



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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15th January 2025

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 21st January 2025 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 Agenda item 3.

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 correct records the Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 and the Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 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 one of the council's vacant seats.

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

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

8. 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: 24/02538/FUL White Colne Parish Council response (Appendix C).

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

iii. Planning Appeals:

a) Ref: APP/Z1510/W/24/3355253 White Colne Parish Council response (Appendix D).

iv. Braintree District Council Waste Review Consultation (Appendix E).

v. Anglian Water replacement tree.

9. FINANCE

i. **To RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE** the schedule of payments 01.11.2024-31.12.2024 (Appendix F).

ii. **To RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE** White Colne Parish Council budget 2025-26 (Appendix G).

iii. **To RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE** White Colne Parish Council Precept requirement 2025-26 (Appendix H).

10. LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Christmas lights on the Village Green.

ii. Village Hall – energy update.

iii. Village Hall – staff update.

11. COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Grant funding applications and updates.

ii. Notice of Casual Vacancy (Appendix I).

iii. VE Day 80 (Appendix J).

iv. Garden Waste Collection Service Renewals for 2025/26 (Appendix K).

v. New Parish Police Meeting (Appendix L).

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 18th March 2025.

14. 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).

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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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Minutes of White Colne Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Jim Bond
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson

071/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Batchford, Cllr Kris Bell, Cllr Denise Drizen, and Jim Morris, Parish Clerk.

072/24 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr Taylor disclosed an interest in Agenda item 7,iii,c: *Planning Appeals - OS 7271 Land South West Of Fox And Pheasant Farm, Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex, CO6 2PS. Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 7 of approved application 21/02421/FUL.* Cllr Taylor owned property adjacent to the Appeal site.

073/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held on 19.12.2024 would be approved and signed at a future meeting.

074/24 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Cllrs Taylor and Wilson had met with a prospective new parish councillor. He was relatively new to the village, and keen to become involved with voluntary organisations. His interests were in highways and management of the council's Allotments site, and he would be prepared to attend relevant training as well as meetings. Both Cllrs Taylor and Wilson were optimistic about the potential contributions the local resident could make to the council. A report would be presented to the scheduled January meeting.

075/24 PLANNING

i. Applications

a) Ref: 24/02422/FUL (Attached to record Minutes)

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

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

Response: White Colne Parish Council does not offer comment on Planning Application ref 24/02422/FUL.

b) Ref: 24/02488/TPOCON (Attached to record Minutes)

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.

Response: White Colne Parish Council supports Tree Works Application 24/02488/TPOCON. 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, reducing the height by 1m and taking off two lower branches will not have a detrimental effect. To the contrary, it may allow more light to the deciduous tree planted nearby and to the property's solar panels.

c) Ref: 24/02538/FUL (Attached to record Minutes)

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.

Members noted White Colne Parish Council's previous objections to development proposals at the same site, which had included concerns over unsustainable development practices. The District Council's Heritage Officer was yet to comment, and confirmation of the parish council's response objecting to the proposal would be gained from members not present at the meeting and approved at the scheduled January meeting.

ii. Decisions – none received.

iii. Appeals

a) Planning Application Ref: 24/01232/DAC (Attached to record Minutes).

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.

Members noted the Appeal case and supported Braintree District Council's position that the submitted scheme did not meet the terms of Condition 7. Confirmation of White Colne Parish Council's response would be gained from members not present at the meeting and approved at the scheduled January meeting.

iv. Cllr Bond correspondence regarding broken lamppost (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted.

v. Connecting Essex through Cycling and Walking – Consultation (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the Consultation be noted.

076/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Village Hall Health & Safety inspections (attached to record Minutes). The Electric Vehicle charging points would be added to the schedule of inspections.

It was RESOLVED: that the inspection results be noted.

ii. Playground inspection – Bures Road (attached to record Minutes). A deterioration in some benches had been noted.

It was RESOLVED: that quotes for benches and installation be sought.

iii. Playground inspection – The Meadows (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the inspection results be noted.

