

Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council
on Monday 7th September 2026 in the Goodwin Room of Boreham Village Hall

Present

Councillor J Raven (Chairman)
Councillor L Reed
Councillor M Powell
Councillor K Rounce
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor J Galley
Councillor G Elson
Councillor G Dickson
Councillor B Kyle
Councillor V Flack
Councillor C McGibney

Also in attendance: Lisa Miller (Clerk)

The Chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded for clarity purposes.

26/54. Apologies for Absence

All were in attendance.

26/55. Resignation and Co-options

The resignation of Cllr Deighton was announced and accepted by full council.

Following three applications received to fill the three vacancies on the council, a vote took place for each position. All three candidates were then co-opted onto the council and the declarations were signed.

26/56. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of Interest was received from Cllr Peter Elkington and Councillor Bill Kyle with regards to the purchase of the bowling club item 26/62.

26/57. Public Participation

A resident has raised their frustration that there have been changes to the bus stand for the Colchester bus which now seems to depart from different locations and there are no notifications of the change which has resulted in them missing their bus.

Cllr Elkington suggested arranging a meeting with the resident who suggested a Petanque pitch.

26/58. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2026

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2026 had been distributed prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

26/59. Councillors Reports

- a) **City Councillor J Raven.** – It was reported that the LGR has now been cancelled. The Boreham NDP has now been approved and this should hold some impact on future planning decisions and any new development will incur a higher percentage of CIL. The consultation is now out for the new crematorium which is proposed to be situated on land off of the Stock Road by the A12 junction. The highway rangers are back up and running and issues should be reported by local councils rather than the public. The police have been doing patrols down at Paper Mill Lock and there seems to be less reports of anti-social

behaviour. There have been many fires in the area during the dry summer including the significant fire at Highlands Farm.

- b) **County Councillor R Jerome** – It was reaffirmed that the LGR has been cancelled and City Council elections will go ahead in May next year. There will be two Cllrs re-elected for the Boreham area for the City Council. ECC has entered into an agreement with First Buses to provide a shuttle bus service to Beaulieu Station which will be up and running in the near future. If that is successful they will extend it to the Park and Ride at Chelmer Valley. The interchange will have pedestrian access crossings all the way around to allow for safe pedestrian access. The first phase of the Beaulieu bypass has been completed with the second phase underway. Finally it was reported that there will be no more building on green land in the village.
- c) **Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee** – nothing to report.
- d) **Public Transport Representative** – nothing to report.
- g) **Butler Trust** – next meeting is 29th September.
- h) **Highways & Footpaths** – It was reported that the holes around the manhole covers in Plantation Road still have not been addressed. Cllr Jerome confirmed he had reported this issue again. The tree down the footpath by the Queens Head is overhanging the path and needs trimming back. The clerk will report this to the Highway Rangers.
- i) **Other reports and questions.** It was reported that £232 was raised from the stall at the Summer Fair.
Chantry Field – Cllr Reed reported that she had met with teachers from New Hall School at the field. They were interested in arranging volunteering down at the field and also maybe including a Year 8 class.
- j) **Hammonds Farm** – The Inspector has given his review of the plan and he has given his report to Jeremy Potter. The working party has engaged a solicitor and looked at whether there is good enough evidence to fight the plan. It has been affirmed that there are two good issues to build a case.

26/60. To receive the report of the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

The clerk gave a brief update on the ICO case and confirmed that the case has now reached a conclusion and should now be closed.

The clerk confirmed that the new NALC salary increases had been received from 1st April 2026 and will be introduced this month along with any back pay owing.

The clerk reported that Ciao Pizza had confirmed that they would no longer be trading from the Village Hall Car Park as it had not been as successful as hoped.

26/61. IT Policy

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the IT Policy be adopted by the Parish Council. There may be a few amendments needed to the policy in the future.

26/62. Boreham Bowling Club

A meeting was held recently with Richard Wilson at the City Council. The issues with the purchase agreement with the pre-emption and overage provisions and spoke about the scope of the overage position. He indicated that he wasn't working from the same version as we were. She contacted our lawyers to circulate the most recent document. The 80 years is their standing provision and they will see whether there is anything they can do.

Also raised the Chase Field lease and that does seem to be moving in the right direction albeit slowly.

26/63. Internal Auditors Report

The internal audit report had been distributed prior to the meeting. It was reported that the general reserves are very low. There will be a budget meeting in October to review the half year budget.

26/64. Chantry Field Sewage Plant Contract

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the parish council approve the contract between the Parish Council and the residents who share the Chantry Sewage Plant.

This decision was made despite the Clerk advising that following seeking legal advice on the content of the draft Contract and then recommending to the council that the Contract be reviewed by an expert in this field, this advice had been ignored and the clerk would be signing a Contract with content that had not been verified by a legal expert or was best use of parish precept.

26/65. Reduction of Speed Limit

It was agreed that a letter of support to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in Plantation Road and Church Road along with the petition would be written and send it to Essex Highways. It was reported that it may be useful to get a member of the police at Holt Lane to support the campaign.

26/66. Hammonds Farm Development

It was agreed to ask Hansons if they were happy for the parish council to donate the sum of £200 towards the say no to the Hammonds Farm Development.

26/67. Financial Matters

- a) **Budgetary control and Accounts Report** - Members were circulated with budgetary control reports. Members approved the reports.
- b) **Ratification and authorisation of Payments** – It was RESOLVED to accept the Accounts as drawn and ratification and authorisation was given for the cheques and payments (appendix attached).

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.44pm.