



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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12th March 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 18th March 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 21st January 2025 (Appendix A).
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
To **RECEIVE and CONSIDER** the list of matters arising and ongoing since previous meetings (Appendix B).
6. **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**
 - i. Cllr George Courtauld & Cllr Gabrielle Spray, Braintree District - Colnes Ward.
 - ii. Cllr Chris Siddall, Essex County - Halstead Division.
7. **PLANNING**
To **RECEIVE and CONSIDER** Planning Applications, Appeals or Consultations notified by Braintree District Council, Essex County Council, or any other relevant body, including any received between the date of the Agenda and the meeting.
 - i. **Planning Applications:**
 - a) Ref: [25/00272/TPOCON](#) (Appendix C).
Location: Bridge House, 8 - 10 Colneford Hill, White Colne.
Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: G1 Row of yew trees - reduce height by approximately 2 metres and reduce sides by 1 metre, to be maintained as a hedge; G2 Row of holly trees - lightly reduce by 1 metre in height and 0.5 metre in width; T1 Malus - remove to ground level; T2 Malus - lightly reduce crown by 0.5 metre on all aspects; T3 Magnolia - reduce branches encroaching on outbuilding by 1 metre; T4 Portuguese laurel - reduce branches encroaching on outbuilding by 1 metre.

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c) Ref: [25/00292/LBC](#) (Appendix E).

Location: 4 - 6 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.

Details: Retention of Installation of an EV charger to the side of the property.

d) Ref: [25/00474/TPOCON](#) (Appendix F).

Location: 27 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex

Details: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 - Golden Cupressus & Green Cypress reduce sides by 1-2m, reduce height by 3m.

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

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

iv. Braintree District Local Plan Review – Issues and Options Consultation (Appendix G).

v. Colchester City Council Preferred Options – Local Plan Review (see Background Paper).

8. HIGHWAYS

i. Bures Road – Speed Indicator Device; Speed survey.

ii. Correspondence: Traffic Speeding (Appendix H).

9. FINANCE

i. **To CONSIDER and APPROVE** the schedule of payments 01.01.2025-28.02.2025 totalling £10,780.84 (Appendix I).

ii. **To NOTE** White Colne Parish Council precept confirmation 2025-26 (Appendix J).

iii. **To RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE** new model Financial Regulations (circulated with Agenda).

iv. Parish Council members' allowances (see Background Paper).

10. LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Christmas lights on the Village Green.

ii. Village Hall – energy update.

11. COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Grant funding applications and updates.

ii. Joint meeting with Wakes Colne Parish Council.

iii. Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 15th April 2025.

iv. Communication regarding councillor vacancy and parish news.

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 dates of the next meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 15th April 2025

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 19th May 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 the White Colne Parish Council Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk
Cllr Chris Siddall, Halstead Division
Two members of the public

080/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Kris Bell, Cllr Jim Bond, Colnes Ward Cllr George Courtauld, and Colnes Ward Cllr Gabrielle Spray.

081/24 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

None received.

082/24 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public noted that boundary fencing installed at Land South-West Of Fox & Pheasant Farm had increased in length; asked for updates on contracts to have electricity supplied from the Colne Valley Energy Project, and access rights adjacent to the development at Millfields.

RESPONSE: the Clerk would contact Braintree District Council (BDC) Planning Enforcement regarding the development site. Cllr Taylor would make enquiries with the energy supplier regarding householder contracts. Cllr Siddall noted that work was ongoing to establish whether Essex County Council (ECC) could carry out works to increase accessibility for pedestrians, including the installation of a footway in place of the roadside verge. Members agreed that walking on the footway of Colchester Road felt unsafe.

A resident of Bures Road asked whether the council's Speed Indicator Device (SID) could be placed there to gather data. The road would also benefit from refreshed line painting, cleaned signage, and an extension of the 30mph speed limit. The installation of gateway-style entrances to the village was suggested as a potential measure to mitigate speeding.

Response: the SID had been fixed, and the council would assess Bures Road for a suitable location. Cllr Siddall encouraged use of ECC's *Report It* online tool for items such as line painting and sign cleaning. The likelihood of gaining an extension to the 30mph zone was almost zero, but the parish council could commission a speed survey in the first instance. Cllr Taylor noted that village gateway signage had been considered in the past, but suggested locations had not been suitable. A future project to install new signage could be funded with S106 monies, if available.

083/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held on 19.11.2024, and Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 10.12.2024, were approved by council and signed by the Chairperson as true and correct records.

084/24 MATTERS ARISING

Members considered the parish council's list of matters arising and ongoing. Cllr Batchford had assessed items arising from The Meadows play area report. Some remedial works were needed,

and some items in the trail would need replacing in due course. Cllr Taylor and the Clerk had responded to the Remote Meetings Consultation but had missed the deadline for the BDC Design Code Consultation. Other items remained ongoing.