077/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Grant funding applications and updates. BDC had provided a grant agreement for £3,500 for works to open up the former railway line for use as a natural play area.

It was RESOLVED: that the grant agreement be approved.

ii. Anglian Water Freebies (attached to record Minutes).

iii. Age Well East advice service in Braintree (attached to record Minutes).

iv. Christmas Tree Recycling (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that Agenda items 9ii, iii, & iv be noted.

078/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Co-option of a new member, and communication with Cllr Whitbread were suggested.

079/24 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.

The meeting closed at 19:55hrs.

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.

074/24 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

ACTION ARISING: Report on co-option to be considered at January meeting.

White Colne Parish Council
White Colne Village Hall
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To: Planning Department
Braintree District Council

Date: 15/01/2025

Ref: 24/02538/FUL

Details: **Redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings to provide 3no. 4-bedroom dwellings, and 2no. 5-bedroom dwellings, 5no. parking structures, landscaping and associated development - Brambles Farm , Brambles Lane, White Colne**

White Colne Parish Council response:

White Colne Parish Council (WCPC) OBJECTS to Planning Application ref 24/02538/FUL. The Applicant gained Prior Approval for Change of Use and conversion of some of the agricultural barns on the site into five residential dwellings under Application ref 21/00992/COUPA, dated 7th July 2021. The works were not undertaken within the specified timeframe, and Prior Approval has therefore lapsed. Full Planning Permission granted under Application ref 21/02974/FUL, dated 4th February 2022, has not been actioned to date and will expire in due course. The parish council notes that both Applications proposed the development of the site with 3no. 2-bedroom and 2no. 5-bedroom dwellings. The LPA's published *Five-Year Supply Trajectory 2023 to 2028*, dated October 2024, depicts a projected surplus and both Applications should be removed from the calculation at its next review.

Planning Application ref 24/02538/FUL represents a significant increase in scale over the lapsed Prior Approval ref 21/00992/COUPA. The current proposed scheme does not benefit from Prior Approval and must be assessed as being a new case. WCPC notes that the LPA has a projected surplus of housing in its Five-Year Supply Trajectory. It is also noted that the proposed development site lies within the curtilage of a Listed Building, yet at time of the council's consideration the Historic Buildings Advisor was yet to respond to the consultation request.

The Applicant's submission does not appear to include detail on proposed measures to mitigate the climate emergency. A development of this scale cannot claim to be sustainable without appropriate regard to solar panels, heat pumps, sustainable

drainage systems, EV charging, and lighting schemes congruent with Dark Skies Policies.

Planning Application ref 24/02538/FUL does not meet the requirements of the Braintree District Local Plan 2013-2033 (Adopted July 2022):

- Policy SP 1: The site is wholly unsuitable for residential development of this proposed scale and cannot be seen as meeting the requirements for Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development. The site is accessed by narrow country roads, it is not served by public transport, there are no footways, nor streetlighting. Occupants of the proposed dwellings would have no choice but to use private transport for all journeys to and from the site.
- Policy SP 3: The proposed development site is neither within nor adjoining the identified White Colne Development Boundary. The proposal does not meet the criteria of the Spatial Strategy for North Essex.
- Policy SP 4: Braintree District Council has a projected surplus of housing. The proposed development does not support the LPA's commitment towards Meeting Housing Needs.
- Policy SP 6: Paragraph 6.7 states: *The Local Plans seek to improve transport infrastructure to enable the efficient movement of people, goods and ensure that new development is accessible by sustainable forms of transport. Measures designed to encourage people to make sustainable travel choices such as better public transport provision, car clubs, electric vehicle charging points and provision of cycle links and foot ways will also be required to achieve such a change.* The site is accessed by narrow country roads, it is not served by public transport, there are no footways, nor streetlighting. Occupants of the proposed dwellings would have no choice but to use private transport for all journeys to and from the site. The proposal therefore does not meet Local Plan criteria for Infrastructure & Connectivity.
- Policy SP 7: As stated above, the proposal does not meet criteria for creating well-connected places. By prioritising private car use over the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport users, the proposal does not meet the LPA's Place Shaping Principles.

