

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on December 4th, 2025. The Meeting commenced at 7:30pm. In attendance:

Cllr P Irvine – Chair
Cllr A Roche
Cllr B Teal

Cllr V Rose
Cllr Stephanie Scott

Mr I Wardle – Clerk

Members of the Public – 1

196/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr D Ginn, Cllr S Scott, Cllr C Galea and Cllr K Sheldrake

197/25 Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

198/25 To Approve the Minutes of the 6th November 2025 Meeting

Council approved the minutes from the meeting held on the 6th November 2025 and they were signed by the Chairman.

199/25 Matters from Prior Meetings

Minute No/Date/Councillor	Subject	Status
11/23 – Hammonds Farm Development Cllr Irvine	Maintain communication with Chelmsford City Council over next steps in the review of the Local Plan	November – CCC are withdrawing their objection to the Pidgeon proposals and seeking to cancel the planned Independent Planning Inspector Appeal meeting due on the 25 th November. The Working Group are requesting the Appeal meeting proceeds and are retaining Walsingham and Stomor to represent the Councils at the meeting. December – The 4 Council Working Group (4CWG) attended the Planning Inspector meeting on the 25 th Nov to raise objections to the proposed Pidgeon development. The 4CWG are looking to retain the barrister to review the process adopted to date and determine if there are grounds for a Judicial Review prior to the Inspector decision.

200/25 Public Question Time

A spokesman for the Community First Responders addressed Council about the work of the Responders and requested a donation to support the acquisition of a further Emergency Kit to facilitate the addition of a second crew on call.

201/25 Development in the Village

The following planning application was considered by Council:

Application Number	Location and nature of the Proposed Development to which the application relates	Result
25/01445/FUL	Woodhay, Fir Tree Lane Addition of a Basement	Object

202/25 Payment of Accounts

Council approved the payment of accounts for November as proposed.