It was RESOLVED: to seek grant funding for replacing play equipment in the trail.

085/24 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Members received and considered a report from Cllr Wilson on a meeting held with Cllr Taylor and a prospective new member of the council (attached at Footnote¹). Members unanimously agreed to co-opt Jason Pryke as a member of the council.

It was RESOLVED: that Jason Pryke be co-opted as a White Colne parish councillor.

Cllr Pryke completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor and the council's Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests form, and joined the meeting as member of the council.

086/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cllr Gabrielle Spray had offered apologies and sent a written report (attached at Footnote²).

¹ Cllr Taylor and I met Mr Jason Pryke, the prospective new councillor, on 3rd December in order to get an idea of his interests etc. He previously lived in Colchester and is not really a newcomer to the North Essex area. He is employed at Stanstead airport as a re-fueller and works shifts which would allow him to make the routine two monthly evening meetings. During our conversation with him it was clear that he was interested in how we operated as a village and was complimentary as to what he saw as village atmosphere i.e. *'how we did things as a community'*. He asked about what training courses were available to new councillors and appeared to be keen on going on some. Throughout he was enthusiastic and showed what I thought was a genuine desire to become involved. Both Cllr Taylor and I fully endorse his request to be co-opted as a councillor.

² REPORT for WHITE COLNE PC MEETING – JANUARY 2025

NPPF Reforms: Following the publication of the Government's proposed planning reforms, there will be a briefing for all District Councillors on 13th January to highlight the main changes and the implications for local planning authority teams. I have agreed with Officers that a briefing for Parish and Town Council representatives will follow as soon as possible. This may be in person at Causeway House, online or a hybrid meeting.

Waste Collection Consultation: As a result of Government legislation, the way that local authorities operate waste collections will be changing and obviously this applies to Braintree District Council too. The aim is to improve the service and, especially, to increase waste sent for recycling rather than to landfill. BDC is holding an eight-week public consultation asking residents to share their views on the proposed changes. The consultation started on Monday 6th January and runs until Sunday 2nd March. As of Wednesday there had already been over 3000 responses so we are clearly reaching people; we need to ensure this continues. The change to a 3-weekly black bin collection is not a done deal. The whole point of the consultation is to listen to peoples' concerns and identify where there might be problems. The survey can be completed at www.braintree.gov.uk/wasteconsultation or scan the QR Code on the posters which will be appearing in the local press, libraries, suitable public spaces and on social media. There is also a direct link to the consultation on the BDC website and this route is already proving popular. If a resident does not have access to a computer or a mobile phone, they can call Customer Services on 01376 552525 and ask for help with completing the survey.

Devolution: There are a lot of unknowns and uncertainties around this right now. Here are a few facts:

The Government wrote to all upper tier Councils e.g. County Councils (such as Essex CC) last September asking for 'expressions of interest' in becoming a unitary authority.

Since then, before Christmas, the White Paper on Devolution was published and further letters have been sent to Council Leaders providing more information.

It is now clear that the Government expects all authorities to become unitary, it is only a matter of which approach they take as there are several options, in particular around having elected Mayors. Any authority rejecting reform outright is likely to have devolution imposed upon them.

Due to a positive 'expression of interest' by the ECC Leader, Kevin Bentley, back in September, Essex is being considered as a priority area.

The deadline for submitting a formal proposal, and asking for the cancellation of the May 2025 elections, is this Friday. There are three upper tier authorities in Essex involved: Thurrock Borough Council, Southend Borough Council and Essex County Council. All three have to agree in order for the Government to consider Essex for devolution.

Thurrock voted on Tuesday 7th to go ahead, Southend voted in favour on Wednesday 8th and at a special meeting of Essex CC on Friday 10th the same decision was made.

With all three authorities in agreement, a request to the government to be considered for devolution was submitted by close on Friday 10th.

Town and Parish Councils are mentioned in the White Paper as being important in terms of community relations, so it is to be hoped they will continue, whilst Borough and District Councils will cease to exist (as we know them) and new authorities will be elected to run the unitaries.

The new Unitary authorities will come into being either April 2027 or April 2028.

There is a great deal of detail still to be worked through and there will be a lot of work to do! Nothing is yet set in stone!

Gabrielle Spray, The Colnes Ward.

Cllr Chris Siddall welcomed Cllr Pryke to White Colne Parish Council and offered a report to the meeting. The *Love Essex Fund* had been reestablished for 2025, offering grants of £500 to community organisations. The *Love your Bus Grant* was running, but it had a short response date and was dependent on local councils putting together ideas for joint projects.