For the reasons stated above, White Colne Parish Council submits that Planning Application ref 24/02538/FUL must be refused at the earliest opportunity.

Jim Morris

Parish Clerk

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Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Z1510/W/24/3355253
LPA Reference: 24/01232/DAC

10th December 2024

Dear Jacky Parsons,

White Colne Parish Council supports Braintree District Council's decision letter, dated 3rd September 2024, which refused the discharge of Condition 7 of approved application ref 21/02421/FUL.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Morris
White Colne Parish Clerk

Waste Review Consultation

06.01.2025 10:03

Braintree District Council is proposing to make changes to its household waste and recycling collection service in order to:

- Improve the quality of the recyclable materials we collect
- Reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill
- Meet new recycling targets and support climate change ambitions
- Comply with new legislation, Simpler Recycling
- Improve the financial sustainability of the waste service

However, before deciding on whether to introduce the proposed changes, the Council is carrying out an 8-week public consultation on the matter so that local residents and other key stakeholders can have their say and help shape the future of the service.

The consultation opens at 10.00am on Monday 6th January 2025 and will close at midnight on Sunday 2nd March 2025.

We are inviting you/your organisation to participate in the consultation by completing an on-line questionnaire which can be accessed at www.braintree.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

Respondents are encouraged to complete the on-line survey wherever possible. However, anyone needing assistance to access the survey is asked to make contact with our Customer Services Centre at csc@braintree.gov.uk or 01376 552525 who will help to ensure they have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals.

Please note that the deadline for completed questionnaires is midnight on Sunday 2nd March 2025, and any received after this time will not be considered.

Please be assured that the decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposals outlined will not be made until all responses have been fully considered by the Council's Cabinet on Tuesday 27th May 2025. Until then, the existing arrangements will remain in place.

Kind regards
Andrew Lucas
Operations Project Manager
On behalf of Braintree District Council

Please note that copies of all responses may be made available for the public to view, including the name of the stakeholder who submitted the response, and so this cannot be treated as confidential. However, the Council will not include any personal addresses or signatures in any published information.

Don't **WASTE** the opportunity...

HAVE YOUR SAY



Take part in our public consultation to help shape the future of waste collection services

Braintree District Council is holding an eight-week public consultation and asking residents to share their views on proposals to improve the waste collection service in the district.

CONSULTATION OPENS

Monday 6 January
until Sunday 2 March 2025

Objectives of the proposals include:

- improve the range and quality of recycling collected
- reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
- meet recycling targets and climate change ambitions
- comply with new government legislation, Simpler Recycling policy
- ensure consideration is given to the financial sustainability of service delivery

The **INSIDE** of this leaflet has more information about the proposals, so please take time to have a look.

 www.braintree.gov.uk/wasteconsultation
 **Customer Service Centre: 01376 552525**

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We want your feedback

Here is more information to help explain how the proposals could work:



- Weekly collection of food waste using a food waste bin
- Alternate fortnightly recycling collection of paper and card in a wheeled bin
- Alternate fortnightly recycling collection of glass, metals, plastic, food & drink cartons in a wheeled bin
- Three weekly collection of general household waste in a grey wheeled bin
- Fortnightly paid for collection of garden waste using a green wheeled bin (where requested)
- Alternate fortnightly means one bin (paper & card) collected one fortnight, the other bin (glass, metal, plastics) the following fortnight
- Some residents including those in flats may have alternative containers where necessary

Example calendar

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Non-recyclable waste • Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Paper & Card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Non-recyclable waste • Glass, metal, plastic, cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Paper & Card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Non-recyclable waste • Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Glass, metal, plastic, cartons

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY
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GOOD NEWS!
You would be able to recycle a wider variety of items at kerbside



The Council has not yet made any decisions.

