

Bildeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 1st June 2026, 7.30pm, at Chamberlin Hall, Chamberlin Close, Bildeston.

Present:	
Cllr Ray McCann	
County Cllr Robert Lindsay	Clerk – Angela Chapman
District Cllr Deborah Saw	2x residents; 1x representative from Sports Field committee
Apologies: Cllr Philip Alcoe, Cllr Richard Lester, Cllr Robin Sidgwick	

C712/26/27 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies

Chairman Ray McCann welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted.

The meeting was not quorate.

C713/26/27 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. None.

C714/26/27 Requests for dispensation in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C715/26/27 Minutes of Last Meeting held 11th May 2026. Deferred to July meeting.

C716/26/27 Public Session – to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Adjourned 1932hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

DC Deborah Saw

Full report from Babergh **District Councillor Deborah Saw** can be seen separately in the Bugle and on

<https://bildeston.org/parish-council/county-and-district-councillors-report/>

Officers are still working on the plans for the unitary councils. They cannot stop, there are 27 separate works streams.

New waste bins, some people haven't received theirs, but collections will continue as normal. Babergh DC are catching up with missed deliveries this week. Anglian Water had not advised Babergh DC about the road closure. However, Babergh DC now have a plan in place and all bins will be collected as usual.

Joint Local Plan – approved formal notice, it will be a 20-year plan to 2045, although the District Council will cease to exist, unitary councils will act on the plan.

Town and PC meeting in July about JLP. Date to be confirmed.

Damage to High Street buildings by heavy traffic – will ask Environmental to measure the quality of air, this may help with getting Highways to act. Will also write to Heritage and Suffolk Preservation Society.

Resident pointed out that lorries 20 years ago typically weighed 25 tons, they are now 44 tons.

Resident asked why the ditch along the road boundary of the Weavers Grove development was only half dug out. Where it finishes it appears to be 1 metre higher meaning the road will flood when there is heavy rain. DC Deborah Saw advised Orbit Housing are waiting for S278 from SCC Highways to complete the footway.

CC Robert Lindsey

Full report from Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsey can be seen separately in the Bugle and on

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Met with head of Highways at AGM, asked about resurfacing of the High Street after the Anglian Water works, he was dismissive. I have further written to Highways today to ask them to bring forward any scheduled resurfacing. Awaiting reply.

Reform UK want to challenge the unitary 3 council decision.

Resident: A resident who lives on the High Street highlighted the significant increase in HGVs in the past 12-18 months. They voiced concerns about the possibility of a lorry hitting into their timber framed jettied house. It was pointed out this a very similar situation to Newberry Farmhouse further south in the High Street. Resident

asked if bollards on the pavements were possible, however, CC Robert Lindsey pointed out the pavement is very narrow there so unlikely.

There was another accident on the High Street yesterday, a vehicle hit a parked car.

A campaign to stop unnecessary HGVs travelling through the village is needed. The village of Clare managed to get a ban on heavy vehicles, although it took 10 years.

CC Robert Lindsey will endeavour to arrange a site visit with SCC, PC Chair and the resident.

Another resident advised lorries coming down Ipswich Road and turning left (south) towards Hadleigh mount the pavement on the opposite side of the road, which is breaking up the surface.

Clerk to check in with Newberry Farmhouse.

SIDs – CC Robert Lindsey asked for Cllr Robin Sidgwick to forward emails sent and received on this matter, so he can chase up the installation of posts.

Reconvened 2003hrs.

C717/26/27 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment

DC/26/02034

Land South West Of Chamberlin Close Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EZ

Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of Planning Permission DC/24/04070 dated 19/11/2024 - Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated cart lodges, external works and landscaping. Erection of 2 bay cartlodge and store with workshop above for existing residential property no.8 Chamberlin Close.

Deadline: 8th June 2026.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

DC/26/01599

Proposal & Location of Development:

Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Ash tree at the back of the garden against fence and overhanging neighbours property. Tree is a lapsed Pollard, I propose to re-pollard it back to original points, leaving the main bole.

71 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ER

Babergh District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that it DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT.

C718/26/27 Clerks Report

Deferred.

C719/26/27 Projects and Progress Reports

- a. Anglian Water, High Street closure. AW have made parking arrangements for residents at the old Taylor's Garage site. They will advise residents.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan – they have a full steering group, admin progressing, confident on funding.
- c. Playground monthly report – logged on SharePoint.
- d. Bugle – printing update. No information was received. However, DC Deborah Saw advised she has given a grant towards a new printer.
- e. Remembrance Service road closure - defer
- f. HGV damage to High Street buildings – see C716/26/27 above.
- g. update on village amenities – none.

C720/26/27 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a. Payments for approval

Payee	Description	Net of VAT
Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges	7.00

Clear Insurance Management	Insurance renewal	1,676.03
An Accounting Gem	Accountancy fees	34.12
Parish Council Websites	Website hosting	228.00
Parish Council Websites	Website maintenance	60.00
SMS	Microsoft 365 subs	43.89
Viking	Stationery	81.50
Go Start Transport	Grant	500.00
Keith Avis Printers Ltd	Printing leaflet	146.00
KGT Fencing	Environmental management	126.00
Paul Barham	Environmental management	556.00
R McCann	Chairmans expenses	48.25
A Chapman	Clerks expenses – admin costs	39.00
A Chapman	Clerks salary	-.-
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	225.71

- b. Approval and signing Scribe of monthly accounting reports – checked and signed.
- c. Internal Auditor's report – defer
- d. AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 Form 3 – AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 – defer
- e. AGAR Section 2 Annual Accounting Statement 2025/26 - defer
- f. Insurance renewal – defer
- g. Review and approve Risk Assessment Register – defer
- h. Grove cemetery – consider reservation of cremation plot for non-resident. At the discretion of the Clerk and supporting Councillor.
- i. B Natural grant request – defer
- j. Container located at Sports Field – a representative from the Sports Field committee, who also runs the youth football club who uses the field had send an email to the PC asking for the container to be emptied so that it could be used to store a tractor purchased to cut the football pitch. After an explanation of the ownership of the container i.e. it is owned and used by the village, for event equipment, the sports field, and the Parish Council for archiving documents along with the Christmas tree lights and equipment/ tools. It was felt the best solution was a second container to be purchased by the sports field or football club, located at the sports field. It was advised the toddler group toys that are stored in the container were being offered to HomeStart. Clerk to contact Sports Field committee about this.
- k. Community First Responder Initiative – with Chelsworth and Monks Eleigh – Cllr Ray McCann explained Chelsworth and Monks Eleigh have a first responder who will be deployed in an emergency by the emergency services. Both Parish Councils have approached Bildeston PC/ village to ask if there would be a volunteer who would be willing to be trained up to be a further first responder. Also funding is required, which Cllr McCann felt the PC/ village could agree to. Cllr McCann will put a post on the Facebook village noticeboard and in the Bugle.

C721/26/76 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

None.

C722/26/27 Items for next agenda

Meeting closed 2030hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th July 2026 7.30pm, at Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston.

Village website: www.bildeston.org