



SILVER END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2026 in the Parish Council Office, Silver End Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Bugg (Chair, AB,) Cllr Sullivan (MS,) Cllr Taylor (CT,) Cllr Martin (BM,) Cllr Hughes (PH,) Cllr Ashford (IA,) Mrs Temple (Clerk,) Cllr Playle (RP) (ECC, left the meeting after 0126/FC2417,) Cllr Abbott (JA) (BDC, left the meeting after 0126/FC2418) and 2 Members of the Public (left the meeting after 0126/FC2415.)

0126/FC2413 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr McDonald (KM) and Cllr Wright (BW) (BDC)
Absent without apologies: None.

0126/FC2414 **Declarations of Interest** by Members in respect of any items on the agenda, none were offered.

0126/FC2415 **Members of the public** are given an opportunity to speak at this point, however none were present. Both wanted to give an update on their clubs and recent activities:

Knit and Knatter – recent activities include – remembrance poppies, neonatal and premature baby blankets, supporting each other with problems, taught knitting at Silver End Academy and now go to Beckers Green, help with the Cubs and Brownies, made flags for the Guides Jamboree. For the 100th anniversary they are making post box toppers with a flower and duck theme, a knitted copy of the Manors and all of the trees outside the Manors will be decorated. Want people to know that they are active in the community and not simply a club that knits whilst having coffee and cake. The Chair offered thanks for attending and also for their help in the community.

Friendship Club – meet every Friday at the Bowls Club – 3 times a month play bingo and on the 4th Friday they have live entertainment. They hired a coach and took members and non-members to Norfolk for lunch and a paddle steam cruise on the Broad. In August they went to Clacton airshow and in November they went to a garden centre. In December they had a 3 course meal with entertainment. They will also hold a fund raiser in December with tea and cake – hoping to encourage more members.

They were both thanked for their attendance and they both left the meeting.

0126/FC2416 **Minutes of December's Full Council Meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

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

- No response from SEHS or planning about a meeting regarding the interpretation boards. She asked AB if SEHS still wanted to proceed? He will investigate.
- Community Grant form has been completed as discussed at the last meeting (1225/FC2409) to purchase hedging for the pavilion field. Handed to Cllr Abbott.
- Awaiting details about the pond from Rhinorock (1225/FC2402.)
- Updates have been made to the POSI as discussed at the last meeting (1225/FC2407.)

0126/FC2417 Report from District/County Councillors

Cllr Abbott reported on behalf of BDC:

Local Plan – sign off for sites meeting on 21/1. Then goes to BDC Full Council on 2/2. Both public meetings. If agreed will go to public consultation.

BDC along with 62 other councils have been asked if they want to postpone elections. To be discussed and decided. Local Government reform consultation to end shortly.

BDC – start to deliver new bins soon. They may still make changes for individual properties if deemed necessary.

AB – will the Village Hall have recycling capabilities? JA will ask.

BDC - dog litter bins – doing audit of new estates. Awaiting response.

ECC – more applications at the waste site – open to consultation. Waste site meeting – pollution incidents in August investigated by Environment Agency and deemed a Category 2 incident, Indaver may be penalised. Ongoing reports re plume. IA stated that the plume was black today. JA stated that if black smoke is seen or smelt then report to EA 0800 807060.

S106 tree locations – site meeting where officer stated that they may not all be done this planting season. Locations mapped. Community wood tree replacement may be done by them.

Oak tree application has been refused.

Conservation Area Consultation – no update.

Temple Lane, Boars Tye Rd and Broadway potholes reported.
Application for 3 houses refused behind Boars Tye House.
Silver St bus stop – they have dealt with filling the hole but not replaced the pole.
Footway by zebra crossing – he looked and couldn't see anything bad.
Lombardy poplar in Boars Tye Rd – he checked them all and he could see no issue with the others.
The Chair thanked Cllr Abbott for his report and opened the floor to questions, but there were none.

Cllr Playle reported on behalf of ECC:

ECC do not plan to postpone elections.

Highways – pot hole ranking suggests that Essex is green and therefore doing a good job, which is encouraging.

Pot hole in Boars Tye Rd – marked for repair but not happened yet.

LHP – effectively winding up but a scheme has opened for minor repairs such as signage.

ECC undertaking SEND reviews, parents encouraged to take part and hoping that the process will be sped up.

ECC expected to publish budget within the next week. Challenging times cost wise.

The Chair thanked Cllr Playle for his report and opened the floor to questions:

MS – road markings have faded a lot throughout the county. RP – report them and it should happen as they have new equipment.

AB – path at bottom of Silver St – tree roots are causing a real issue – IA hedges are exacerbating the problem. RP will investigate. Also growth at bottom of limes, at the other end of Silver Street is causing an obstruction to the path.

Both Councillors were thanked for their time and their attendance.

Cllr Playle left the meeting at this point.

0126/FC2418 Planning Applications – agreed via email communication since the last meeting. Only objections or formal comments noted:

ECC Planning application: Application No: ESS/28/25/BTE Rivenhall airfield, Bradwell Quarry

Proposal: Erection of low carbon greenhouses, alterations to the existing Rivenhall hangar to support a vertical farm, associated solar renewable energy generation and supporting enabling and infrastructure works.

