

Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 9th October 2025

Denise Dear: Vice Chair

Rob Attwood

Tim Jones

Cllr Laurence Damary-Homan

Cllr Peter McDonald

Anne Charteris: Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

	<p>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</p>
2510/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Stuart Laurie and Chris Chapman- approved</p>
2510/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None declared</p>
2510/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11th September 2025 The Minutes were approved and signed off</p>
2510/04	<p>Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded</p>
2510/05	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald The full Report can be found on the Parish Council website Greater Cambridge Local Plan update Planning Application queries Six Free trees Local Climate Action Conference Mental Health support for the Community Service Support grants Consultation on Climate and Nature Strategy Consultation on Local Council Tax Support Community Gritting Scheme Alcohol Vapes Tobacco campaign Schools Appeals Panels</p>
2510/06	<p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors The full Report can be found on the Parish Council website Local Government Reorganisation Quality of Life Survey Community Digital Hubs Holiday Activities and Food programme Cambridgeshire Youth Work Conference Fens 2100+ update Baseline reports Case for Change Flood resilience Strategy</p>

	<p>Anglian Water Waste Treatment Plant move defunded New Town at Tempsford Community watercourse maintenance grant Explore green spaces this Autumn</p>
2510/07	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative I have raised with those who can/will do something about the overhanging vegetation on boundary wall, state of boundary wall in centre of village, painting bridge, river clearance. Re dog poo bins at end of cycle path, originally that was going to be covered under the parish arrangements for disposal- has that now stopped? Re additional dog poo bin (letter sent yesterday) I am happy to buy it and get it installed (as we did for the bike path arrangements when the bins were installed at either end) but will need it to be added to the Parish disposal arrangements I have been in contact with Sally (Punshon) re village hall and waiting for Bush and Bennett to supply document for BBSRC to approve and sign off. The planning application submission has been delayed whilst the BBSRC do an internal review on the documentation. They are the named applicant as the landowner and their internal processes require a sign off before submitting the application. I hope we will be able to submit by the end of October.</p>
2510/08	<p>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed No public present.</p>
2510/09	<p>CSET- update The results of the consultation will be late this year or early next year.</p>
2510/10	<p>Village Hall- update. A contractor has been appointed, work due to start soon.</p>
2510/11	<p>Forest Garden Project. Update will be in the November meeting Planting day will be held 11th Oct</p>
2510/12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan- update. It was noted that Harston have submitted their Neighbourhood Plan- does that mean that Babraham can get on with theirs or is it still on hold?</p>
2510/13	<p>Updates from last meeting. Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed bumps problems – some work has been done with putting in new bumps, the ones near the Bridge will be done early in the New Year as the road needs to be closed. Can we get compensation- Cllr Damary-Homan to look at this. • HGV restrictions, with exemptions for farm vehicles and delivery lorries but may be able to stop large lorries cutting through the village – Cllr D-M to send details of this to the Clerk.
2510/14	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV Charging points in the village: need to have either land to put these on, or maybe use lamp post chargers? • Benches installed along cycle path within the campus- ask Chris Chapman to see if we can source from the BRC • Speeding near the school- contact details for Police. Not sure what can be done about this as the parked cars do make the traffic slow down, plus there are speed bumps and lane narrowing? Clerk will contact the Police. <p>FINANCE</p>

2510/15	<p>Receipts and Transfers (as of 3rd Oct 2025) £1341.31 Interest £1032.96 VAT reclaimed</p>																						
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2510/18	<p>Applications received: Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Change of use of existing Pump House outbuilding to Annex (C3) and holiday let (C1) including new fenestration throughout, new rooflight, fabric upgrade and internal alterations. Site address: Home Farm, Home Farm House High Street Babraham Reference: 25/03558/FUL Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/03558/FUL No objections</p>																						
2510/19	Planning decisions: none																						
2510/20	Correspondence.																						
2510/21	<p>Items for inclusion in the next meeting Using Budget to set next Financial years Precept request. New Pay scales announced from NALC for Clerks</p> <p>Date of next meetings at 7.30pm : 13th November 2025 No meeting in December Thursday 8th January 2026</p>																						

2510/23	<p>Part II: Confidential Information</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> 15th October 2025 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>
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