Cllr Siddall had not been present at the ECC meeting held on 10th January, at which the council had resolved to apply to be amongst the first devolved Unitary Authorities. Each Unitary was expected to serve around 500,000 residents, suggesting that Essex would be split between three and five separate authorities, with the county having a directly-elected Mayor. If successful, it was expected to deliver cost savings. Each Unitary would take decisions on what support or otherwise would be available to town and parish councils. A decision was expected by end of January. Assets would be transferred from District Authorities to the new Unitary Councils, but may be disposed.

It was RESOLVED: that the reports be noted. Members noted the grants currently on offer from ECC.

087/24 PLANNING

i. Applications

a) 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.

The council had responded following the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 10.12.2024 (attached to record Minutes).

ii. Decisions – none received.

iii. Appeals

a) Planning Application Ref: 24/01232/DAC. 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.

The council had responded following the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 10.12.2024 (attached to record Minutes).

iv. Braintree District Council Waste Review Consultation (Attached to record Minutes). Residents were encouraged to respond to the Consultation. Cllr Taylor had some promotional material to hand out at the forthcoming Community Hub.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted.

v. Anglian Water replacement tree. Members received and considered correspondence from BDC's Tree & Landscape Officer regarding a replacement tree being offered by Anglian Water (attached at Footnote³). Members gave careful consideration to the message and discussed the issue at length. Members noted that the Village Green was stocked with an appropriate number of trees. The council managed the land in accordance with advice from surveys carried out by qualified

³ Although we agreed a possible planting location when we meet before Christmas, my preferred site for planting the replacement tree is still within the Conservation Area boundary, and this suggests that the triangle of land which is maintained by the PC is the only viable location available. I'm not sure of the exact reason for not wanting a tree on this green, but I seem to think it was that resident around the green would not want their view spoilt. If this is the only reason, then I will say that the planting site should not be decided on whether it might (in years to come) restrict a view from a property. The idea of a Conservation Area is to maintain and enhance the visual amenity of the area for everybody using the area. My main reasons and thoughts behind planting on the green are as follows:

There is plenty of room for a reasonable size tree species (possibly a small-leafed lime or a hornbeam) to be located, without restricting future events or views across the green.

The trees currently on the green are mostly mature with a limited life expectancy. A young tree in this location will help maintain future tree cover.

The new tree would be visible to many more people in this location than the other site at the Millenium Meadow site.

If the tree is re planted outside the Conservation Area, we will probably need to agree the location with Anglian Water who may not agree with the site.

If the tree is replanted outside the Conservation Area, part of the tree cover from the protected area will still be lost.

The new tree will not have protection if it is planted outside the Conservation Area.

If there is still a firm 'no' to planting in the Conservation Area, Anglian Water will need to be planted to see if they agree to planting in the other location. If they agree the location at the Millenium Meadow, I will be looking at serving a TPO on the new tree to help ensure its long term retention. Could you please take this list of reasons back to your meeting on the 21st and let me know the outcome.

professionals, and replaced any dead / dying / dangerous specimens when needed. Whilst the trees were lost at the Anglian Water plant in the Conservation Area, they were not significantly visible and additional trees on the Village Green would alter or obscure the view downhill towards the Colne. The loss of trees within the Conservation Area could be mitigated with the addition of a TPO to a replacement tree on The Meadows. The site was very well used by the White Colne community, as well as by visitors from adjacent parishes. Once established, the council would consider installing a tree seat, offering further amenity for visitors. In addition, the council intended to develop a Biodiversity Management Plan for The Meadows, increasing community involvement as well as 'net gain.' A lime would help increase biodiversity in the area.

It was RESOLVED: that the council's preferred location for a replacement tree would be on The Meadows (W3W: inefficient.global.regular).

In accordance with White Colne Parish Council Standing Order 10,a,vi, and the council's published Agenda, the Chairperson added an item in order to consider correspondence received from BDC: vi. Braintree District Local Plan Review – Issues and Options Consultation (received after Agenda publish date) (attached at Footnote⁴). Cllr Wilson had viewed the documents but had found little pertaining to White Colne except for a commitment to keeping a 'green buffer' between the village and Earls Colne. Members noted that future developments should be compelled to pay Section 278 monies, which would provide funding for highways infrastructure projects such as pedestrian crossings and speed reduction measures. Residents would be encouraged to respond to the Consultation.

It was RESOLVED: that a parish council response be formulated and provided ahead of the closing date.

