

MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: 15th July 2025

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: Magdalen Laver Village Hall

[Prior to the meeting, a short dedication event was held following installation of a bench in the grounds of Magdalen Laver Village Hall, commemorating Cllr Carol Foulser. Friends, family, and Councillors attended this event]

PRESENT:

Councillors (7): Cllr Crosbie (Chairman), Cllr Offord, Cllr Dawson, Cllr Collins, Cllr Padfield, Cllr Darken, Cllr Carpenter

Also in Attendance (1): Adriana Jones – Clerk

Members of the Public: (4) – Inc EFDC Cllr Balcombe

Members of the Press (0)

PC.618 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Day and Stuart had given their apologies.

PC.619 OTHER ABSENCES

None.

PC.620 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Offord raised the fact that he was due to attend a social event at a property in Bobbingworth that was the recent subject of a planning matter discussed by this Council, asking if it was appropriate that he attended. The Clerk stated that was his choice, but that it may be best not to vote on any future matter concern planning applications at this, or neighbouring, properties.

PC.621 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2025 were approved. **PROPOSED** Cllr Padfield and **SECONDED** Cllr Dawson. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Darken abstained as she was having trouble with her email and had not received a copy.

PC.622 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

The Chairman welcomed members of the public present. One member of the public advised that he had written an email to Cllr Collins regarding issues at Moreton School, to which the Clerk confirmed Cllr Collins had provided her with a copy. The resident advised that what was being proposed was the possibility of red lines on the residents side of Church Road opposite the school, which would mean that his wife would have to sell her car, and they could not have overnight visitors. This would be a disaster in his eyes. The resident stated that he believed this matter should be dealt with by the school, and the problem not passed on to residents which would affect their lifestyle. He stated that the school gate opens at 8.45am, thereby allowing approximately 50 cars to go into the school and deposit children, with another estimated 70 cars going in via the Dog and Pickle, with vehicles arriving at 8.30am, meaning they queue outside the gate and build up traffic until after 8.45pm when the gates are opened, so there is a constant stream of parking along the zig zag lines. The resident suggested the gates should open at 8.30am, however had been told that this was not possible as the teachers have to park their cars in there first, and that contractually staff could not be asked to come in earlier. The resident stated that the school is unable to do anything, but instead want the neighbouring residents to take the impact of the problem. The Chairman thanked the resident for attending and addressing the Council, advising that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting under the relevant agenda item.

PC.623 GREEN DATA SOLAR FARM, HASTINGWOOD

The Council received a short 10-minute presentation from Downing, and investment company, regarding a proposal for a solar farm in Hastingwood, off Foster Street, just outside of this Parish. No planning application had been submitted yet, and the representing advised they were in the process of consultation, with a formal

public consultation expected to take place at Hastingwood Village Hall w/c 11th August. The solar farm would provide energy directly to the Data Centre in Harlow via underground cabling. Following the presentation, a number of questions were raised, including where the funding for the project was coming from, and what the community would gain. The Downing representative advised they wanted to work with communities, and were offering a tailored community benefit package, with a one off payment being given to parish councils to manage on behalf of their communities, as well as offering a rooftop solar scheme for nearby residents with the offer of free solar panel installation to two properties per year, with maintenance, for the lifetime of the project which is expected to be 40 years. They also have an educational programme for school children. Councillors raised the issue of local traffic, especially in Magdalen Laver, Hastingwood and going to the M11 roundabout, stating that this would be the issue that would affect residents. Cllr Padfield advised that if there is a problem on the M11 / M25, or when the market was on, the road is extremely busy causing problems locally. The Downing representative advised there would be a construction management plan that would manage traffic, and that this would need to be agreed with EFDC. It was suggested Downing had more detail about the traffic associated with the proposals at the public consultation events. The Chairman thanked the representatives, and requested they keep the Council informed with regard to the public consultation date so that residents could be kept informed.

