Babraham Parish Council: Agenda 12th November 2026

To members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Babraham Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 12th November** 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

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2611/01	**To receive and approve apologies for absence**
2611/02	**To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda**
2611/03	**To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 8th Oct 2026**
2611/04	**Exclusion of the public** To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
2611/05	**Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald**
2611/06	**Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors**
2611/07	**Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative**
2611/08	**Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed**
2611/09	**CSET- update** The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced a public inquiry into our new busway, travel hub and path for walkers, wheelers and cyclists to the southeast of Cambridge is taking place from Tuesday 8 December 2026. More details on the public inquiry and how to attend or view online, will be published on the independent public inquiry website. You can watch the pre-meeting on our YouTube channel or in person at the Graduate by Hilton, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RT. For more information on our proposals and to see how the scheme could benefit you, please visit www.greatercambridge.org.uk/cset
2611/10	**Village Hall** - update
2611/11	**Forest Garden Project update**
2611/12	**Neighbourhood Plan- update**

2611/13 **Updates from last meeting.**

- EV charging points

2611/14 **General Village Matters and new items for discussion:**

Kingsway Solar Farm application resubmitted. Details under correspondence.

FINANCE

2611/15 **Receipts and Transfers (as of 6th Nov 2026))**

HMRC Tax refund £23774.30

£60,000 transferred from Savings to Current for paying builders.

2611/16 **Payments (as of 6th Nov 2026)**

A full list of payments was circulated for approval, to be signed off at the next meeting.

Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses-	**confidential**
Hugo Fox	Website provider	**£35.99**
C Morris	Bins/grasscutting	**£489.49**
Info Commissioner	Data protection	**£47.00**
clerk	Wreath	**£30.50**
P D Doyle	Builders Village Hall	**£80,923.26**
R Attwood	Expenses- paint and petrol	**£35.00**
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	**£8.65**
SLCC	Subscription	**£100**
PD Doyle*	Builders Village Hall	**£57,568.90**

- Not included in balances below

2611/17 **Balances and Bank Reconciliation at 6th Nov 2026 2026**

Unity Current A/C balance	£68,462.49
Unity Savings A/C balance	£205,823.92
Cambridge Building Society	£85,878.44
TOTAL	£360.164.85
Above total includes Reserves:	
Sec 106/ Village Hall	£238,952.83*
Public Art	£ 56,933.97
Playground	£25,000.00
Forest Garden	£1260.00
Total Reserved	**£322,146.80**
Total remaining for PC	**£38,018.05**

*Village Hall is less VAT, this to be reclaimed by PC and put into the PC account.

- VAT to be reclaimed Oct 1st to date, £17,236.09
- Amount paid to P B Doyle so far is £229,079.96

	PLANNING
2611/18	**Planning Applications:** Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Black Walnut tree: re-reduce the crown, removing 4m from the height and 2m from the sides. The end height is estimated to be 11m across and 12m high. Reason: ongoing size maintenance, due to the proximity of the tree to the house. Site address: 43 High Street Babraham Cambridgeshire Reference: 26/1280/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/1280/TTCA
2611/19	**Planning decisions: none**
2611/20	**Correspondence.** Kingsway Solar (The Scheme – Kingsway Solar Farm) is a proposed 500MW Solar Farm, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and overhead line connection to the national grid, located east of Cambridge, between Burwell and Balsham in Cambridgeshire. The proposals consist of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and an approximately 15 km overhead line connection to National Grid's proposed Burwell South substation. The Scheme also includes associated infrastructure, including co-located battery energy storage systems (BESS) and inter-array connections to link together the land parcels where the solar panels are located. The solar panels and associated BESS would be located within three land parcels (A, B, and C) over an area of approximately 1,246 hectares (ha) / 3,079 acres. Next Steps Once the DCO has been accepted, you or any interested parties will be able to register to have your say. The next phase of the project will be making Relevant Representations, the deadline is expected to fall between late-December – Mid-January 2027 (to be confirmed). To find more information on the next steps, and the application documents please visit here: Kingsway Solar Farm - Project information More information about how to participate in a DCO Examination, some useful resources are available here: Have your say guide - Have your say about a national infrastructure project
2611/21	**Items for inclusion in the next meeting** Set Precept for 2027/2028 using Budget
2611/22	**Date of next meetings:** **No meeting in December (unless one is needed)** **14th Jan 2027 at 7.30pm**
	Part II: Confidential Information
2611/23	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.
	Signature: *Anne Charteris* **6th Nov 2026** 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827 or Mobile 07890512309