

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.30 pm.
In Birchanger Village Hall**

Present:

Angie Driscoll (AD) - Chair
Keith Edgeworth (KE)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
George Taylor (GT)
Sally Taylor (ST)
Geof Driscoll (GD)

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Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)
Keith Williams (KW) – Parish Clerk

1381. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1382. Apologies for Absence

Peter Sampson (PS)

1383. Declarations of Interest

GD as District Councillor for another ward.

1384. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None

1385. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

1386. Planning

UTT/25/1542/FUL – London Stansted Airport

Airfield works and increase in passenger numbers.

The response from Birchanger Parish Council has been submitted to Uttlesford District Council. To view the response please go the village website. The response is listed under "Council Meetings".

UTT/24/0642/FUL – Land South of Birchanger Lane – Appeal

A representation from Birchanger Parish Council has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The final date for submissions was 30th June 2025. The representation can be viewed on the Uttlesford Planning website.

1387. Village Green

The Parish Council's solicitors Longmores have submitted to the Parish Council a proposed response to Mrs Dobb's solicitors. It was agreed to authorise the response to be sent.

The Millennium Oak now has a full Tree Preservation Order.

1388. Finance

BIRCHANGER PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE AND PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2025

1. Account Balances b/f 31st May 2025

Unity Trust Bank	<u>27116.03</u>
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2. Payments due for June 2025

A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (lighting maintenance)
Payroo	Online	6.00 (payroll expenses)
Castle Water	Already paid	92.38 (01/05/25-30/09/25)
Keith Williams	Online	540.13 (salary for June 2025)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	Online	135.00 (PAYE for June 2025)
Keith Williams	Online	20.00 (office rent for June 2025)
Unity Trust Bank	DD	6.00 (service charge)
Ace of Spades	Online	249.60 (grasscutting for June)

Total payments for June 2025	<u>1095.01</u>
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Allotment receipts	<u>120.00</u>
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Account Balance @ 30/06/2025	<u>26141.02</u>
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Notes: The payment to HMRC was made by the parish clerk and is being reimbursed.

1389. Allotments/Recreation Ground

Recreation Ground

- a. GT has applied for a MAGS Flagship Award. He is presenting an application for £25000. This should be decided by September. He is also intending to apply for grants from the Essex Community Fund and the Playground Community. There are also potential grant sources which can be approached.
- b. GT has completed repair and preparation of the wood parts of the roundabout. Some of the metallic parts require painting but it is has been too hot. This should be completed shortly.

The Parish Council would once again like to thank GT and ST for all the work they have done.

Allotments

Laura is to ask plot holders to ensure that their plots are kept in good order. LP will draft an email to be sent to all plot holders pointing out their responsibilities for the upkeep of their plots. A rent review will take place in November.

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1390. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Ray Gooding (RG).

- RG is trying to get Community Safety Scheme funding to address the safety issues at the junction of Birchanger Lane and the B1383.
- Some work in Birchwood still remains to be completed.
- RG is asking for a traffic count to be implemented with costing allocated to the Revenue Account.
- A “no entry” designation for Tot Lane has not yet been agreed. It is hoped that some S106 funds could be allocated.

1391. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.23.

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