088/24 FINANCE

i. Schedule of payments 01.11.2024-31.12.2024 (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the schedule of payments 01.11.2024-31.12.2024, totalling £7,255.24, be approved.

ii. White Colne Parish Council budget 2025-26 (attached to record Minutes). Members considered the proposed budget for 2025-26. An error with staff costs was noted and mitigated with the reallocation of expenditure from another cost line. The Village Hall was yet to begin exporting electricity back to the grid, so potential income could not be assessed.

It was RESOLVED: that the parish council budget 2025-26 be approved.

iii. White Colne Parish Council Precept requirement 2025-26 (attached to record Minutes). An increase in income would be required to cover budgeted expenditure. Members noted that the council had not increased its precept for several years.

It was RESOLVED: that a precept increase of 2.51%, totalling £12,652, be approved.

089/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Christmas lights on the Village Green. Members discussed the installation of permanent infrastructure on The Green, with a view to potentially using lighting for longer periods.

It was RESOLVED: that quotes for works to bury cables in The Green be sought.

ii. Village Hall – energy update. Cllr Taylor provided statistics on the Hall's energy generation since the installation had been completed in September 2024. The Hall had covered its own needs and

⁴ As part of the process to update our adopted Local Plan we are launching an Issues and Options consultation which will run until midnight on 07 March 2025. We have outlined the key challenges for future development and we are looking for views on how we can best address these. We are asking stakeholders, residents and businesses to comment on whether the vision, objectives and policies in our current plan continue to be appropriate and if not, to suggest changes which help ensure we continue to meet the District's needs. It explores a range of topics including housing, local economy and retail, transport, infrastructure and the environment.

How residents can take part

The quickest and easiest way to comment is through our new engagement portal which can be found here: www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanengagement You can also: View hard copies of the document and pick up a paper response form at council offices at Causeway House in Braintree or local libraries; Return a response form to planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk or by post to Planning Policy, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9HB. More information on the Local Plan review process is available on our [main website](http://www.braintree.gov.uk). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Policy Team at planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk.

provided some electricity to the local network. Electricity generation had dropped in November and December but would pick up again in spring. A feed-in tariff was being sought.

It was RESOLVED: that the electricity generation results be noted.

iii. Village Hall – staff update. A new cleaner had been appointed following a resignation. The bookings clerk would remain the same.

It was RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

090/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Grant funding applications and updates. Two new grants had been received in the parish council's accounts. BDC's Communities Team had provided £3,500 from the UKSPF Community Gardens, Orchards and Open Spaces Fund and the project to create a natural play area adjacent to the Village Hall would be progressed. The Village Hall Energy Project had overspent its grant by £18.

It was RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

ii. Notice of Casual Vacancy (attached to record Minutes). Members discussed promoting the casual vacancy and suggested creating a wish list of skills that an ideal candidate might bring to the council.

It was RESOLVED: that the casual vacancy be advertised.

iii. VE Day 80 (attached to record Minutes). Cllr Taylor offered to ask local organisations if they wished to participate in VE Day 80 celebrations.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted.

iv. Garden Waste Collection Service Renewals for 2025/26 (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted.

v. New Parish Police Meeting (attached to record Minutes). Cllr Wilson offered to attend meetings with the Rural Engagement Team, if available.

It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Wilson be appointed the parish council's representative.

091/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Joint meeting with Wakes Colne was suggested.

092/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs.

093/24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

In accordance with White Colne Parish Council Standing Order 3(d), members of the public were excluded for the remaining Agenda item.

The meeting closed at 21:15hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr Jason Pryke
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

094/24 [REDACTED]

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The meeting closed at 21:30hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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MATTERS ARISING & ONGOING

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.

062/24 PLANNING

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

064/24 FINANCE

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

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to update Financial Regulations for March 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.

082/24 PUBLIC SESSION

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to contact BDC Planning Enforcement re site at Land Southwest of Fox & Pheasant Farm.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to contact Colne Valley Energy Project re householder contracts.

ACTION ARISING: Cllrs Bell & Pryke to assess possible SID sites in Bures Road.

087/24 PLANNING

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to respond to BDC Trees & Landscapes Officer.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor and Clerk to respond to Issues & Options Consultation.

088/24 FINANCE

ACTION ARISING: Clerk to enter precept requirement.

089/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ACTION ARISING: Quotes for electrical works on Village Green to be sought.

090/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

ACTION ARISING: Casual Vacancy to be advertised.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Taylor to liaise with local groups on VE Day 80 celebrations.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Wilson to attend Parish Police Meetings.

