

# Babraham Parish Council: Agenda 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026

To members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Babraham Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** at **19:30 at Babraham School** for the purpose of considering and resolving the business as set out below.

Please could Councillors ensure they read the agenda notes and any supporting documents circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at this meeting during the Public Participation Time**

**Members: 5 Vacancy: 0 Quorum: 3**

	<b>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</b>
<b>2607/01</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b>
<b>2607/02</b>	<b>To receive members’ declaration of interest for items on this agenda</b>
<b>2607/03</b>	<b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>2607/04</b>	<b>Exclusion of the public</b> To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
<b>2607/05</b>	<b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald</b>
<b>2607/06</b>	<b>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors</b>
<b>2607/07</b>	<b>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</b>
<b>2607/08</b>	<b>Renovation of War Memorial</b> Clerk has contacted several stonemasons for quotes. The Memorial has not been listed, Clerk would like to apply to have this listed Grade 2, which will protect it from any possible development/removal.
<b>2607/09</b>	<b>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</b>
<b>2607/10</b>	<b>CSET- update</b>
<b>2607/11</b>	<b>Village Hall – need to confirm the ownership and management of Village Hall.</b> Clerk would like to obtain advice regarding claiming back VAT.
<b>2607/12</b>	<b>Forest Garden Project update</b>
<b>2607/13</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan- update</b>
<b>2607/14</b>	<b>Updates from last meeting.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grange Farm development- see clarification from Geoff King in the correspondence section below.</li> </ul>

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2607/15	<p><b>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</b> Zero Carbon application for Solar panels for the Village Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FINANCE</b></p>																											
2607/16	<p><b>Receipts and Transfers (as of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026))</b> 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Insurance refund £500 30<sup>th</sup> June Interest £2256.26</p>																											
2607/17	<p><b>Payments (as of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026)</b></p> <p><b>A full list of payments was circulated for approval, to be signed off at the next meeting.</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Clerk</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Salary/Tax/Expenses-</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;"><b>confidential</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td> <td>Website provider</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£35.99</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Morris</td> <td>Bins/grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£470.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust bank</td> <td>Bank charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£9.10</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Avast</td> <td>Web/PC protection</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£84.99</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P D Doyle</td> <td>Builders Village Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£36,725.43</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auditing Solutions</td> <td>Internal Audit</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£366.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P D Doyle *</td> <td>Builders Village Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£41,456.55</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">*Not included in balances</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses-	<b>confidential</b>	Hugo Fox	Website provider	<b>£35.99</b>	C Morris	Bins/grasscutting	<b>£470.00</b>	Unity Trust bank	Bank charges	<b>£9.10</b>	Avast	Web/PC protection	<b>£84.99</b>	P D Doyle	Builders Village Hall	<b>£36,725.43</b>	Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	<b>£366.00</b>	P D Doyle *	Builders Village Hall	<b>£41,456.55</b>		*Not included in balances	
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2607/20	<p><b>Planning decisions: none</b></p>
2607/21	<p><b>Correspondence.</b>                  From Geoff King re Grange Farm and the efforts of the SAVE campaign group.</p> <p>At the BPC I stated that there are plans in place to extend CSET from the Babraham hub across the A11 and A1307 then into Grange Farm town centre. You may remember that the parish council felt that my information was incorrect or outdated and that CSET would in fact be stopping at the Babraham hub.</p> <p>To get more clarity on the situation SAVE contacted Peter McDonald and sought his opinion on exactly where CSET will stop (if it goes ahead). Based on Peter's comments it seems that the current / ongoing enquiry phase of the project (CSET2) covers the route from the biomedical campus to, indeed, the Babraham hub. So, it does not include bridging of the A11, as I had stated at the meeting. My comments on the bridging were based on an engineering report dated September 2025 and considered to be the most up to date regarding CSET and the Grange Farm scenario - but are for a possible future phase relating directly to the Grange Farm proposal alone.</p> <p>The position becomes complicated in that the CSET-S extension will only come into play should the Grange Farm new town allocation go forward to Planning Inspectorate level and government funding being received for CSET2. In effect, the extension across the A11 and A1307 will form a part of a separate future enquiry process and will not be included in current discussions.</p> <p>I hope this clarifies the matter.</p>
2607/22	<p><b>Items for inclusion in the next meeting</b></p>
2607/23	<p><b>Date of next meetings:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No meeting in August</b>  <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026</b></p>
2607/24	<p><b>Part II: Confidential Information</b></p> <p>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>      <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>                  10 Duxford Road, Hinxtton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB                  01799 531827 or Mobile 07890512309</p>