final network of potential walking and cycling routes which can be developed in the future.**

The routes are designed to create a network of sustainable, interconnected linking routes which enable more walking and cycling. They ensure a long-term approach is taken for planning future investment and are reviewed approximately every three years as part of the Government's Gear Change strategy. By identifying key routes and then seeking funding for high quality infrastructure, we hope that cycling and walking will become the safe and easy choice for travelling, either for shorter, local journeys or as part of a longer one. By switching to more sustainable forms of travel, residents will have more choice in how they get around.

We are keen that local communities and stakeholders have their say and help us shape the future of their streets and would **ask that you promote the consultation and encourage as many participants as possible to respond. The consultation can be found at:** [Connecting Essex through cycling | Safer, Greener, Healthier](#)

Here is a link to our Safer Greener Healthier Facebook page and the post for this consultation which can be shared: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1JCCAA3TeC/>

If you have any queries or would like to receive content to share on your social media platforms or in your newsletters (if you already have not received any), please either email myself or the Safer, Greener, Healthier mailbox. SGH.Routes@essex.gov.uk

Many thanks for your support in helping us make Essex safer, greener, and healthier.

Kind regards,
Charlotte Brooks
Active Travel Engagement Officer

Climate, Environment and Customer Services
Essex County Council

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL
VILLAGE HALL HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Date: 9th November 2024

ITEM	FINDINGS	FURTHER ACTION
Disabled WC alarm	Good	None
Emergency lights	Good	None
Fire Exits	Good	None
Fire Extinguishers	Good	None
First Aid kit	Good	None

Comments:

None

Inspected by: Michael King

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION RECORD

Name of site: Bures Road

Time: 16:15

Date: 18/11/2024

Item	Condition	Maintenance finding	Risk	Suggested Action
Seating - benches	Poor	One post is rotting and is now very wobbly. (<u>See Photo</u>)	Med	Replace post a.s.a.p.
	Fair	Minimal strimmer damage & decay – not structural	-	Fit strimmer guards on the posts?
Signage	Good	Sign is in the wrong location? – it needs to be positioned facing out to the VH car park	?	Reposition Sign?
Basketball Post	Good		-	
Table Tennis Table	Good	Table needs cleaning (bird droppings) and paint needs touching up	-	Clean / Touch up paint
Goal Post – with barriers	Good	Metalwork has some algae on it	-	Clean off algae
Surfaces	Poor	Hard surface around table tennis table is partly under the trees and looks very slippery – especially when wet. The undergrowth at the side of the football pitch is encroaching on the pitch. Brambles, nettles, etc need to be cut back.	Low	Pressure wash the surface Trim back vegetation a.s.a.p.
Other	Fair	One timber car park bollard is very wobbly. (<u>See Photo</u>) Car park fencing & signage – comments as before.	Low	Reset post in new concrete post base?

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION RECORD

Name of Site: White Colne Meadows

Time: 16.15

Date: 18/11/2024

Item	Condition	Maintenance finding	Risk	Suggested Action
Signage		Signage is outdated – it still relates to the Covid period and doesn't seem relevant now.		Remove existing signage / provide new, more relevant signage?
BBQ area	Fair			
Seating – benches and tables	Good	Seating is now very good. The tree seat has been replaced and looks very nice.		
Agility Trail – Timber	Fair	Broken end support on the low beam (<u>See Photo</u>) The low beam is showing signs of decay and will need to be replaced in the next year or so. (<u>See Photo</u>) Some of the tall stilts are becoming loose where they fix into their base supports. The tops of some posts are beginning to rot away and would benefit from some attention.	Low	Replace end support / replace low beam? Tighten the fixings Put caps on the tops of the posts?
Climber – Frame & Net	Good			
Swings – 2 junior, 2 toddler	Good			
Surfaces		See notes above.		
Other		Access paths are all good The balustrading to the front of the pavilion verandah is in a very poor condition and is beginning to fall apart.		Dismantle and replace the balustrade.

Inspected by: Michael King

Anglian Water Freebies

29.11.2024 10:04

Hi everyone,

Anglian Water are offering free water saving products (Flow Reducing Shower Heads and Bath Buoys) to organisations for free so you can hand them out people.

I've attached the information and you can order them here

<https://forms.office.com/e/66ahPVjsEU>

Kind regards,


Michael Graham (*he/him*)

Cost of Living Projects Officer

Braintree District Council | Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

www.braintree.gov.uk

Cost of Living Support [Braintree District Council - Cost of Living Pages](#)



Don't forget to **SIGN UP** to our text message service for information on bin collection dates, service updates and emergency alerts.

Text your postcode, house number or house name to **07860064108**



Age Well East are very grateful to have received funding through the Cost.of.Living.Small.Grants. scheme to provide an advice service to people aged 60 years and above living in the Braintree District area.

From 14th October we have an Advice Caseworker dedicated to the Braintree area available to support residents with a range of needs. This includes benefit checks to help identify access to welfare benefits and other entitlements to assist with essential living costs, support to complete, submit applications, and help to apply for disabled blue badge parking permits based on long term ill health or disabilities. Crucially our work can help identify and support claims for Pension Credit and subsequent entitlement to Winter Fuel Allowance if support is accessed within the allowable time limits for 2024.

Our approach is person centred and flexible to meet the needs of the client and we can help by telephone, digital and in person through home visits.

We are open for referrals by email at enquiries@agewelleast.org.uk telephone at 0300 37 33 333 or through our website at <https://agewelleast.org.uk/contact-us/referrals/> and look forward to contributing towards the valuable work across the Braintree district.

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