

## Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Stuart Laurie: Chair

Denise Dear: Vice Chair

Rob Attwood

Tim Jones

Chris Chapman: BRC

Anne Charteris: Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

	<b>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</b>
<b>2601/01</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Cllr Peter McDonald and Laurence Damary-Homan
<b>2601/02</b>	<b>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda</b> None declared
<b>2601/03</b>	<b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025</b> Approved by all and signed off.
<b>2601/04</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>2601/05</b>	<b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald</b> This can be found in full on the BPC website but points covered: £900k support for Community Projects Cost of Living Support
<b>2601/06</b>	<b>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors</b> This can be found in full on the BPC website but points covered: Business plan and budget Public health strategic plan Smoking cessation Park & Ride solar panels to help power Addenbrooke's Cambridgeshire Digital Inclusion Directory Winter gritting Busway safety measures National Active Travel Conference
<b>2601/07</b>	<b>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</b> This would be incorporated in the Public session.
<b>2601/08</b>	<b>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</b> Points raised against the planning application at the Campus: Intrusive to village, comes out of the greenbelt and leaves it open to further expansion. CC: There will be no further expansion into the green belt. Traffic will not be using the High Street as all traffic will access the Campus via the A1307 roundabout. Additional transport will be available to take people from Babraham to Cambridge. Close development not needed, current housing should be bought up to spec.

	<p>CC: The houses/flats will be made available to workers and those on short term contracts. New housing will be energy efficient- insulation, heating and airtight windows.</p> <p>Survey of 30 people said that further housing not needed</p> <p>CC: This is a very small survey, an official survey was done sitewide showing that the houses would be needed.</p> <p>Nothing happening for young people- they would have to go to Cambridge.</p> <p>CC: Easy to get to Cambridge from Babraham especially with new transport provision.</p> <p>Water supply- will this affect the chalk stream?</p> <p>CC: Cambridge Water have said that there is enough water from the Mains and borehole to supply the development. The amount of water used in labs has decreased due to improved procedures in the labs, rainwater will be harvested as it is now, but in even larger quantities. Grey water can be used for eg toilets and landscape irrigation.</p> <p>Will trees be removed as the plans look like they will be very near to large established trees?</p> <p>CC: The plans are an outline application, trees will be protected as much as possible, some may have to go but this will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>CC: The site will be much more open for the village- parkland opened up new play areas, shops etc, there will be security based on the entrances to the buildings but not on the site as at the present moment.</p>
<b>2601/09</b>	<b>CSET-</b> Nothing to report, still discussing this at the Dept of Transport, possible decision in March?
<b>2601/10</b>	<b>Village Hall – update.</b> There is a delay as authorisation is required by the Government Education dept. Spades have been used to start groundwork so that a new application isn't required- the current one ran out in Dec
<b>2601/11</b>	<p><b>Forest Garden Project update</b></p> <p>No updates, it is hoped that signage boards would be ready in the Spring.</p>
<b>2601/12</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan- deferred</b> until the next meeting as Matthew Punshon was unable to attend this meeting to explain the latest position.
<b>2601/13</b>	<p><b>Updates from last meeting.</b></p> <p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed bumps problems – now replaced by concrete bumps, we will monitor the remaining humps and check for any damage to them.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>2601/14</b>	<p><b>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EV Charging points in the village. CC said that EV charging points would be available in the new development which would be available to all in the village.</li> <li>• Benches installed along cycle path within the campus- 2 are being made with recycled materials by the BRC. One to be purchased by the PC, the other by the BRC.</li> <li>• Application for HGV restriction in Babraham- Clerk is applying for HGV restrictions in the village.</li> <li>• Grange Farm development- awaiting a date to meet with planners.</li> <li>• Dog poo bin at Cheveley- the bin was put up but in the wrong place, so it has been removed until a suitable place along the Abington footpath has been decided on.</li> </ul>

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2601/15	<b>Receipts and Transfers (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026))</b> Money transferred from Village Hall acc to current £13000 Received as bursary to buy ref book £36 Interest £3722.97																													
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2601/18	<p>Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council</p> <p>Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved apart from access) for mixed-use development at Babraham Research Campus including employment (laboratory and office) floorspace (Class E(g)(i)(ii)), up to 83 residential dwellings (Class C3), supporting community uses and social infrastructure including a nursery (Class E(f)), retail uses and community facilities (Class E(a,b,d), Class F2 (a-b)), one multi-storey car park, associated landscaping and works, demolition and infrastructure works.</p> <p>Site address: Babraham Research Campus High Street Babraham</p> <p>Reference: 25/04634/OUT</p> <p>Public Access Link: <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/04634/OUT">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/04634/OUT</a></p> <p><i>Parish Council had no objections to the planning application</i></p>																													

<b>2601/19</b>	<b>Planning decisions: none</b>
<b>2601/20</b>	<b>Correspondence.</b>
<b>2601/21</b>	<b>Items for inclusion in the next meeting</b>
<b>2601/22</b>	<b>Date of next meetings at 7.30pm :</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026</div>
<b>2601/23</b>	<b>Part II: Confidential Information</b> <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>15th Jan 2026</b>  10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB  01799 531827 or Mobile 07890512309</p>