



SILVER END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2025 in the Parish Council Office, Silver End Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Bugg (AB) (outgoing and continuing Chair,) Cllr McDonald (KM,), Cllr Hughes (PH,), Cllr Sullivan (MS,) Cllr Allaker (SA,) Cllr Taylor (CT,) Cllr Ashford (IA,) Mrs Temple (Clerk,) Cllr Playle (ECC, left after 0525/AP2303) and 1 Member of the Public.

At this point **Cllr Allaker** stated that he will be moving home, out of the village. This is anticipated mid-July but he will confirm at the next meeting.

0525/AP2294 **Election of the Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office (if required)**

The outgoing Chair, Cllr Bugg, called for nominations.

CT nominated AB with SA acting as second.

No further nominations. At a vote all were in favour and therefore carried. No new DoA required.

0525/AP2295 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Abbott (BDC) and Cllr Wright (BDC.) **Absent without apologies:** None.

0525/AP2296 **Consideration to be given to the Co-option of a new Member of Silver End Parish Council** The Chair moved straight on from this item as paperwork was not completed on time. **Agenda item** for June.

0525/AP2297 **Election of the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chair called for nominations.

AB nominated MS with IA acting as second.

No further nominations. At a vote all were in favour and therefore carried. No new DoA required.

0525/AP2298 **Election of 3 members of the Employment Committee to include the Chair and the Vice-Chair**

The Chair asked for nominations for the third member of the committee.

AB nominated PH with IA acting as second.

No further nominations. At a vote all were in favour and therefore carried.

0525/AP2299 **Election of 3 members of the Finance Committee**

As set out in the Financial Regulations, this will continue as the Chair, The Vice-Chair and the Clerk.

0525/AP2300 **Declarations of Interest** by Members in respect of any items on the agenda. None were given.

0525/AP2301 **Members of the public** are given an opportunity to speak at this point.

Member of the Public reported that there is a terrible smell near the post box, next to the Co-op, The **Clerk** will report this to Jocelyne Chase.

0525/AP2302 **Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record.

Clerk's Report:

- Damaged **lych** gate has been reported to BDC.
- Awaiting proforma to order the **Torri Arch**. 50% to be paid once done.
- Memorial Gardens meeting with BDC to take place on Tuesday 20th May at 10am. **AB, possibly PH and Clerk** to attend.
- Updated schedules for the **refuse truck** are to be placed on the noticeboard and on the website.
- A request has been made to BDC to include the Daniel Way path in their **weedkiller programme**.

0525/AP2303 **Report from District/County Councillors**

Cllr Playle (ECC) reported:

- Rivenhall Incinerator. A120 not going to be extended and all traffic will go down that road. Poor driving of lorries has been reported. Meeting requested for safety of local residents.

- Devolution – response re interim proposals – he will share any response with the Clerk.
- Locality Budget to re-open.
- LHP -review still ongoing with no meetings in the meantime.
- Silver Street pot hole must be repaired urgently. IA – it wasn't repaired with the others. RP patching has a 12 months warranty so hopefully it should fall within this.

The Chair opened the floor to questions:

KM – haul road and potential problems. They have stand by stations for lorries so won't cause blockage issues.

IA – sees lorries access the incinerator via Sheepcotes Lane. KM – Indaver have asked for number plates to be taken.

IA – no improvement on drains in Boars Tye Rd and further up near cottages the road is disappearing to the side. RP to investigate.

Cllr Playle was thanked for his attendance and his report and he left the meeting at this point.

JA sent the following report in his absence:

'The current Airfield incinerator applications are getting a lot of interest from residents. ECC has extended the deadline for comments to May 27th in recognition of the complexity and volume of documents. For the first time, parts of Silver End fall within the zone of noise concern from the waste site.

The May BDC Cabinet meeting on the 27th will include a decision on the new arrangements for bin collections as well as the POSI bids, so we will know soon on both of those.

The Local Plan Committee meetings to draw up the new/revised Local Plan start tomorrow. The Silver End sites will be on 25th June. If the **parish council** wants to send a rep to speak (3 mins limit as usual), please do register soon as these meetings are likely to be very full.