A final report will be presented to Cabinet in May 2025, which will include all feedback from the consultation. Please use this opportunity to help shape those decisions.

Tell us about your needs

We want to hear from residents who may need extra support.

Additional requirements for consideration may include:

- assisted collections
- medical needs
- absorbent hygiene products (e.g. nappies)
- larger households
- space and access restrictions



Don't waste the opportunity to have your say to help shape the future of our waste collection service

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www.braintree.gov.uk/tellmemore

To receive text message reminders:
www.braintree.gov.uk/text
or call our Customer Service Centre



If you require this leaflet in another format, or need assistance to access the survey, please speak to our Customer Service Centre on 01376 552525

Whitecolne Parish Council

15 January 2025 (2024 - 2025)

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
116	Allotment Income	01/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Allotments	Allotment Fee	E	14.90		14.90
120	Subscriptions	01/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Subscription	Starboard Systems Limited	S	-23.00	-4.60	-27.60
117	Village Hall Hire	04/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	60.87		60.87
118	Village Hall Hire	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	221.33		221.33
119	Village Hall Hire	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	92.00		92.00
120	Village Hall Hire	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	128.24		128.24
123	Allotments	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Allotments	Allotment Fee	X	-3.75		-3.75
125	Meadows	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	-104.14	-20.83	-124.97
125	Village Green	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	-79.16	-15.83	-94.99
126	Cleaning	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Window cleaning	Gallen Windows	X	-74.00		-74.00
125	Village Hall Open Spaces	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	-20.82	-4.16	-24.98
121	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X			
122	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X			
124	Deposit	07/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	-50.00		-50.00
121	Community Events	08/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	106.19		106.19
123	Allotment Income	11/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Allotments	Allotment Fee	E	15.00		15.00
122	Village Hall Hire	11/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	72.52		72.52
124	Community Events	11/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	101.27		101.27
125	Village Hall Hire	12/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	112.09		112.09
130	Community Events	12/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jane Taylor	E	-42.60		-42.60
127	Deposit	12/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	-25.00		-25.00
128	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	12/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X			
129	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	12/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X			
126	Community Events	15/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	29.50		29.50
131	Community Events	18/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Card payments	LLoyds Multipay	X	-601.42		-601.42
133	WCVH H&S	19/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Essex IO Ltd	X	-69.00		-69.00
132	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	19/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X			
134	Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	19/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Sim ott Renewables Limite	S	-4,575.00	-915.00	-5,490.00
128	Community Events	22/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	X	26.55		26.55
127	Grant Income	22/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Grant Income - Villag	Essex Community Fund	E	1,500.00		1,500.00
129	Misc Income	25/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - General Administratio	Eastern Power Networks pl	E	60.65		60.65
130	Community Events	25/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	79.65		79.65
136	Cleaning	26/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Suzanna Giera	X	-12.00		-12.00
135	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	26/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X			

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Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
137	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	26/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
138	Electricity	28/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	-43.03	-2.15	-45.18
139	Gas	28/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	-47.90	-2.40	-50.30
131	Village Hall Hire	29/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	161.34		161.34
132	Community Events	29/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	17.70		17.70
141	Salary	29/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	█		█
140	Booking Secretary	29/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	-104.00		-104.00
140	Cleaning	29/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	-328.90		-328.90
142	Banking Fees	30/11/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - General Administrati	Unity Trust Bank	X	-6.00		-6.00
133	Village Hall Hire	02/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	157.50		157.50
143	Subscriptions	02/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Subscription	Starboard Systems Limited	S	-23.00	-4.60	-27.60
147	Community Events	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jane Taylor	E	-42.60		-42.60
144	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
145	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
146	Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	The Spotted Penguin Comf	S	-1,505.88	-301.18	-1,807.06
148	Subscriptions	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Subscription	Adobe Software Systems	S	-4.51	-0.90	-5.41
149	Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	03/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Jim Bond	X	-19.90		-19.90
135	Village Hall Hire	05/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	148.00		148.00
134	Grant Income	05/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Grant Income - Rural	Braintree District Council	E	3,226.80		3,226.80
136	Community Events	06/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	14.75		14.75
137	Village Hall Hire	09/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	57.96		57.96
138	Village Hall Hire	09/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	15.75		15.75
150	Cleaning	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Suzanna Giera	X	-12.00		-12.00
152	Christmas	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Open Spaces	AMP Electrical	S	-265.36	-53.07	-318.43
153	Cleaning	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Suzanna Giera	X	-84.00		-84.00
151	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
154	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
155	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	10/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
139	Community Events	13/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	21.66		21.66
156	Community Events	16/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Card payments	LLoyds Multipay	X	-600.95		-600.95
140	Community Events	17/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	92.17		92.17
160	Community Events	17/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	-200.00		-200.00
157	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	17/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
158	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	17/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X	█		█

