

Draft Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7.30 pm.
In Birchanger Village Hall

Present:

Angie Driscoll (AD) - Chair
Sally Taylor (ST)
Geof Driscoll (GD)
Peter Sampson (PS)

1 member of the public
Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)
Keith Williams (KW) – Parish Clerk

1408. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1409. Apologies for Absence

Keith Edgeworth (KE)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
George Taylor (GT)

1410. Declarations of Interest

GD as District Councillor for another ward.

1411. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A resident wished to make four points.

- He felt that there had been some incorrect submissions to the Unitary Council debate.
- He had a very informative meeting with the Police Commissioner.
- There is no compensation on offer in respect of the Solar Park development.
- What is happening about council housing in Birchanger?

1412. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

1413. Planning

a. UTT/24/0642/FUL – Land South of Birchanger Lane.

The appeal has been dismissed.

b. UTT/25/1742/FUL – Land at Parsonage Farm, Forest Hall Road.

There has been no reference to helicopters in the application.

1414. City and Country

UTT/25/2203/SO – Land North of Birchanger and South of Stansted

- There has been a pre-planning presentation to UDC Planning Committee.
- The next PC meeting with City and Country will be on 4th November.

1415. Village Green

A draft response to the latest communication from Mrs Dobbs had been circulated previously to councillors. The wording was approved and it was agreed the response should be sent.

There has been an application to the Land Registry from a resident for adverse possession for land adjoining the Village Green. The Land Registry has written to the Parish Council to ask if there was any objection to this application. The Parish Council agreed that there would be no objection and that the Parish Clerk should respond confirming consent to the application.

1416. Finance

BIRCHANGER PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE AND PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Account Balances b/f 31st August 2025

Unity Trust Bank	<u>15822.95</u>
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2. Payments due for September 2025

A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (lighting maintenance)
Npower	DD	209.48 (electricity for March 2025)
Npower	DD	174.22 (electricity for April 2025)
Npower	DD	152.54 (electricity for May 2025)
Npower	DD	132.74 (electricity for June 2025)
Npower	DD	144.50 (electricity for July 2025)
Payroo	Online	6.00 (payroll services for August 2025)
TBS Hygiene	Online	182.40 (dog bin emptying for September)
Npower	DD	169.00 (electricity for August 2025)
Keith Williams	Online	652.05 (salary for September 2025)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	Online	163.00 (PAYE for September 2025)
Keith Williams	Online	20.00 (office rent for September 2025)
Chelmsford Diocese	DD	370.00 (Glebeland rent)
Unity Trust Bank	DD	6.00 (service charge)
Ace of Spades	Online	249.60 (Grasscutting for Septembet)

Total payments for September 2025	<u>2677.13</u>
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UDC Precept	<u>12272.50</u>
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Account Balance @ 30/09/2025	<u>25418.32</u>
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Notes: The payment to HMRC was made by the parish clerk and is being reimbursed.

It was agreed that a new noticeboard be purchased to replace the damaged one at Bradley Common. PS will look into the various options and cost and report to councillors for a decision to be made at the November meeting.

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1417. Allotments/Recreation Ground

Allotments

In the absence of LP there is no report.

Recreation Ground

GT submitted the following report prior to the meeting.

- Other than an acknowledgement and reference number there is no update on progress of the MAG grant.
- I've been looking at alternatives and attach a funding guide from "**Playdale**" which looks interesting. Will pursue...
- Have reviewed other funding sources from Essex and Uttlesford but they are somewhat restrictive and focus mainly on the provision of new community facilities rather than the maintenance of existing installations. However will keep searching.

1418. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Ray Gooding (RG).

There has been growth in off-site airport parking. UDC Enforcement are investigating.

1419. Closure of meeting.

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.10

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