PC.624 REPORTS

- a) Chairmans report – No report
- b) Vice Chairmans report – The Vice Chairman had submitted a written report which was dealt with under Councillor reports.
- c) District and County Councillor reports – EFDC Cllr Balcombe advised that he had been appointed Deputy Leader of EFDC, taking on the responsibility for Local Government Reform (LGR). With regard to the number of unitary authorities, it was expected there would be three, albeit there was some talk of 2, 4 or even 5, however the most practical solution from a financial perspective is to have 3. Cllr Offord stated that he was not convinced LGR was a good idea, stating that there would be people who had no idea about this area making decisions which just didn't seem right. Cllr Balcombe advised this would be happening anyway with devolution and the creation of a Greater Essex authority which will have an elected Mayor, with effectively another council underneath him/her. Cllr Balcombe advised there were currently 15 Chief Executives in Essex, with another 30 assistants, so LGR would be a big money saver at the top, but will require broadly the same staff to make it work. It would also be a one stop shop so residents would have clarity about which organisation they need to go to to raise concerns, as currently this is confusing. Cllr Balcombe stated that in time it could mean changes to Parish Councils, but this would not be decided until the Unitaries were in place. Epping Forest has the lowest council tax, and was not in debt, so there was some expectation that Epping Forest would suffer in the first two years, after which there would be a level playing field. Cllr Balcombe advised Mayoral elections would take place in 2026, with the shadow cabinet elected in 2027, and then full Unitary authorities the following year.
- d) Parish Councillor reports – Cllr Padfield advised that thanks from the community had been received for the newly installed defibrillator at Little Laver.

The Clerk read out a written report received from Cllr Stuart as follows:

- *Cllr Stuart – Email from resident regarding poor state of Pensons Lane surface*
Cllr Stuart has been dealing with a local resident who lives on Penson Lane regarding the state of the road there. He has emailed ECC Cllr Jaymey McIvor and EFDC Cllr Ray Balcombe without response (although it was noted this was not within Cllr Balcombe's remit to address). An email chaser had been sent which sets out the road really is in a shocking state with potholes, some of which have been filled in locally due to the neglect from Highways Essex. One picture shows a ridge growing in the centre as the edges crumble. For regular cars, not SUV's, this will be close grounding the engine. Recently an ambulance was required for an older resident in the lane who'd had a fall at home and broke her femur, and it can only be imagined the discomfort of that ride to hospital.
- *Cllr Stuart – Email from resident regarding fireworks at Blakes Golf Club 27/6/25*
Cllr Stuart advised there had been some exchanges with a local resident regarding a recent firework display at Blakes Golf Course. Alex Burghart MP had been copied in, and the resident had received a message back from Blakes which set out that they have followed the law in regards to fireworks and have also provided the firework company's name and details to the council should they wish to check their details. The Clerk provided a brief summary as to the legal requirements for Fireworks for a

private event. A number of Councillors present advised that complaints had also been received from local residents in their wards, with the fireworks heard as far away as both Roxwell and Down Hall. Councillors were concerned about not only the impact on residents, but also wildlife and animals. Councillors requested the Clerk contact EFDC regarding this matter, expressing concern especially regarding impact on animals.

Cllr Padfield advised that she had been in contact with ECC again regarding the state of the road at Green Farms Lane. It was appreciated this was a rural road, however it is publicly maintainable highway until the farm buildings, and is heavily used. It was requested the Clerk contact Cllr McIvor regarding this.

- e) Police Report – No report, however Councillors noted that the Clerk had asked PC Warren to include all crimes in his future reports, not just ones that he thinks the Council would be interested in.

PC.625 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

1. **Magdalen Laver 32** - Cllr Dawson advised that he didn't believe Magdalen Laver 32 had been cut, albeit harvest was about to take place. The Clerk was asked to chase.
2. Councillors noted that public rights of way useful information had been placed on Parish Noticeboards, and was included in the two Parish Magazines. Details were also on the Parish Council website.
3. **Parish Paths Partnership (P3)** - This is an ECC-funded community-based scheme that enables local volunteers to look after and/or promote their local Public Right of Way network, and includes training and can include funding for works. The Clerk had asked for further information, and received an initial response back saying another response would be given. This had not been received, and has been chased. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. Cllr Padfield advised that as a landowner, you do not have the responsibilities of cutting and keeping clear the sections between fields, and so perhaps this type of scheme would be good for that. The Chairman advised that perhaps also for repairing footpath posts that may have fallen.

PC.626 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

The Chairman advised that 4 defibrillator signs had been installed in the Little Laver Cabinets, and that he was now in receipt of the correct method to install the power and that this would be done once the weather had cooled down. The Council thanked the Chairman for completing these tasks.