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Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
159	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	17/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
142	Village Hall Hire	20/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	106.51		106.51
141	Community Events	20/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Community Event Ir	E	26.55		26.55
161	Booking Secretary	23/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	-143.00		-143.00
161	Cleaning	23/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	-243.10		-243.10
143	Village Hall Hire	27/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	47.25		47.25
144	Village Hall Hire	27/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Receipt - Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	94.50		94.50
162	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	27/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
163	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	27/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
164	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	27/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Grant Expenditure -	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
165	Electricity	30/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	-43.03	-2.15	-45.18
166	Gas	30/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	-47.90	-2.40	-50.30
167	Salary	31/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	█		█
168	Banking Fees	31/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Payment - General Administrati	Unity Trust Bank	X	-6.00		-6.00
Total									-5,925.97	-1,329.27	-7,255.24

Budget 2025-26

Item	Budget 2024-25	2024-25 Q3	2025-26
1010 Precept	£ 12,243.00	£ 12,243.00	£ 12,652.00
1020 Allotment Fees	£ 365.00	£ 241.00	£ 365.00
1030 WCVH hire	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,080.00	£ 13,000.00
1031 WCVH Community Events	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,378.00	£ 3,000.00
1033 WCVH Other Income	£ -	£ 155.00	£ -
1040 Misc Income	£ 1,500.00	£ 61.00	£ -
1041 VAT126	£ -	£ 7,700.00	£ -
1050 Grant Income	£ 1,050.00	£ 62,722.00	£ -
Total Income	£ 26,658.00	£ 95,580.00	£ 29,017.00

