



SILVER END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2026 in the Parish Council Office, Silver End Village Hall.

Present: Cllr M Sullivan (Chair, MS,) Cllr Taylor (CT,) Cllr Bugg (AB,) Cllr Martin (BM,) Cllr Hughes (PH, arrived during 0626/FC2471) Cllr Ashford (IA,) Cllr A Sullivan (AS,) Cllr Hutchings (CH,) Mrs Temple (Clerk,) Cllr Abbott (JA, BDC, left the meeting after 0626/FC2474) and Cllr Thorogood (PT, ECC.)

0626/FC2467 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hughes (PH, for his late arrival) and Cllr Wright (BW, BDC.)
Absent without apologies: None.

0626/FC2468 **Declarations of Interest** by Members in respect of any items on the agenda, none were offered.

0626/FC2469 **Members of the public** are given an opportunity to speak at this point, however none were present.

0626/FC2470 **Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report (incl. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:)

- Awaiting confirmation from the insurance company about agreeing to the purchase of a **new defib.**
- **Conservation Area Appraisal** – still awaiting a meeting date.
- Awaiting dates for a site visit with **Chainsaw Art** in the Memorial Gardens.
- Following the sad passing of Vicky Waine a card and flowers were sent on behalf of SEPC.
- Liaising with Wickes about a **replacement battery** – response expected shortly.
- Cllr Taylor has kindly ordered and constructed the new barrow/trolley – stored in the Manor's garage.

0626/FC2471 Report from District/County Councillors

Cllr Thorogood was welcomed by the Chair and invited to make his report (sent to the Clerk and copied below):

RIVENHALL AIRFIELD IWMF

Rivenhall Waste Imports Update -I have sought clarification from Essex County Council regarding reports that waste from outside Essex is being brought to the Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility. The current planning permission requires waste delivered directly to the site to come from Essex and Southend. However, there is an important exception for processed waste known as Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF), which can be imported from anywhere in the country. Essex County Council has advised that SRF is very similar to the fuel currently used at the facility and that it would be difficult to enforce restrictions based on where this material originates. An application currently under consideration by Essex County Council seeks to remove the existing planning condition that restricts some waste imports. Officers have advised that national and local planning policies no longer support such restrictions. As a result, while some direct waste deliveries are currently subject to geographic restrictions, processed waste can already come from outside Essex and future planning changes could remove the remaining restrictions altogether. The current outstanding application ESS/23/25/BTE seeks to delete Condition 27 (waste only from Essex and Southend), because current National Planning Policy does not support conditions of this nature any longer and therefore ECC is no longer enforcing it.

LIBRARIES - The new Reform UK administration has reversed the former Conservative majority group's decision to bring in charges for reserving books; I voted against the charge at the February budget meeting. The new administration has also banned the use of the council's corporate channels for promoting Pride events at its libraries. Pride events and displays will still take place, but libraries are no longer able to advertise/promote them.

POTHoles - Reform UK has announced a "pothole emergency" and £7.5million to tackle the problem. It's not clear if this is old money in the highways budget repurposed or new money, and if so where it's from. The new Cabinet member has asked all members to put forward three roads in each division for repairs. To escalate problems that aren't being addressed, it's currently not clear how to do this apart from through Members' Enquiries; it has not yet been decided if the highways buddies scheme (where each councillor has a highways officer contact appointed to them) and Members Nomination Scheme (where councillors can priorities six issues every six weeks to be resolved) will continue. I've asked for the following issues to be prioritised: Temple Lane/Boars Tye Road junction Silver End Ref: 4028585 - "ploughed field" road surface which has been patch repaired many times but clearly needs a complete cut and rebuild job.

TREE PLANTING - Plans to plant street trees, to replace dead ones, were worked up with BDC, to use s106 funding.

Also to include wooden posts to protect section of badly damaged verge at Valentine Way/School Road junction Ref: 3882731. BDC has backed out despite huge amount of work done by district councillors and parish councillors. BDC says issues with utilities, but it makes no sense given trees were there previously. Seems obvious route now is to go via ECC direct - they have recently planted street trees in the village.

I've also asked for clarification on the status of 20mph limits proposed in parts of 20MPH LIMITS - going through the LHP for many years with support from parish council.