PC.627 RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillors recalled that the Chairman and Clerk were due to meet with RCCE with regard to the possible Moreton Village Hall project, and the possibility of affordable housing to assist in funding the build of the village hall. Correspondence had been received from the RCCE which asks if the parish council was still looking for affordable housing as per aspirations within the neighbourhood plan, and that perhaps a 'proper walk round / site finding exercise' with Hastoe Housing Association (the preferred supplier for rural development in Epping Forest) should be undertaken. The Clerk read out for members the full content of the email. Concern was raised as to how rural affordable worked in this type of area, with the housing often not being affordable for local people. Cllr Padfield advised that as a result of the high cost of market housing, the affordable housing was often still too high for young families to afford. Cllr Darken agreed with this. Cllr Collins stated that it was his belief new families do not want to live in such a rural area, where there was no public transport. It was **AGREED** to ask Larua Atkinson of the RCCE to attend the September meeting to give a short presentation on rural affordable housing, specifically relating to this parish and how such housing could be made affordable. EFDC Cllr Balcombe provided information on a successful project currently being undertaken in Willingale.

PC.628 SCHOOL PARKING / TRAFFIC

The Clerk had received an email from Moreton School with regard to possible dates for a working group meeting, which she both responded to and sent on to Cllr Dawson to complete. A meeting of the working group was arranged for 7th July 2025 at 11am, and as the Clerk was on annual leave, Cllr Dawson attended on behalf of the Council. He provided an update, stating that in attendance was Christine Davis, Cllr Balcombe, himself, two local residents, and Mrs Batt, who chaired the meeting. The school has capacity for around 210, and they currently have 191 pupils from around 140 families, many of which are not from within the village and having to travel to school by car. There is a dedicated drop off point in the morning, but not a pickup point. The school is periodically using the signs, and there is also a member of staff who now has the code to the Dog and Pickle lock which solved a problem. Cllr Balcombe stated that there is a footpath into the school from the Dog and Pickle. Cllr Dawson advised that this is not solving the problem of cars parking all over the place including over drives and on zig zags. Some of the solutions that were discussed at the school working group meeting were longer metal railings outside the front of the school to protect the children and stop cars parking so close to the school, but the view was that would simply push the problem down the road and still cause a blockage. There was also discussion about starting the drop off earlier at 8.30am, and this was to be trialled for the last two

weeks of school to see if it made a difference, albeit the parents were not to be informed as the view was if parents knew it was open earlier, they would simply get there earlier and still queue. Another possible solution was a pathway from the church so the car park could be used, however the layout of the road did not lend itself to the creation of a safe pathway and it would cause a safety concern for anybody using that pathway. The subject of accessing via the rear gate was not discussed. The most contentious issue was the suggestion of red lines, either fixed or dotted, running across the residents side of the road. The Chairman asked what the proposed red line would be trying to achieve, to which EFDC Cllr Balcombe stated a solid red line would be no parking at all, but a single dotted red line means there can be fixed no use hours. ECC Highways were tending to take this approach, including red lines for zig zags. The Chairman was still not clear as to how this would resolve the drop off issue. Cllr Dawson stated that it would help with ensuring the road was kept open. Cllr Balcombe advised that if a child gets knocked over, then ECC Highways would put red lines there regardless. It was noted that if this did take place, it wouldn't be any time soon as there was a considerable backlog with such highway issues. Cllr Dawson suggested that it may make sense to stop the drop off area completely, and have a better conversation with the Dog and Pickle about having a cyclical drop off system, which was a COVID solution at one point.

There was a general acceptance that there was not an easy solution, and that all we could do was agree to keep working together to try and find an acceptable, suitable solution. It was also suggested that the working group should involve the Dog and Pickle, and that the school should invite them to the next meeting.

PC.629 HERITAGE GRANT FUND

Cllr Stuart and the Clerk met with a local historian in June to discuss a possible project promoting and recording some of the historic connections and stories this parish has. The meeting was extremely interesting, and Cllr Stuart had undertaken work regarding a possible project idea, including creating a heritage trail across the parish, with information boards being located along PRoW at points of interest, where people can find out more about the parish history whilst walking, and ensuring these locations are recorded. The Clerk provided a brief update, including details of some of the important historical figures linked with the Parish, and tabled for members a summary completed by Cllr Stuart about the suggested way forward. The Clerk confirmed that she had heard back from Historic England who advised they were no longer providing grants, however she had already sent off a 'Project Enquiry Form' to the National Lottery Fund to obtain feedback as to if this were the type of project the fund would support via their National Lottery Heritage Grant.

Councillors were in general agreement and support of the project, however Cllr Padfield cautioned that permission should be obtained from all the relevant landowners before any lecterns or information boards could be installed. The Clerk advised that this was a requirement of the terms of the grant in any case. Councillors **AGREED** that Cllr Stuart and the Clerk should continue to work on this project, and agreed in principle the ideas presented.

PC.630 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Dawson advised he was trying to organise the next session.