NOTES

2.5% increase = £1.43 per Band D equivalent

Includes Café, tickets, SumUp income

Grants applied for as necessity or availability dictates

Item	Budget 2024-25	2024-25 Q3	2025-26	2025-26 EMR
4010 Salary	£ 8,500.00	£ 6,630.00	£ 11,915.00	£ -
4011 PAYE/NI	£ -	£ 73.00	£ -	£ -
001 General Admin TOTAL Expenditure	£ 8,500.00	£ 6,703.00	£ 11,915.00	£ -
4020 Allotments	£ 250.00	£ 4.00	£ -	£ -
4021 Meadows	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,731.00	£ 2,150.00	£ -
4022 Play Areas	£ 1,200.00	£ 156.00	£ 950.00	£ -
4023 Village Green	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,079.00	£ 1,200.00	£ -
4024 Defibrillator	£ -	£ 165.00	£ 240.00	£ -
4025 Christmas	£ -	£ 265.00	£ 265.00	£ -
002 Leisure & Facilities TOTAL Expenditure	£ 3,450.00	£ 4,400.00	£ 4,805.00	£ -
4030 WCVH Booking Secretary	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,335.00	£ 1,500.00	£ -
4031 Cleaning	£ 2,300.00	£ 2,195.00	£ 2,300.00	£ -
4032 Caretaker	£ -	£ 187.00	£ 240.00	£ -
4033 WCVH Open Spaces	£ 500.00	£ 271.00	£ 500.00	£ -
4034 Community Event Expenditure	£ 1,000.00	£ 4,709.00	£ 2,692.00	£ -
4035 Electricity	£ 800.00	£ 435.00	£ 150.00	£ -
4036 Gas	£ 800.00	£ 383.00	£ -	£ -
4037 Water	£ 600.00	£ 655.00	£ 750.00	£ -
4038 WiFi	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4039 WCVH H&S	£ 1,200.00	£ 12,560.00	£ 1,000.00	£ -
4049 WCVH Deposits	£ -	£ 325.00	£ 500.00	£ -
003 WCVH TOTAL Expenditure	£ 8,700.00	£ 23,055.00	£ 9,632.00	£ -
4040 Staff Training	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
4041 Councillor Training	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00	£ -
4042 General Maintenance	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
4043 General Expenditure	£ 4,000.00	£ 141.00	£ 240.00	£ -
4044 Subscriptions	£ -	£ 714.00	£ 750.00	£ -
4046 Audit	£ -	£ 455.00	£ 500.00	£ -
4047 Insurance	£ -	£ 888.00	£ 890.00	£ -
4048 Banking Fees	£ -	£ 53.00	£ 85.00	£ -
004 Miscellaneous TOTAL Expenditure	£ 5,800.00	£ 2,251.00	£ 2,665.00	£ -
4050 Grant Exp Warm Hub	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00
4051 Grant Exp Staff Salary	£ -	£ 1,499.00	£ -	£ -
4052 Grant Exp WCVH	£ -	£ 49,685.00	£ -	£ 1,400.00
4053 Grant Exp Projects	£ -	£ 1,005.00	£ -	£ -
005 Grants TOTAL Expenditure	£ -	£ 52,189.00	£ -	£ 11,400.00
Total Expenditure	£ 26,450.00	£ 88,598.00	£ 29,017.00	£ 11,400.00
Income minus Expenditure	£ 208.00	£ 6,982.00	£ -	-£ 11,400.00

Formerly 'Café,' now includes all community event expenditure

Fire Extinguishers, PAT testing, decorating etc. 2024-25 Includes works to roof

2024-25 Budget consumed in new budget lines

£1,400 holding in Community Energy Project

2025-26 Grant Expenditure ringfenced from 2024-25



Our ref: Precept 2025/26
Your ref:
Ask for: Victoria Farquharson
Date: 5th December 2024

Financial Services
Causeway House Braintree
Essex CM7 9HB

www.braintree.gov.uk

White Colne Parish Council

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to inform you of the requirements for submitting the 2025/26 Precept.

Tax Base – 2025/26

The tax base which will be used to calculate the 2025/26 Band D rate for your parish/ town council/ meeting is 216.43

Local Precept – 2025/26

Attached to this email is a blank Precept request form which I ask to be completed, certified, and returned by 31st January 2025.

Please note the Council will not be able to pay a precept in 2025/26 without receipt of a certified precept form.

BACS payment

Payment of precept will be made by BACS directly to your nominated bank account. Please ensure you provide your bank account details (sort code, account number and account name) and an email address for receiving your remittance advice on the precept form.

If you change your bank account details during the year, please ensure we are informed as soon as possible.

Help and advice

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding the process or information enclosed. I would also request that, where possible, Precept requests are returned electronically.

Yours faithfully,

Victoria Farquharson
Accountancy Assistant (Mon-Thurs)
Braintree District Council | Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT 2025/26

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Tax Base for 2025/26 calculated by Braintree District Council	216.43	A
Precept determined under Local Government Finance Act 1992 for 2025/26 (taken from Precept Form)	£12,652	B
Parish element of the Band D Tax Rate for 2025/26	£58.46	C
Your precept for 2025/26 represents an increase (-decrease) over 2024/25 of	£409	D
Your Parish/ Town Council Band D Council Tax Rate has increased (-decreased) by	2.51%	E

For information only:

2024/25 Precept	£12,243
2024/25 Tax base	214.67
2024/25 Parish element of the Band D Council Tax Rate	£57.03

Note on calculations:

C equals B divided by A

D equals B less 2024/25 Precept

E equals (C less 2024/25 Band D Tax Rate) divided by 2024/25 Band D Tax Rate multiplied by 100

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

White Colne Parish Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for White Colne Parish Council.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten local government electors for the electoral area so request. Such request should be made in writing and must include name, address and signature. Requests must be submitted to the Proper Officer (Chief Executive) of Braintree District Council at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9HB. The deadline for receipt of requests is no later than 5:00pm on 28th January 2025.