NET ZERO - Reform UK has scrapped all net zero policies at ECC, which I don't agree with because ignoring climate change isn't a free option.

The Chair thanked PT for his report and opened the floor to questions.

IA - he will attend the IWMF meeting. He also pointed out that the pot hole outside 62 Silver Street has been patched but is already breaking up within the week. PT will investigate.

AB commented that there is also another pothole near 4 Silver Street.

MS asked about reinstating of white lines - PT commented that there are 4800 defects in the county - so many issues over various different headings to be dealt with.

BM - repairing pathway in Grooms Lane.

Cllr Hughes arrived at this point.

Cllr Abbott (BDC) reported:

New bin system - 99.4% success rate after the first week. Not picking up all assisted collection. AS - BDC have been responsive online.

Delighted about 40 to 30mph speed limit reduction which he has publicised on social media.

Local Plan - due to have 7 meetings over summer now, only 1 in public on 30/7. Lots of private meetings planned where the public aren't invited. 17/9 sign off meeting then out to public consultation. New plan expected in 2028 - still open to speculative applications.

Broadway Ct - new sign installed.

BDC - no reply re pond. MS reported on a planned meeting tomorrow - BIFA giving quote to clear pond, clean it and re-fil. Budget set aside for future work

Access track to field has been repaired.

Water supply issues at allotments. Andy Potter has been very proactive in communication. IA - Scouts still have no water, currently using a feed from pavilion.

Lime trees in Silver Street have been cut back thanks to BDC - ECC refused. Pollarding in the winter is planned.

Quiet lane sign at the top of

Sheepcotes still missing - PT will investigate.

Give Way sign still missing on Silver St/Broadway - ECC claim it isn't important.

Junction visibility issues - Temple Lane/Cressing Temple and Ashes junction. CT - mentioned Pettit Lane where a bush is overgrown.

Tree planting - working with PT to get planting done. Looking into new regime's planting policy.

Suggestions from residents - Junction Silver St/Francis Way - problems with parking but he suggests junction protection markings (lines) All agreed that he should look into it.

Suggested post lockers by the Co-op - all agreed on the side wall of the Co-op would be ideal.

AB - School Rd resident has some trees which JA can make use of.

Bellway - BDC are taking enforcement over the vast amount of flags there are at the entrance.

0626/FC2472 Planning Applications - agreed via email communication since the last meeting. Only objections or formal comments noted:

None.

Any large applications that may require further discussion

None.

Any application received after the agenda was set

None.

Appeals/Enforcement/Other Planning Matters/Traffic Regulation Orders

Order: TRAF8752 Boars Tye Road

30 & 40mph moving out to accommodate new development.

BDC have also notified of this proposal to ensure that SEPC may comment if wanted.

All agreed that this order will be fully supported by SEPC.

0626/FC2473 Correspondence - not already included in the Clerk's report

BDC - Silver Street limes have been cut back.

Seal Calibration - Service of the defib at the Western Arms booked for 17/7.

Coggeshall PC – query re SEPC’s attendance at the official opening of the incinerator. Tomorrow week – no attendees from SEPC.

BDC – notices to advertise the services provided by Braintree Foodbank. Not only food but benefits, bills, housing, energy, health and social services.

Grant Polkinghorne, BDC – asked for PAT certificates for all electrical items in the office. **Clerk** will liaise with Stuart Clarke to ensure that all SEPC items are up to date. PH proposed that that SEPC should cover all items within the office/toilet with PH acted as second. All agreed at a vote.

EALC – Salt bag partnership 26/27 from Essex Highways. 1 tonne (25 bags.) Agreed that additional not needed.

Indaver – next Rivenhall Liaison Group Meeting on 11/6 at 11am, on site. IA will attend.

ECC – next Passenger Transport Meeting on 24/6 at 10-12am, Baptist Church, Chelmsford. BM has been notified.

BDC – apologies for initial delays with the new refuse collections that started on 1/6.

0626/FC2474 **Reports from Silver End Councillors – Meetings/activities**

IA – officer at BDC mentioned that there is a small amount of S106 to be spent on play equipment in the Memorial Gardens. Suggested moving fencing and lay surface. BDC meeting with SEPC on 25/6 at 2pm.