Objection:

Regarding the use of Cut Hedge Lane and Woodland Lane for access.

Access must remain solely via the haul road. Both lanes are single tracks and not suitable in any way to the proposal.

Any large applications that may require further discussion

None.

None.

Appeals/Enforcement/Other Planning Matters

None.

Cllr Abbott left the meeting at this point.

0126/FC2419 Correspondence – not already included in the Clerk's report

Cllr McDonald – letter of resignation received. Too late for inclusion in this meeting so will be made an **agenda item** in March. He has offered to write a report for WoSE on behalf of SEPC. All agreed. **The Clerk** will confirm with him.

Rosie Pearson – continues to send updates regarding the pylons. The Clerk passes these on to Members.

Sam Redmond, Editor of WoSE – has voiced concern that her Microsoft subscription is due for renewal but as publisher will soon end she is not sure how she will proceed with WoSE. Councillors confirmed that Microsoft Designer replaces publisher, a rebranded version. The **Clerk** will notify Sam and pay for the subscription.

BDC – CCTV is to be replaced at the village hall, week commencing 9th February.

0126/FC2420 Reports from Silver End Councillors – Meetings/activities

Christmas lights and tree taken down and tree will go in dust cart. IA asked for **thanks** to go to Derek and Simon Hopkins, Richard Griffiths, Dave Green and Ray and George Bassett.

100th Anniversary Meeting – items to be agreed

The Clerk reported that KM has sent her his updates for the events. She will pass these onto Cllr Sullivan.

IA provided foundry details to AB.

New logo agreed.

Next meetings on 3/2 7.30pm. **Clerk** to send reminder. SEPC meet 45 mins earlier.

Wording for Torri Arch – Clerk to ask KM if this has been considered.

The **Clerk** will contact the insurers to see if there is a premium increase for the 100th. Check liability for the event and ensure that the Torii Arch is covered.

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

Schedule of works from John Bailey regarding the Memorial Gardens: cut grass in rose garden, gave all the roses a winter prune. Additional pruning in double bed borders and in the heather mound. Weeding carried out where needed. Triangles pruned and maintained, including the removal of a dead bay tree at Sheepcotes. Orchard was litter picked and maintained.

The **Clerk** has chased BDC again about the loose wire from the thatched lych gate.

AB - when bottle bank was replaced after the fire 2 arrived and one has been placed behind the village hall. This one is now full of both bottles and rubbish so no one is emptying. **Clerk** to notify BDC.

0126/FC2421 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 **0126i**, 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 0126i

BDC – refuse truck (17/1)	max 300.00	Microsoft (WoSE)	84.99
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0126/FC2422 Precept 2026/27 – to be discussed and agreed

The Clerk presented the draft budget for the next financial year. All items proposed at the last meeting have been included. Assuming Members wish to continue with a 0% increase this year precept will be £95,876. Due to the increase in building in the village this equates to an additional £2,516 for SEPC, but no increase for residents.

Cllr Bugg proposed a precept of £95,876 for 2026/27, with Cllr Taylor acting as second. With no further proposals a vote was held: all in favour and therefore carried. The Chair and the **Clerk** signed the paperwork for BDC at the meeting and this will be sent to BDC within good time of the closing date.

0126/FC2423 Consideration to be given to the additional planting of hedging in the Memorial Gardens – discuss quote for soil replacement

As requested, the Clerk asked John Bailey for quotes for the removal of soil, taking it away and replacing with new. Allowing Members to then plant new hedging in fresh soil.

He has quoted £800 to remove 2 loads of soil, take it away and dispose of it correctly. This will be replaced with 2 loads of enriched top soil. He will also happily plant the hedging as it will be easy to do whilst working on the soil. He is also happy to quote for new trees if needed.

The **Clerk** was asked to confirm that all sites are covered where the trees have left a break in the hedge. IA propose 1k was agreed in case there are more than he anticipates. MS acted as second. With no further proposals a vote was held and all were in favour and therefore carried. This will be funded via the Open Spaces budget.

In addition both PH & BM stated that they would like their councillor grants to go towards the new hedging (£500 in total). Clerk to liaise with John Bailey to ensure that the planting happens this season.

AB – suggested the roundabout needs to be replanted and that despite numerous requests to BDC this doesn't appear to be happening. **Clerk** to ask John Bailey's advice on this and to provide a quote for the works, again getting the work completed this season. Cllr Bugg will put his Chairman's grant of £1250 towards this. Cllr Bugg proposed following John Baileys advice to a max. of £1250. Cllr Hughes acted as second and with no further proposals a vote was taken where all agreed and was therefore carried.

0126/FC2424 Social Media Policy

Cllr Taylor has produced a document for Member's consideration. Everyone present has a copy.

Cllr Ashford proposed adopting the policy with Cllr Bugg acting as second. At a vote all were in agreement. Cllr Taylor will send a copy to the **Clerk** who will place it on the website.

0126/FC2425 Agenda items for the next meeting

Next Full Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th March. Reminder that there will be no meeting in February.

Resignation of Cllr McDonald

Consideration to be made to bank transfers to the Ear Marked Reserve account, at the end of the financial year

Potential for Sam Redmond to be a standby for the Luncheon Club – the **Clerk** will speak to her in advance.

There being no further matters to discuss the Chair called the meeting to a close at 21.20pm.