- [15 May 2025](#) (Spatial strategy)
- [22 May 2025](#) (Braintree, Witham)
- [28 May 2025](#) (Halstead, Greenstead Green)
- [5 June 2025](#) (Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Hatfield Peverel, Kelvedon with Feering, Sible Hedingham)
- [12 June 2025](#) (Alphamstone, Ashen, Belchamp Walter, Birdbrook, Black Notley, Bradwell, Bulmer/Bulmer Tye, Bures Hamlet, Castle Hedingham, Colne Engaine, Cressing, other villages with no map changes required)
- [19 June 2025](#) (Finchingfield, Foxearth, Gosfield, Great Bardfield, Great Yeldham, Helions Bumpstead, Lamarsh, Little Maplestead, Ovington, Panfield, Pebmarsh, Pentlow, Rayne, Ridgewell)
- [25 June 2025](#) (Rivenhall, The Salings, Shalford, Silver End, Stambourne, Steeple Bumpstead, Stisted, Sturmer, Toppesfield, Wethersfield, White Colne, White Notley, Wickham St Paul)
- [31 July 2025](#) (Evidence base and policy chapters)
- [24 September 2025](#) (Large and strategic scale proposals (500+ homes and other associated development)).

The Solar Farm application on 100 acres west of Cressing Temple Barns was approved last night at BDC Planning Committee but with officers agreeing to go back to developers to look at strengthening hedge and tree planting to provide more screening.

The huge pot hole in Silver Street has been reported again after ECC said it was not bad enough following my previous report (which included a photo). It is being variously described as a crater or a quarry.

The new hedge and rewilding area on the edge of the pavilion field is almost complete with the fencing in and most of the hedge planted. Huge thanks are due to the pre-school for watering and to IA for setting up the water tank.'

0525/AP2304 **Appointment of Parish Council Representatives to outside bodies/working parties:**

The number in brackets relates to the minimum number required:

- BALC (1) KM
- Public Transport (1) KM
- Parish Footpaths (1) IA, AB, PH, MS

- Parish Tree Warden (1) MS
- Window on Silver End Working Party (2) KM, AB
- IT/Web/Social Media Co-Ordinator (1) Leila Hobart, MS, CT
- Police/Safer Silver End (1) IA, MS
- Silver End Events Working Party, including Christmas and 100th events (3) Everyone
- Silver End Development Working Party (2) IA, MS
- Parish Youth Participation (1) AB
- Internal Auditor (1) – Mrs Tew
- Parish External Funding (2) KM, MS
- Silver End Conservation Area Working Party (2) AB, KM, IA
- Doctor's Surgery Liaison Group (1) AB
- Maintenance of the Memorial Gardens Working Party (2) PH, IA, MS, CT
- S106 Working Party (3) IA, KM, AB
- Bradwell Quarry/Indaver Liaison Group Members (1) KM
- Speedwatch volunteers & (4) PH, IA, SH (former SEPC) and AF (former SEPC)
- Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (2) KM, PH

0525/AP2305 **Planning Applications – agreed via email communication since the last meeting. Only objections or formal comments noted.** None.

Planning Applications received after agenda was set. None.

Local Plan Sub-Committee Planned Agendas – consideration of sites.

Silver End will be included in the meeting on 25/6 although strategic sites are to be considered at a meeting at the end of September. Silver End, Rivenhall and Cressing are both likely to be involved.

Various Applications relating to the Incinerator – Request from Rivenhall PC or all affected PC's to take a partnership approach in asking for a fresh planning application due to the multitude of amendments making it almost impossible to track over the years.

IA proposed that **SEPC object** to the following:

- No late night working totally unreasonable for residents to endure
- A 2nd chimney that is higher than the first will create an even greater impact from Silver End. Very unfair to residents
- Visible flume has to be objected to, particularly on the grounds that no base line air survey will be taken in advance making it impossible to identify any toxic implications to the surrounding villages and general environment
- Everything set out by the Planning Inspector in response to the original application has been altered and ignored.
- These further additional amendments are simply not fair on the local communities and on their behalf we need to stand up and object as once the site is operational it will be impossible to change anything.
- Stand with all other local Parish Councils to insist that a new planning application is submitted. It is now impossible to follow the multitude of amendments made to the original plan, to which it now bears no resemblance.

With no further proposals Cllr Hughes stood as second and at a vote all were in favour and therefore the objections were carried.

0525/AP2306 **Correspondence – not already included in the Clerk's report**

KM – continues to circulate information regarding the pylons.

