



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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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. The Communities Team at BDC had provided a grant agreement for £3,500, delivered via the UKSPF Community Gardens, Orchards and Open Spaces Fund, 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.....

Appendix C

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Development Management
Causeway House Braintree
Essex CM7 9HB

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

Melanie Corbishley
For Planning Development Manager

Fwd: Street light ID187816

19.11.2024 19:47

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

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

Regards

Cllr J Bond
White Colne Parish Council

Connecting Essex through Cycling and Walking – Consultation

21.11.2024 14:30

Dear Partner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kind regards,
Charlotte Brooks
Active Travel Engagement Officer

Climate, Environment and Customer Services
Essex County Council

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL
VILLAGE HALL HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Date: 9th November 2024

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

Comments:

None

Inspected by: Michael King

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PLAYGROUND INSPECTION RECORD

Name of site: Bures Road

Time: 16:15

Date: 18/11/2024

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

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PLAYGROUND INSPECTION RECORD

Name of Site: White Colne Meadows

Time: 16.15

Date: 18/11/2024

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

Inspected by: Michael King

Anglian Water Freebies

29.11.2024 10:04

Hi everyone,

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

I've attached the information and you can order them here
<https://forms.office.com/e/66ahPVjsEU>

Kind regards,


Michael Graham *(he/him)*

Cost of Living Projects Officer

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

www.braintree.gov.uk

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



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

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

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

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

Farleigh Hospice's

Christmas Tree Recycling



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farleighhospice.org/trees

Collections on 10, 11 and 12 January 2025



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