

Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 1st May

Stuart Laurie: Chair

Denise Dear: Vice Chair

Rob Attwood

Tim Jones

Anne Charteris: Clerk

Cllr Peter McDonald

Chris Chapman

Members of the Public: 5

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2505/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr Brian Milnes and Maria King have now resigned from the County Council. Jane Goody has also resigned. The Parish Council were sorry to hear that Jane has resigned and thanks were given for all her hard work over the past years.
2505/02	To elect a Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year Rob Attwood proposed that Stuart Laurie be Chair, seconded by Tim Jones, all in agreement
2505/03	To elect a Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year Denise Dear was proposed by Stuart Laurie, seconded by Rob Attwood, all in agreement
2505/04	To elect Council Representatives to outside bodies Neighbourhood Plan- Rob Attwood Forest Garden- Denise Dear Babraham School- Tim Jones Village Hall- Stuart Laurie
2505/05	To receive members' Declaration of Interest for items on this agenda None
2505/06	To sign and approve Minutes of Meeting dated 10th April 2025 Approved and signed
2505/07	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
2505.08	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed No public present
2505/09	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Available in full on the BPC website, but in brief: Zero Carbon Communities The seventh round of South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) grants launch today (May 5) offering a share of £125,000 to successful applicants. The grant scheme supports projects which help reduce carbon emissions or 'lock up' carbon, as well as projects that foster community engagement on climate change. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 1 July 2025. Applications can be made using the online form on the grant webpage . Updated grant information and application guidance documents have been made available to help applicants.

	<p>· An online application workshop takes place from 5 - 6:30pm on Wednesday 21 May 2025. This will be an opportunity to pose any questions to the grant team and discuss project ideas. To sign up, please email zcc@scambs.gov.uk</p> <p>NHS Healthy Start Campaign</p> <p>South Cambridgeshire has seen the biggest increase in NHS Healthy Start claims in the country, following a targeted campaign by the District Council encouraging eligible parents to sign up for free food and milk support. The three-week campaign is projected to have distributed nearly £60,000 of previously unclaimed funds.</p> <p>The Healthy Start scheme is offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but were estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38%) of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire which is why the District Council campaign was launched.</p> <p>The easiest way to apply for the Healthy Start scheme is online. If residents are unable to apply online, they can call the Healthy Start helpline on 0300 330 7010 and a member of staff will help complete an application.</p> <p>Cambs County Council</p> <p>May 1st Elections</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council's largest political group are the Liberal Democrats following yesterday's elections. The final results, declared at counts across the county (Friday, 2 May), saw the Liberal Democrats win 31 seats. The Conservatives won 10 seats, Reform UK won 10, Labour won 5, the Green Party won 3, and 2 seats were won by independent candidates.</p> <p>The council will agree key political roles – including the Leader of the Council and all key committee appointments – at its Annual General Meeting of the local authority which will be held on Tuesday, 20 May at New Shire Hall, Alconbury Weald.</p> <p>The full list of election results is available on our website. https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/elections</p> <p>I am very grateful to the 1500 residents who supported me:</p> <p>Primary School Places</p> <p>A total of 94.5 per cent of Cambridgeshire children will be going to their first preference primary school this September, above the national proportion of 93.2 per cent from 2024. This is marginally down from the 95.9 per cent offered their preferred choice in Cambridgeshire last year. The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third choice school has also slightly fallen – from 99.1 per cent last year to 98.9 per cent this year.</p> <p>Just over 1 per cent of pupils (76 children in total) have been allocated places at other schools, outside of their expressed preferences, the second lowest number in the last four years.</p>
2505/10	Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor- none received but the Annual report is available on the BPC website
2505/11	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</p> <p>A second Consultation is due to be held May 22nd.</p> <p>A full report will be available under the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes on the BPC website.</p>
2505/12	<p>Forest Garden Project.</p> <p>A meeting of the steering group was held recently. The Terms of Reference have not yet been adopted- this sets out who does what, why and what for etc. This will mimic the Pocket Park agreement. It was asked if padlocks could be removed yet, however there is still some planting to be done and it will be decided later. The information boards are in the process of being drawn up and quotes obtained.</p>

2505/13	Year End and Annual Governance and Accountability Return Cllrs reviewed and approved the Year-End documentation and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), which had been circulated in advance.																										
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2505/16	CSET Nothing to report																										
2505/16	Updates from last meeting Speed Bumps- this has been reported on again and the situation is being considered, Bus shelter graffiti now repainted and removed. Flooding Brick Row- this has been reported. Breakfast at the Church get-together 7 th June General Village Matters and new items for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">EV Charging points in the village.- defer to the June meetingTo alter signatories on The Cambridge Building Society account- remove names of those Councillors who have left and add new members including Clerk so that she can have access to transfer money etc Agreed by all FINANCE																										
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	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Planning Applications (as of 24th April 2025) Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Solar PV Panel array on the south facing upper roof of the barn at Home Farm House, with associated infrastructure in adjacent buildings, which are in the curtilage of the Grade II listed Home Farm House, Farmhouse. Site address: Home Farm, Home Farm House High Street Babraham Reference: 25/01303/HFUL Public Access Link: https://applications.greetercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/01303/HFUL</p> <p>Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Solar PV Panel array on the south facing upper roof of the barn at Home Farm House, with associated infrastructure in adjacent buildings, which are in the curtilage of the Grade II listed Home Farm House, Farmhouse. Site address: Home Farm, Home Farm House High Street Babraham Reference: 25/01304/LBC Public Access Link: https://applications.greetercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/01304/LBC</p> <p>No objections to the above</p>
2505/20	Planning decisions – none received
2505/21	Correspondence.
2505/22	<p>Items for inclusion in the next meeting EV Chargers Benches installed along cycle path within the campus Forest Garden Terms of reference</p>
2505/23	<p>Dates of next meetings: Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7:30pm Thursday 10th July 2025 No meeting in August Thursday 11th Sept 2025</p> <p>Part II: Confidential Information Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> 7th May 2025</p> <p>10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>