RCCE – Climate Change Webinar – Wednesday 21st May, 7.30-8.30pm.

Essex Police – Propose to implement Public Space Protection orders to address anti-social behaviour caused by racing and gathering vehicles. Request community impact statements from Parish Councils as evidence of the effect of vehicle related anti-social behaviour on communities. Agreed that there are currently no such issues in Silver End.

BDC – Age Well Fair – 10/6, 10am-2pm at Causeway House. Flyer to go on the noticeboard.

Graham Butland – update on Local government re-organisation. Copy sent to all Members.

ECC – next Transport Meeting – Wednesday 4/6, 10-12 noon at the Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford. **KM** to attend.

Cressing PC – the Clerk is currently in hospital and therefore meetings have been suspended for the time being.

0525/AP2307 **Reports from Silver End Councillors – Meetings/activities**

AB – PPG meeting cancelled.

KM – BALC meeting cancelled.

AB, PH, MS – 60 beech hedges planted in the Memorial Gardens yesterday.

AB, MS – planted wilding area with Cllr Abbott.

KM – defib pads in the defib at Western Arms have been swapped for pads with a shorter expiry date. Agreed that the **Clerk** will order 4 so that there are spares and make a note to ensure that each defib is checked monthly.

MS – woodland walk with Tom, cut back, tidied and watered plants.

KM – asked for suggestions for articles for WoSE by 1/6. Suggested 100th update.

100th anniversary report

AB – meeting 7/5. Well attended with new faces bringing new ideas.

Dates for **Clerk** to liaise with BDC to book the public spaces – all weekend for the village hall field, Silver Street field and the Memorial Gardens, this is to include tennis court and MUGA on Saturday 20th-21st June 2026. **Clerk** to liaise with Hire a Hall to book the main hall on Friday 19th June and both halls for all day on Saturday 20th June. **Clerk** to speak to Andrew (Mr Shorten's replacement at BDC) to notify of these dates.

KM – **Clerk** to amend letter headings using the current official heading but adding Silver End 100th anniversary celebrations 2026.

3/6 next 100th meeting. Suggested that **SEPC members** all meet up after this.

KM – received response from Patrick Wigg regarding a large stone to place by the Torri arch with a plaque. He suggested attending site to have a look so **KM, AB and MS** will arrange a date.

KM approached by Broadway resident who wants to organise resident parking – they have been told to approach SEPC for backing but the Clerk has not heard anything from them at this point..

ECC/BDC Reports

IA - Hedgerows down Silver Street – particularly at 33 Silver St and the Barn Bridal hedge on Boars Tye Rd. **Clerk** to report.

AB – allotment owner reported a theft due to open fence down the side of garage – **Clerk** to contact Andy Potter. Also notify him of the illegal use of the stand pipes, to fill a swimming pool. Suggest maintenance of unused plots.

Toilet door forced – usable but needs repair – **Clerk** to notify Andy Potter.

0525/AP2308 **Finance**

The Clerk presented the statements and balances which were agreed and signed by the Chair of the meeting, and the Clerk as the RFO, as per appendix 0525i, as sent to Members with the agenda. All payments to be made, detailed in this appendix, were agreed and the balances were noted.

Additional payment to be added to the appendix 0525i:

Torri Arch 50% deposit	max.	£7000
Defib pads x 4	max.	£500
Tom Schlaich (Woodland maintenance)		£50
MS hose attachment		£6

0525/AP2309 **Agreement to be considered for the installation of a trench/cabling for the Christmas lights**

Cllr Taylor has spoken to an electrician – excluding trenching cost will be approx. £500 for cable and 2 boxes. Will Need to notify BDC once electrician knows wiring specification. He will arrange for the electrician to visit the Village Hall and notify the Clerk when to make an agenda item.

The **Clerk** will arrange a quote from Mr Bailey for the trench work.

0525/AP2310 **Agenda items for the next meeting**

Next Full Council Meeting – 11th June.

Noticeboard.

S106 consultation.

PH – Halloween Event and suggested Easter Egg Trail in 2026 – agenda item to be diarised for nearer time.

All Members were asked to check their Registers of Interest at the end of the meeting, signing and dating that everything remains the same. If there are any differences they highlighted this to the **Clerk** so that she can notify BDC.

There being no further matters to discuss the Chair called the meeting to a close at 20.56pm.