

Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 12th February 2026

Stuart Laurie: Chair

Denise Dear: Vice Chair

Rob Attwood

Tim Jones

Cllr Peter McDonald

Cllr Laurence Damary-Homan

Anne Charteris: Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2602/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence Chris Chapman: BRC
2602/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None declared
2602/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 8th January 2026 Approved by all and signed off.
2602/04	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
2602/05	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald This can be found in full on the BPC website but points covered: Cambridge Growth Company Planning Service Awards Food waste collections Street cleaning schedule Civil Parking Enforcement survey Record level of council house rebuilding New powers to keep pavements clear Feedback on council services
2602/06	Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors This can be found in full on the BPC website but points covered: Arthur Rank Hospice NHS dental services in Cambridgeshire Integrated Care Board cost reductions and reconfiguration East of England ambulance service performance Budget recommendation Holiday food vouchers Special needs and disabilities funding campaign Education Health & Care Plans Anti-poverty action Potholes Local Government Reorganisation
2602/07	Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative Chris Chapman was unable to attend but a report will follow
2602/08	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed

2602/09	<p>CSET- update</p> <p>There have been reports that a second bridge will be built re CSET, a letter will be sent to GCP to find out more.</p> <p>Nothing further to report, the Public enquiry has been pushed back.</p>
2602/10	<p>Village Hall – update</p> <p>Everything is in place and ready to go, the only delay is permission from the Dept of Education. Permission has been granted from all other bodies- Planning, Bush and Bennet, Diocese of Ely, County Councillor was asked if he could see if he could write to get this permission needed from D of Education.</p>
2602/11	<p>Forest Garden Project update</p> <p>The signage is almost ready, quotes have been obtained for printing this. It was asked that plan could be shown to PC for approval. It was agreed that rather than have tree/shrubs information on the board, trees should be tagged for easy identification.</p>
2602/12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan- update</p> <p>A meeting was held of the NP committee, £7000 is needed from the Parish Council to finish and submit the plan. It was queried whether we should wait until we know how many houses are going to be built in the area, it was recognised that change will happen and having the plan will help with any small scale development.</p> <p>SL proposed that the PC fund the completion of the NP up to the amount of £7000 to be completed to the point of sign off by the PC and by end of November</p> <p>TJ seconded the proposal and all in favour.</p>
2602/13	<p>Updates from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches to be installed along cycle path within the campus- in progress • Application for HGV restriction in Babraham- application submitted under the LHI scheme. • Grange Farm development- no further news. • Dog poo bin at Cheveley- awaiting location of siting. • Garage/building for storage of grounds equipment. Permission has been granted to site this in the school grounds, it will come out of the Village Hall fund. It can be used to store items from the school whilst the building work is in progress. Three quotes have been obtained and it was agreed to go with the 13' x 20' at a cost of £1300 plus base.
2602/14	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</p> <p>6 free trees- planted.</p> <p>Churchyard- work continues.</p> <p>Verge along the High St- estate manager has agreed to help; the verge will be sprayed end of March and re-seeded. Daffodils will be planted in the Autumn.</p> <p>Bus stop renovation- quotes being obtained for this work.</p> <p>Litter picks- these are being done regularly, a lot of rubbish was picked from behind the flint wall which goes from Brisk Row to the A1307. Thanks to all who help with this.</p> <p>Notice board- the door had broken and fallen off, this has now been repaired.</p>
	<p>FINANCE</p>
2602/15	<p>Receipts and Transfers (as of 5th Feb 2026)</p> <p>VAT reclaimed £3044.92</p>

2602/16	Payments (as of 5th Feb 2026)																							
	Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses- confidential																						
	Hugo Fox	Website provider £35.99																						
	Unity Trust bank	Bank charges £7.35																						
	Glasdon	Bin plus unlocking tool £437.25																						
	Chris Morris	Bins/Grass £280.00																						
	Hewitsons	Legal £2059.20																						
	Building control	Client consent form £1440.00																						
	A full list of payments was circulated, approved and signed off.																							
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2602/18	Planning applications received																							
	<p>Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Beech trees x 3 - Crown reduce by 2-3 metres. Hornbeams x10 - Crown reduce by 1-1.5 metres back to previous reduction. Site address: Home Farm, Home Farm House High Street Babraham Reference: 26/0116/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/0116/TTCA Information only</p>																							
2602/19	Planning decisions: none																							
2602/20	Correspondence.																							
2602/21	Items for inclusion in the next meeting																							
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2602/22	Date of next meetings at 7.30pm :																							
		Thursday 12 th March 2026 Thursday 9 th April 2026																						
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2602/23	<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> 16th Feb 2026 10 Duxford Road, Hinxtton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827 or Mobile 07890512309</p>
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