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White Colne Village Hall
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To: Planning Department
Braintree District Council

Date: 18/02/2025

Ref: 25/00272/TPOCON

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White Colne Parish Council response:

Jim Morris

Parish Clerk, White Colne Parish Council

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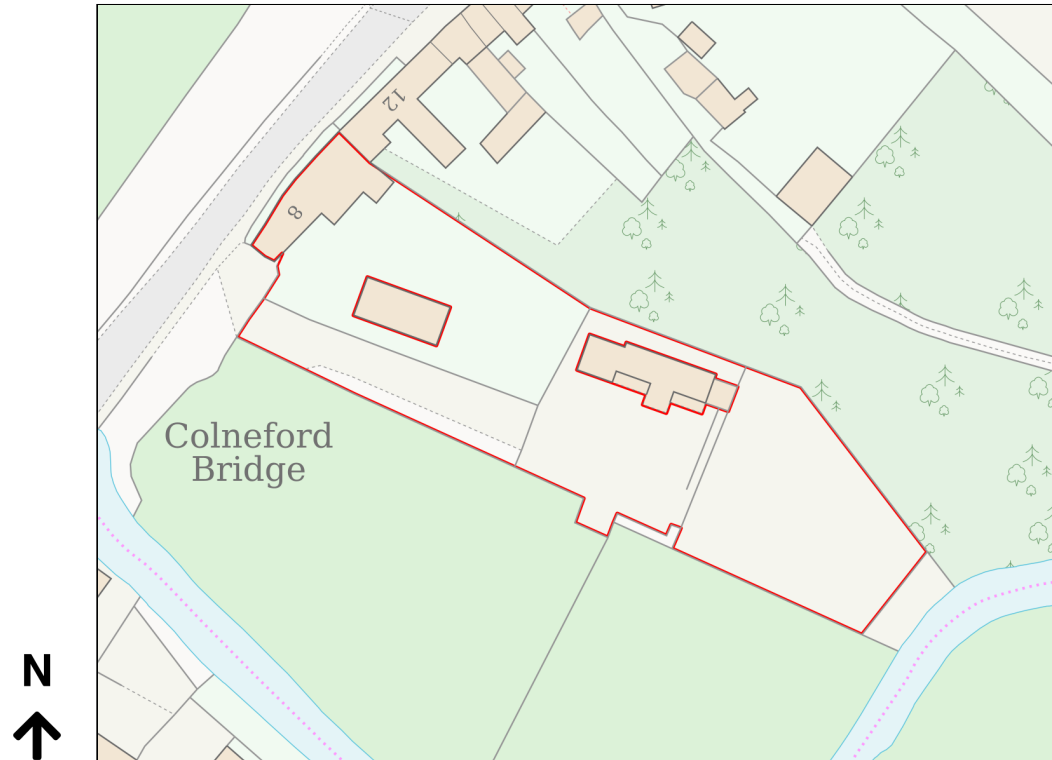
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Location Plan