PC.631 EMAIL PROVIDER

It was noted that the Parish Council had now fully moved over to using Cloudnext as their email host. The Domian currently remained with Vikatechost, however this would be moved over when it is time for renewal. A number of Councillors advised they were having trouble with setting up and accessing their emails, and it was agreed that the Clerk would try and arrange a suitable date and location with Wifi where Councillors could meet to set up their emails.

PC.632 CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk reported the following:

- a) ECC, EFDC, EALC and RCCE communications are emailed to Members on a regular basis and where relevant information is included
- b) 'Tommy' to be placed on Moreton Village Green for VJ Day 80th Anniversary on 15th August.
- c) Repairs to Pedlars End Sign – Cost £152 to repair the sign, install it, reaffix the name sign, and paint all the timber black (2 coats).
- d) External Audit paperwork sent to auditor, and published in accordance with the relevant legislation.
- e) Fidelity guarantee increased to £50,000, following internal audit report.
- f) Local Government Reorganisation – W/c 23rd June a telephone and written survey of 1,400 residents was started by the National Centre for Social Research to gather residents' views and priorities to help shape local government reorganisation across Greater Essex. The feedback will inform business cases being developed by the 15 councils in Essex, which are due to be submitted to the Government in September. The Government is currently reviewing how councils in Greater Essex are structured and

believes reorganising and simplifying councils can help grow the economy while delivering better public services.

- g) Winter Salt Bag Scheme – No further salt needed, however September agenda should request Councillors to check relevant salt boxes.
- h) Remote attendance and Proxy Voting update from Government – Sets out that the Government plans to enable remote attendance and proxy voting for councils, and by doing allowing remote attendance at meetings it will give councils the freedom to operate more efficiently and make elected roles more accessible for more people. The introduction of proxy voting will support council decision-making when Councillors are away because of serious or long-term illness or becoming a new parent. Full details and implementation date is awaited (when Government has time)
- i) Transport East's Travel Behaviour Survey Report for Essex has now been published; <https://www.transporteast.gov.uk/travel-survey/essex> - This comprehensive document offers invaluable insights into how residents across Essex travel, their reasons for transport choices, and the barriers they face in adopting more sustainable methods. The findings can play a critical role in guiding transport planning and policy development
- j) Cllr Padfield reported the overgrown hedge by the Glebe again – Reported to ECC (2985836) and explained that EFDC had washed their hands of it, but that it is a safety issue and it needs dealing with.
- k) 29 November 2024 reported lining issues at Church Road (2951403) – update received 4th July 2025 stating 'We have risk assessed this enquiry and determined that it does not need immediate action'. This is over 7 months later.

PC.633 COMMEMORATIVE BENCH CAROL FOULSER

The Chairman formally advised that the commemorative bench had now been installed. Councillors thanked the Chairman for his help with this matter.

PC.634 SIGNAGE AND SPEED ISSUES BOVINGER MILL - LHP

At the May meeting it was agreed to focus on improved signage rather than speed as a result of the area not meeting the ECC standards for Bovinger to be classed as a village. As such, the Clerk had investigated different options and sent these to ECC for consideration. A copy was provided to Councillors at the meeting. The Clerk also advised that the following two schemes were currently on the LHP List:

LEPP202035 - Watery Lane, Little Laver – Signing

Request for "road liable to flooding" sign as well as a depth gauge similar to the one in Faggoters Lane (same watercourse). Recommended that 'Ford' warning signage, supplemented by a "Road liable to flooding" and depth gate. There is Ford signage already in place along with Not Suitable for motor vehicles but Road Liable to Flooding is recommended. Cost - £11,600. Scheme validated and feasible – so can be considered by the panel

LEPP192028 - Gainsthorpe Road/ Moreton Road/ Stony Lane - Horse signage

Request for "Slow down, horses" signage. Signage review recommended. Sign 550.1 can however, only be used with distance and direction sub-plates, not 'Slow down' as requested. Cost - £17,600. Scheme validated and feasible – so can be considered by the panel

Councillors were shocked at the costs quoted to simply install signs.

PC.635 EFDC £60 CHARGE FOR GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

At the 10th June meeting of the EFDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a draft report was presented to the Committee regarding the possible splitting of food and garden waste, with the Committee being asked to consider the draft report which would be going to Cabinet on 14th July. The recommendations made were to stop the current co-mingled food and garden waste collection service (the current cost of which is £2.1m per year) and introduce a new separate food waste collection service (at an estimated cost of £1.9m per year) to achieve a saving of £200,000 per year. Food collections must be weekly under current legislation. A separate, subscription-based, fortnightly garden waste service would be introduced alongside the new food waste collection service. This fortnightly service would likely run for 10 months of the year and is estimated to generate enough income to cover the operating costs.