AS – met with doctors new surgery practice manager. She is looking at improving communication and community strength. Newsletter and Patient Liaison meetings restarting and also recruiting a new doctor and pharmacist. AS mentioned the building itself but expanding is not deemed a priority currently. Making the building fit for purpose is more of an issue. S106 monies may be helpful. Home visits are an issue currently. They are meeting targets based on patient numbers. JA will speak to BDC to notify them of the new manager and see if S106 can be utilised.

MS – BDC meeting in the Memorial Gardens – pond as mentioned earlier, grass to be cut for 100th. Can we take over flowers on roundabouts and roses, hedgerows just for the 100th – BDC agreed. Let them know when it is to be handed back. MS proposes that Johnathan Barker quote for the work, all agreed and it will be an **agenda item** for July.

AB and PH will be working in the gardens on Sunday.

100th Anniversary Meeting – items to be agreed

AS – Downs Steam Fair are coming at 8.30am on Thursday. Ellis funfair 10am Friday. AS and MS have checked that all will be clear traffic wise.

Priti Patel can no longer attend but has offered her help with anything like the raffle.

James Burns will be there with his family.

The **Clerk** asked for guidance for the materials to be used for the Torii Arch plaque - all agreed on bronze.

The Clerk reported on a note of thanks to all involved in the 100th celebrations, from Ken McDonald.

AS happy to prepare scarecrow on behalf of SEPC. All agreed.

Reports to be made to ECC/BDC/Eastlight/Memorial Gardens contractor

BDC – liaising with MS about water leaking in the allotment/Silver Street playing field area as discussed earlier.

MS – asked for agreement that the **Clerk** should not pay the Memorial Gardens contractor until she receives a schedule of works each month. All agreed.

Cllr Abbott was thanked and he left the meeting at this point.

0626/FC2475 **Finance**

Payments made/to be made to be agreed and signed. Bank balances to be agreed and noted

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 **0626i**, as sent to Members with the agenda. All payments to be made, detailed in this appendix, were agreed and the bank balances were agreed and noted.

Additional payments agreed and to be added to 0626i:

Seal Calibration	max 200.00	S Clarke (PAT testing)	max 200.00
S Griffiths/SE Guides (tuck shop for 100 th)	182.82	Torii arch dedication plaque	max 500.00
Infinity Circus (100 th)	600.00	Tom Schlaich (Woodland Walk)	50.00
Canvey Castles (100 th)	316.00	Litter picker boots	max 60.00
Speedprint (100 th edition)	913.00	Ellis Amusements (100 th)	10800.00
Little British Rail (balance 100 th)	1215.00	C Taylor (pinboard 100 th)	160.78

New bank mandate

Following the change of Chair and Vice Chair the Clerk prepared a new bank mandate for completion by Cllrs M Sullivan, Taylor and Bugg and herself. It was agreed that the 4 of them would finalise the paperwork at the end of the meeting.

Audit 25/26

The Clerk confirmed that earlier today the internal audit was carried out by Greta Tew. There were no items of concern or items that need further investigation. She was happy to sign off the internal audit section of the AGAR.

0626/FC2476 **Anti-social behaviour in Silver End**

Cllr Martin reported that on 27/4 at 6pm he left the Co-op and walked through a group of youths. He was abused verbally, followed by those on scooters who pushed him to the ground and stole his shopping bag. On other occasions he has had items thrown at him and a ball kicked towards him. He no longer leaves the house after 4pm. He has spoken to other older residents who have experienced similar, including a gentleman that had his scooter taken from the front of the Co-op which was ridden around and his fish and chips stolen from the front basket. Incidents were not reported to Police as this can only be done online and not everyone has the technology. All agreed that this was totally unacceptable and that the **Clerk** should invite PC James Draper to the next meeting.

0626/FC2477 Halloween Event 2026 – consideration to be given to plans and associated costs

Cllr Hughes needs 4 banners drawn up, which the **Clerk** will organise with PH notifying her of the wording (cheapestprintonline.) **AB** suggested that Bianca might be able to help with some artwork for a photo booth **Agenda again** for next meeting.

0626/FC2478 Agenda items for the next meeting

Next Full Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th July.

Christmas event and lights

Halloween Event 2026

There being no further matters to discuss the Chair called the meeting to a close at 21.18pm.