If an election is not requested as aforesaid the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council as soon as is practicable.

Date: 9th January 2025

**Jim Morris
White Colne Village Hall
Bures Road
White Colne
CO6 2QA**

Celebrating 80th VE Day 2025 - Letter from Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster

08.01.2025 09:56

Dear Chair, Councillors and the Clerk,

We are encouraging Town and Parish Councils to take part in VE Day 80, along with all the other aspects. The Guide To Taking Part in VE Day 80 can be viewed and downloaded from the official VE Day website - www.VEday80.org.uk. We do hope therefore that your Council will take part in one or more of the activities planned, using the occasion to pay tribute to those that gave so much from within your local community, to ensure the freedom we all enjoy today.

Participating Councils and organisations are being asked to register their involvement as soon as possible by completing the Registration Form on the VE Day 80 website. However, if your Council has already received this information and you have confirmed your involvement, please ignore this email.

My warmest regards for Christmas and the New Year.

Kindest Regards,



Bruno Peek

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Pageantmaster
VE Day 80
8th May 2025
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Garden Waste Collection Service Renewals for 2025/26

13.01.2025 15:52

**MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF STRATEGY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER**

GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025/26

I am writing to update your Council on the process for garden waste subscription renewals for 2025/26. All existing subscriptions will expire at the end of March 2025 and we will be inviting residents to renew or subscribe for collections in 2025/26 from 27 January onwards. For prices and other information please see attached FAQs.

A key difference this time is that customers who self-serve via the new Waste Portal will benefit from automatic renewal in future years, subject to a valid payment each year. (There will be an opportunity for customers to update their card details before payment is taken.) This will be explained to customers when they subscribe and there will be the usual cooling off period if customers have a change of mind.

Unfortunately, customers who subscribe by phone will not have had their payment details stored and so this group will need to sign up again in subsequent years.

There is no need for anyone to let us know if they do **not** wish to renew, as all current subscriptions will automatically stop on 31 March 2025 and no further collections will be made.

Subscription stickers will again be sent by post and will be a different colour for 2025/26 to help the crews identify bins with a valid subscription. The sticker will also include the subscriber's address as an added security measure, which we believe will be welcomed by our customers.

More information will be published on the website and via social media in due course, so please keep an eye out for updates. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please email: marketing@braintree.gov.uk

Strategy & Business Development Manager

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

If you live in the Braintree District

Don't WASTE
the opportunity...

HAVE YOUR SAY

Help shape the future of waste collection
services in the Braintree District

**Take part in our public
consultation** [CLICK HERE](#)

Braintree
District Council

GARDEN WASTE RENEWALS 2025/26 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What period does the subscription cover?

The subscription runs from 1 April to 31 March each year.

How much will the service cost in 2025/26?

- The full-year subscription fee for the first bin is £55.
- Subscriptions for second and subsequent bins are £30 per bin.
- New and replacement bins are £35.50 per bin
- Biodegradable sacks (for households not on wheeled bins) are £8 per roll of 20 sacks.

N.B. All prices subject to approval of Fees & Charges in February 2025.

How do I get my subscription?

You can sign up on-line on the Council's website or by phoning our Customer Services Centre.

The customer portal will go live on **27 January 2025** and from that point you can purchase a new subscription for 2025/26 or renew your existing subscription.

Can I pay by instalments?

No, payment must be made in full when you take out the subscription.

