

Babraham Parish Council: Agenda 9th January 2025

To members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Babraham Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 9th Jan 2025 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: 4 Vacancies:1 Quorum: 3

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2411/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence
2411/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda
2411/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 14th Nov 2024
2411/04	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
2411/05	To Co-Opt new Councillor - 1 Vacancy
2411/06	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald
2411/07	Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King
2411/08	Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative
2411/09	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed
2411/10	Village Hall- update
2411/11	Forest Garden Project. Update
2411/12	Neighbourhood Plan- update
2411/13	Bio Diversity Policy- Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Model template to be discussed and then adopted once approved.
2411/14	Approve Budget and set Precept for 2025/2026
2411/15	Updates from last meeting. Highways problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath outside no 39- this is being priced up then work will be ordered. • Turning right from the High St onto the A1307- Clerk has contacted Highways. • Cycle path to Abington- footpath renovations- Clerk has contacted Highways, this has been reassigned to Highways Maintenance • Speed bumps problems- Clerk has contacted Highways/contractor, should be done soon

<p>2411/16</p>	<p>Other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archive storage- Cllr Laurie was to make enquiries on a possible storage location • Gate for area behind Forest Garden- Cllr Laurie was to make enquiries for costs and Chris Chapman to find out if this is possible to be done. <p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSET- Clerk to see if representatives can attend a PC meeting next year to discuss the latest developments. • CSET - to discuss whether to contribute to Better Busways • Local Highway Improvement Initiative (LHI) 2025/26- anything we would like to apply for? <p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE</p>																						
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<p>2411/20</p>	<p>Applications received:</p> <p>Application by Kingsway Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for Kingsway Solar Farm (the Proposed Development)</p> <p>Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant’s contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested</p> <p>The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), as defined in the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). A summary of the NSIP planning process can be found at the following link:</p>																						

	<p>https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-eight-overview-of-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-planning-process-for-members-of-the-public-and-others/</p> <p>The Proposed Development is currently in the pre-application stage.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate has identified you as a consultation body which must be consulted before adopting its Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful if you would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information you consider should be provided in the ES; or • confirm that you do not have any comments. <p>If you consider that you are not a consultation body as defined in the EIA Regulations please let us know.</p> <p>The deadline for consultation responses is 14 January 2025.</p> <p>Responses to the Planning Inspectorate should be sent by email to: KingswaySolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.</p>
2411/21	Planning decisions: none
2411/22	Correspondence.
2411/23	Items for inclusion in the next meeting
	Date of next meetings: Thursday 13 th Feb 2025 at 7.30pm
	Part II: Confidential Information
2411/24	<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> 31st Dec 2024</p> <p>10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>