Transfer	Payee	Description	Subject	Cost	VAT	Total
**DD	Barclays	General	Charges	£ 11.82	£ -	£ 11.82
**DD	Talk Talk	Memorial Hall	Hall Telephone/wifi	£ 34.17	£ 6.83	£ 41.00
**DD	Talk Talk	History Centre	Telephone/wifi	£ 23.95	£ 4.79	£ 28.74
**DD	British Gas	Memorial Hall	Hall Electric	£ 75.35	£ 3.76	£ 79.11
**DD	British Gas	Sports Pavilion	Gas	£ 160.57	£ 8.02	£ 168.59
**DD	British Gas	Sports Pavilion	Electric - October	£ 35.24	£ 1.76	£ 37.00
**DD	British Gas	Sports Pavilion	Electric - November	£ 39.97	£ 1.99	£ 41.96
**DD	EE Mobile	General	Clerk Mobile	£ 9.18	£ 1.84	£ 11.02
**DD	Wave - Anglian Water	Sports Pavilion	Water	£ 45.08	£ -	£ 45.08
Transfer	ICO	General	GDPR Registration Fee	£ 47.00	£ -	£ 47.00
Transfer	Steve Scott	Carers Club	Promotional Banners	£ 80.97	£ -	£ 80.97
			Sub Total	£ 563.30	£ 28.99	£ 592.29
Transfer	I Wardle	General	Salary	£ 632.80	£ -	£ 632.80
Transfer	E. Cole	Memorial Hall	Hall Cleaning	£ 403.00	£ -	£ 403.00
Transfer	Neil Holmes	Memorial Hall	Manager Duties	£ 622.50	£ -	£ 622.50
Transfer	Neil Holmes	General	Handyman Tasks	£ 181.76	£ -	£ 181.76
Transfer	RitchComm	Sports Pavilion	Cleaning	£ 240.75	£ -	£ 240.75
Transfer	Skippers Ground Maintenance	General	Grass Cutting	£ 325.00	£ 65.00	£ 390.00
Transfer	Weave-a-Web	General	Website Maintenance	£ 160.00	£ 32.00	£ 192.00
Transfer	C. Ogden	History Centre	Admin Assistant - Nov	£ 480.00	£ -	£ 480.00
Transfer	G. Jarvis	WHPA	Supervision - November	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 60.00
Transfer	P. Irvine	General	Poppy Wreath	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 20.00
Transfer	Unitronics	General	Street Lamp Timer	£ 65.00	£ -	£ 65.00
Transfer	Steph Scott	Carers Club	Expenses	£ 27.99	£ -	£ 27.99
Transfer	C. Galbally	Carers Club	Yoga Class Fee	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
Transfer	C. Ebrahimi	Carers Club	Expenses	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00
Transfer	CPRE	General	Membership Fee	£ 36.00	£ -	£ 36.00
Transfer	EALC	General	Councillor Training	£ 315.00	£ 63.00	£ 378.00
Transfer	SLCC	General	Membership Fee	£ 190.00	£ -	£ 190.00
			Sub Total	£ 3,824.80	£ 160.00	£ 3,984.80
			TOTAL - Payments	£ 4,388.10	£ 188.99	£ 4,577.09
	ACCOUNTS STATUS	30/11/2025	+/- vs prior	RESERVES		
	Current Account (B)	£ 58,594.16	-£ 2,226.86	Hall		£ 28,000.00
	Reserve No 1 (B1)	£ 52,192.36	£ -	Pavilion		£ 16,000.00
	Reserve No 2 (B2)	£ 8,030.46	£ -	WGPA		£ 21,000.00
	Reserve No 3 (B3)	£ 2,175.09	£ -	EALC Reserve		£ 26,000.00
	Total Barclays a/cs	£ 120,992.07		CIL Fund		£ 14,530.96
				Holybred Wood		£ 3,977.39
	Current Account	£ 14,868.68	£ -	War Memorial		£ 2,160.71
	Savings Account	£ 50,586.31	£ 35.32	Charity Fund		£ 30.00
	Total Metro Bank a/cs	£ 65,454.99		History Centre		£ 12,136.46
				Fir Tree Woods		£ 8,662.47
				Hammonds Farm Appeal		£ 13,463.20
				LB Sports Club		£ -
				LB Carers Club		£ 2,388.29
				Total - Reserves + Payments		£ 152,926.57
	Total All a/cs	£ 186,447.06		Funds Available		£ 34,112.78
**	Outside Council Meeting			Total (exc ** payments)		£ 186,447.06

Council resolved to approve donations to the following:

- Essex & Herts Air Ambulance - £250
- Danbury, Bicknacre & Little Baddow Community Responders - £350

203/25 Local Plan Review – Area 16b – Proposed Development

The Chairman briefed Council on the recent Planning Inspector meeting held on the 25th November to determine the appeal lodged by the developer Pidgeon. The Four Council Working Group (4CWG) attended the Planning Inspector meeting on the 25th November to raise objections to the proposed Pidgeon development.

After making their presentations the 4CWG representatives were disappointed to not have the opportunity to cross question the witnesses for Pidgeon. The 4CWG are looking to work with the retained barrister to review the process adopted to date and determine if there are grounds for a Judicial Review prior to the Inspector decision.

204/25 Village Roads – Potholes

Council was updated by the Chairman on the lack of progress from Essex Highways on repairing the selected potholes under the scheme allowing County Councillor Spence to nominate specific work areas. The Chairman will follow up with Cllr Spence and prepare a list of potholes needing urgent repair.

205/25 Paper Mill Lock – Yellow Lines Parking Restrictions

Council noted that work on extending and re-painting the yellow lines on North Hill at Paper Mill Lock had not started. Chelmsford City Cllr Steph Scott will pick up the issue with SEPP to prioritise the work and provide a timetable for completion.

206/25 Handyman Schedule

The following task was added to the list for the Handyman: Assist Carers Club with Christmas decorations

207/25 Future Meeting Agenda Items

The following topics were raised for inclusion at the next meeting:

- Carers Club
- Hammonds Farm Appeal & Fund Raising
- Social Media Update
- Traffic Speed Signs

208/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 8th January 2026** commencing at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Chairman
January 8th, 2026**