Is there a discount for pensioners or those in receipt of benefits?

Unfortunately, it is not possible to subsidise the cost of the service as the intention is for it to be self-financing. If you wish to receive the service, you will need to pay the full subscription price.

Do Churches/Charities have to pay?

Yes, churches and charities are no longer eligible to receive a free service and will have to pay the full subscription cost.

What happens if I move or stop using the service – will I get a refund?

No, the charge is not refundable, although if you move to another address within the District, the subscription can be transferred to your new address. You must ensure that you take your bin with you and let us know your new address at least two weeks in advance of the move to ensure an unbroken service.

Do I need to tell you if I don't wish to renew my subscription?

No. If you don't renew, your existing subscription will expire on 31 March 2025 and no further collections will be made.

When will I receive my subscription sticker?

This will be sent in the post and should be received within 14 days of subscribing.

If I order a new/replacement/additional bin, how long will this take to arrive?

We aim to deliver bins within 10 working days.

How can I dispose of my garden waste if I don't wish to subscribe?

The best option (environmentally) is to compost at home. To obtain discounted compost bins and find out about the benefits of home-composting and how to get started (including on-line training), visit the Love Essex home composting page (link below).

<https://www.loveessex.org/ideas/get-started-home-composting>

Material that cannot be composted would need to be taken to a Household Waste & Recycling Centre. *Please note that you will need to book an appointment.*

Will the Council provide a free bin for leaf-fall?

No, please use your garden waste bin if you have subscribed to the service. If you don't have a bin, you could compost the leaves at home or put them in sacks to make a leaf-mulch to enrich your soil. Alternatively, they can be taken to your local Household Waste & Recycling Centre.

Can I put garden waste into my grey bin?

The Environment Act 2021 makes it clear that garden waste should be collected separately and so it should all go into your garden waste bin (if you have subscribed to the service), or it can be composted at home or taken to your local Household Waste & Recycling Centre.

Can I put out extra waste alongside my green bin if it won't all fit in?

No, our collection crews will not accept any excess garden waste that is presented alongside or on top of your bin. If you occasionally have more waste than can fit inside your bin, please hold this over and place it loose inside your bin once emptied, ready for the next scheduled collection day. Alternatively, it can be taken to your local Household Waste & Recycling Centre.

Is the collection of garden waste now a statutory service and, if so, are you still permitted to charge for its collection?

Whilst the Environment Act 2021 requires local authorities to collect garden waste where requested to do so (and to collect this material separately from other waste), there continues to be provision to impose a charge for delivering this service as not all residents will require it.

Don't I pay for garden waste collections in my Council Tax?

The subscription fee means that the cost of delivering the garden waste service is funded through payments made by those who take up the service. Therefore, those who choose not to subscribe are not paying towards this service in their Council Tax. Fees are set each year at a rate to ensure that the service is funded by the subscribers.

New parish police meeting

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Good morning

In our continued effort to increase our visibility within the community, we are looking at trialling a new police meeting just for the district's parish councils

The idea is that we will hold a monthly online Teams meeting to provide an opportunity for parish's to have regular contact with local police

The meeting will be an opportunity for local officers to update parishes on what we have been doing and also give attending parish's the opportunity to highlight any concerns, problems or issues in their local area

Attendance will be totally optional and could be any member of the parish council but to make the meeting manageable we would ask that only have one member from each parish attend

I have looked at when the district's parish's meet to try and find a regular date that don't conflict with another meeting but I haven't found one, so we are looking for some feedback and suggestions before confirming the first meeting

The options are 1st Monday or the last Monday of each month

Starting at either 630pm or 7pm

I have suggested those start times so if there are any conflicts with regular parish council meetings, we would endeavour would speak to those representatives first so they would be able to attend both appointments

We are looking at starting these meeting in the near future so if there is any feedback/suggestions please send it to me sooner rather than later

This new meeting is intended to complement existing working practises and If there are policing issues in your parish we will still arrange to attend your parish meetings in person

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