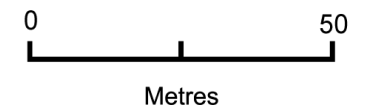
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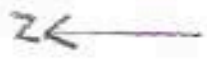
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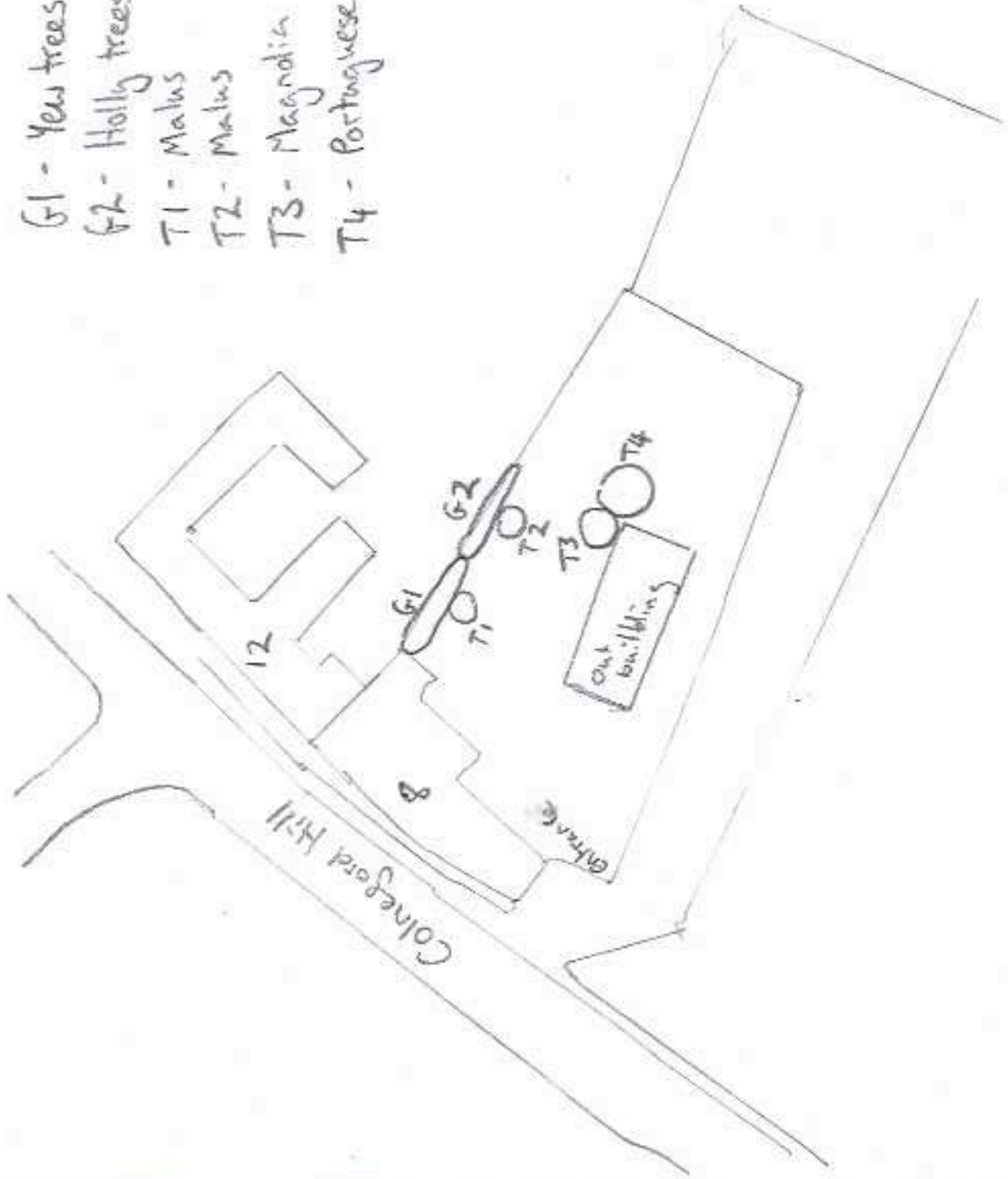


Planning Portal Reference: **PP-13751543v1**





- G1 - Yew trees
- G2 - Holly trees
- T1 - Malus
- T2 - Malus
- T3 - Magnolia
- T4 - Portuguese Laurel



Sketch plan GH1

Our ref: 25/00351/NMA
Your Ref:
Direct Dial: 01376 312750
Ask for: Rory Hayhurst
Date: 24.02.2025



Development Management
Causeway House Braintree
Essex CM7 9HB

White Colne Parish Council
Jim Morris
Clerk To The Council
White Colne Parish Council



Dear Jim Morris

Parish / Town Council Notification

APPLICATION NO : 25/00351/NMA

DESCRIPTION : Non-Material Amendment to permission 24/01379/REM granted 01.11.2024 for: Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 22/02902/OUT granted 27.02.2023 for: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 1 No. 3 bedroom bungalow
Amendment would allow:-Rationalise internal floor layout by removing internal step.

LOCATION : Land To The Rear Of 5 Colne Park Road White Colne Essex
CO6 2PL

In respect to the above application, I write to inform you that we have received an application for a Non-Material Amendment to a previously approved application. Details of the application are displayed on the Council's website. **Please note that this is for information only and due to the type of application we don't seek your comments.**

This application seeks a definitive view from the Council as to whether the proposed amendments to the approved application works are non-material and do not adversely affect the amenities of the neighbouring properties.

Yours faithfully

Planning Admin Team

PARNMA

White Colne Parish Council
White Colne Village Hall
Bures Road
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Essex CO6 2QA

To: Planning Department
Braintree District Council

Date: 25/02/2025

Ref: 25/00292/LBC

Details: Retention of Installation of an EV charger to the side of the property. - 4 - 6 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex

White Colne Parish Council response:

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Parish Clerk

White Colne Parish Council

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Website: www.whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Site Plan

1:200

4-6 Colchester Road,
White Colne

EV charging
point



4 Colchester Road, White Colne.



Photograph of the EV charger.

Charger – POD Point charger

Height from ground – 970mm

Distance from wall – 170mm

Pod Point diameter - 360mm

Pod Point depth – 150mm



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To: Planning Department

Braintree District Council

Date: 11/03/2025

Ref: 25/00474/TPOCON

Details: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 - Golden Cupressus & Green Cypress reduce sides by 1-2m, reduce height by 3m.

- 27 Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex

White Colne Parish Council response:

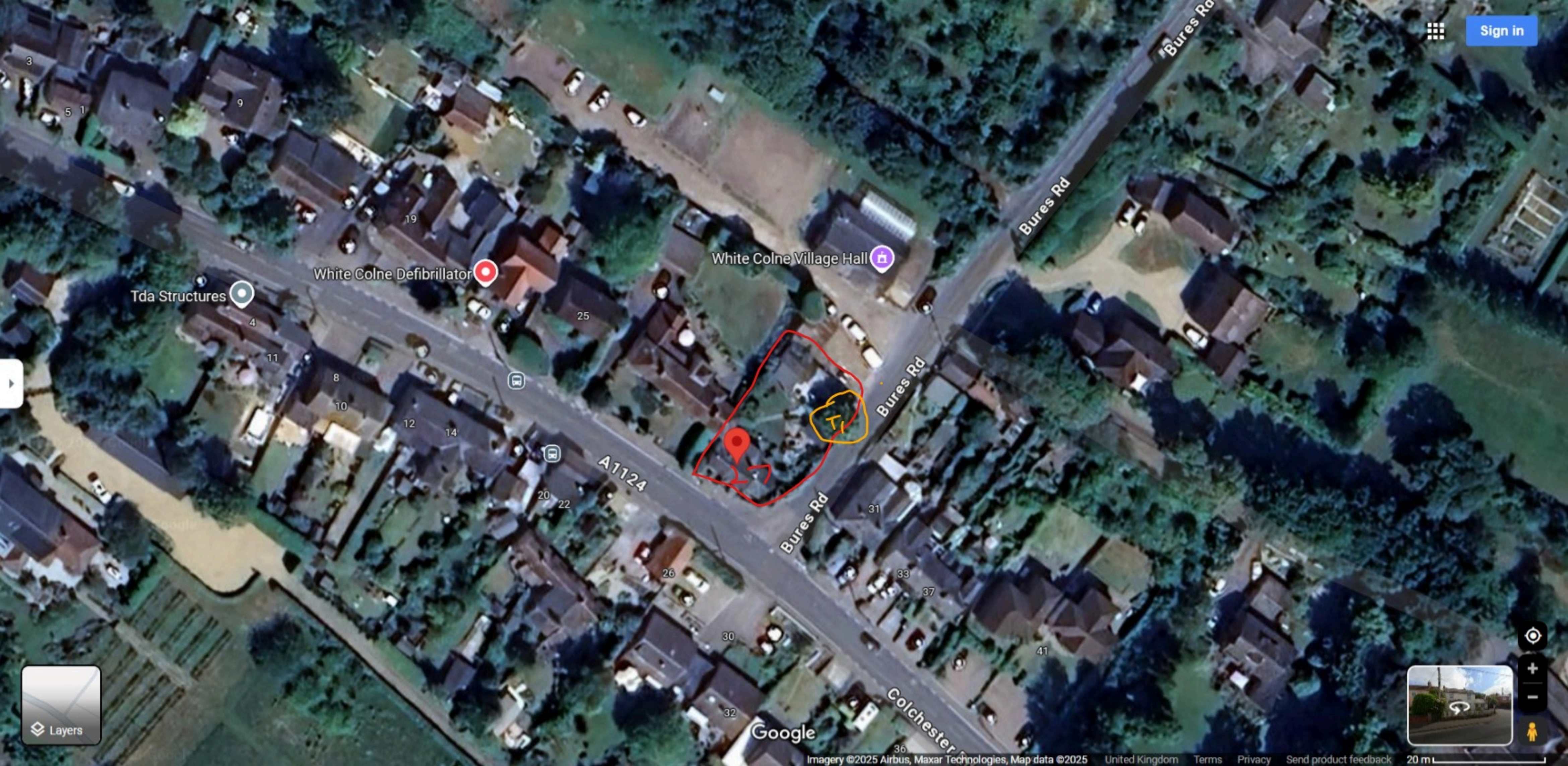
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White Colne Defibrillator

White Colne Village Hall

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Bures Rd

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Braintree District Council Local Plan Review Consultation

White Colne Parish Council (WCPC) makes the following comments as its response to the Braintree District Council Local Plan Review Consultation:

WCPC notes that there are no development sites being proposed for the parish at this stage. Adjoining parishes do have proposed development, however. Notably Chappel & Wakes Colne parishes are likely to gain development totalling approx. 235 new dwellings, and extra land for employment use under Colchester City Council's Local Plan Review Policies PP27, PP28, & PEP12.

WCPC manages significant open space and a busy Village Hall, both of which bring visitors to the parish. WCPC wishes to see Policies for the equitable distribution of S106 and S278 monies gained from development. This should include contributions to parishes such as White Colne in order to fund provision of better facilities and road safety improvements.

WCPC notes that Policies regarding Transport & Infrastructure do not go far enough in committing to improvements to the road network. Policies should include the provision of pavements within village curtilages, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming within villages, and a commitment to fund Local Road Network improvements.

Traffic Speeding

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Traffic speeding through the village is a problem on the increase.
Where even Public Transport do not adhere to the speed limits.
Is not about time for everyone's safety.
That there is at least one safe crossing point in the village.
To cross the A1124.

Regards,
Steve Hamerston.

Whitecolne Parish Council

11 March 2025 (2024 - 2025)

PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
169	Subscriptions	02/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Starboard Systems Limited	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
170	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
173	Cleaning	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Window cleaning	Gallen Windows	X	14.00		14.00
174	Subscriptions	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Adobe Software Systems	S	4.51	0.90	5.41
171	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
172	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
175	Subscriptions	07/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	National Allotment Society	S	70.00	14.00	84.00
176	Community Events	09/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Black Horse Cafe	S	35.50	7.10	42.60
177	Deposit	09/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	100.00		100.00
178	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	14/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
179	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	14/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
180	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	14/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
181	Community Events	16/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Card payments	LLoyds Multipay	X	519.09		519.09
182	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
186	Community Events	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Community Cafe	Black Horse Cafe	S	38.83	7.77	46.60
184	Deposit	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	50.00		50.00
188	Grant Expenditure - Warm Hub	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Jane Taylor	X	100.00		100.00
183	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
187	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
185	Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	22/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	SS Electrical	X	900.00		900.00
189	Subscriptions	24/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Information Commissioner	X	35.00		35.00
190	Booking Secretary	27/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	158.60		158.60
193	PAYE/NI	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		PAYE/NI	HMRC	X	97.22		97.22
191	Electricity	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	91.30	4.57	95.87
192	Gas	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	47.90	2.40	50.30
198	WCVH H&S	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	X	45.00		45.00
194	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	█		█
195	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	█		█
196	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	█		█
197	Grant Expenditure - Projects	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Stephen Holt	X	475.75		475.75
201	Community Events	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Community Cafe	Black Horse Cafe	S	38.83	7.77	46.60
199	WCVH H&S	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	X	220.00		220.00
200	Subscriptions	28/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Adobe Software Systems	S	4.51	0.90	5.41

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Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
202	Salary	31/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	██████		██████
203	Banking Fees	31/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Unity Trust Bank	X	6.00		6.00
204	Subscriptions	03/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Starboard Systems Limited	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
208	Deposit	04/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	50.00		50.00
205	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	04/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	██████		██████
206	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	04/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	██████		██████
207	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	04/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	██████		██████
210	Cleaning	05/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Samantha Mason	X	335.05		335.05
209	Water	05/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Everflow	X	0.22		0.22
211	Subscriptions	11/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		General Administration	Suffolk Cloud	X	570.00		570.00
214	Grant Expenditure - Warm Hub	11/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Abi Mapes	X	60.00		60.00
212	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	11/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	██████		██████
213	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	11/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	██████		██████
215	Community Events	17/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	LLoyds Multipay	X	535.64		535.64
216	Grant Expenditure - Projects	17/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Natural Ple	Stephen Holt	X	105.00		105.00
217	Grant Expenditure - Projects	17/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Natural Ple	Stephen Holt	X	680.00		680.00
218	Grant Expenditure - Projects	17/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Natural Ple	Stephen Holt	X	997.66		997.66
219	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	18/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	██████		██████
220	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	18/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	██████		██████
221	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	18/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	██████		██████
222	Community Events	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Community Cafe	Black Horse Cafe	S	38.83	7.77	46.60
227	Electricity	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Scottish Power	L	91.30	4.57	95.87
226	Deposit	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	X	50.00		50.00
223	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Rachael Jennings	X	██████		██████
224	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Aster Chatton	X	██████		██████
225	Grant Expenditure - Staff Salar	25/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Grant Expenditure - Village Hal	Gini Bryant	X	██████		██████
228	Salary	28/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	██████		██████
228	Work from Home Allowance	28/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	26.00		26.00
229	Booking Secretary	28/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Village Hall	Jade Lock	X	117.00		117.00
230	Banking Fees	28/02/2025		Unity Trust Bank - Ci		Subscription	Unity Trust Bank	X	6.00		6.00
Total									10,713.89	66.95	10,780.84

PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT 2025/26

Important Notice - Requires Attention Now

Braintree District Council will be setting the District and Parish/ Town Council/ Meeting tax rates for 2025/26 at its meeting on the 24th February 2025. This notice provides details of the parish precept and resultant tax rate for your parish/ town council based on your returned precept form.

If you disagree with the figures below or have any other query relating to the information given, please email vicfa@braintree.gov.uk as soon as possible (but in any event before 5th February).

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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