The draft report that went to Committee asked three things:

1. To agree that EFDC will develop a waste collection service that collects food and garden waste separately and implements in 2026.
2. To agree that EFDC introduce a yearly garden waste subscription charge of £60 per year for fortnightly collections of garden waste.

3. To agree that officers continue discussions with Essex County Council regarding funding to implement the new food and garden waste collection service.

The EFDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended the draft cabinet report was taken to Cabinet, however with regard to the three specific recommendations in the report (above), it was agreed in principle to recommend item 1, contingent on 2 being deferred to Place (Committee) on 1st July for discussion, and agree in principle item 3 of the report, which went to Cabinet on 14th July.

The Clerk provided a further update, setting out that the report to cabinet on 21st July sets out that EFDC can no longer financially support a free garden waste collection. The report recommends splitting the food and garden waste collections, with food collected every week, and garden waste every two weeks at a subscription rate of £60 per year. This will be discussed as part of the budget setting process for 2026/27. Officers are exploring if EFDC can offer a reduced price to residents in receipt reduced council tax. It was also recommended that the service is suspended in December/January, as there will be very little garden waste at this time and it enables crews to be deployed collecting additional refuse and recycling from Christmas and new year. This would also give TVS Ltd capacity to potentially working in partnership with St Clare Hospice to collect real Christmas trees from residents. EFDC currently operates a weekly collection service for co-mingled food and garden free of charge. Due to the service being co-mingled with food, the collection frequency is a weekly service. The main household container used is the food & garden wheeled bin. Small numbers of properties only have a kerbside caddy for food because of lack of space or resident request instead of the current food and garden bin. That caddies for the new proposed FWS will be provisionally silver/grey in colour for kerbside and for the kitchen and of a similar size and operation to what is currently used. An order for the food waste vehicles will need to be placed as soon as possible following the approval of the recommendations in this report, to enable the separate collections of food and garden waste to be implemented in April 2026. The existing 180 litre bins with green lids will be used with residents having the option to purchase and subscribe for multiple GWS bins. Upon looking at all the available options for charging for this service, the most effect one is an annual payment paid in advance in full by residents. There is no reduction for residents paying for a part year. Officers will undertake further work to ascertain the best way to collect payment and issue permit stickers. Overview and scrutiny also questioned the use of stickers, and to clarify this point the stickers are essentially permits for residents to have their garden waste collected and enable waste operatives to identify the fully paid-up waste customer. This kind of scheme is used successfully across the country by many other local authorities. When a resident signs up and pays for the scheme, they will be sent a garden waste permit sticker to put on their bin/or bins, which will help the waste collection crews identify which bins should be emptied. The permits will act as a proof of subscription payment. All subscribers will receive a new sticker annually each time they renew. This will help to ensure that only households that have paid for the service have their garden waste collected.

Cllr Balcombe stated that there were legal implications with regard to the collection of co-mingled waste from April 2026, and that this was driving the change. Crews will have a wheelie bin for the food waste, and will empty the small food caddies into this wheeler bin, with a smaller collection lorry used. Green waste cannot be placed into the black bins, and if this happens the crews will not take the bin. EFDC will be fined for any contamination.

Cllr Padfield advised there had been inconsistency with the delivery of blue bins to which Cllr Balcombe stated there had been a few hiccups, but that residents could phone in to EFDC to report if they had not received their bin.

It was agreed the Clerk would write an article for the two parish magazines on the subject of bins, emphasising some of the changes was because of the change in legislation.

PC.636 REVIEW OF POLICIES, STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, AND RISK REVIEW

In July 2024, the Council created a full set of policies, and reviewed all of its policies that were in place. This is a task that should be completed on an annual basis. The Parish Council therefore reviewed its policies, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Review, full details of which had been sent to Councillors by way of a separate email with all the required links / paperwork prior to the meeting. Councillors **AGREED** the adoption of a new IT Policy as is required by the updated Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel Practitioners Guide 2025 (subject to deletion of the repetition in the first paragraph), as well as a number of changes to the Financial Regulations as follows:

5.4 For a contract for the supply of goods, services or works where the estimated value will exceed the thresholds set by Parliament, the full requirements of The Procurement Act 2023 and The

Procurement Regulations 2024 or any superseding legislation (“the Legislation”), must be followed in respect of the tendering, award and notification of that contract.

5.7 For contracts estimated to be over £30,000 including VAT, the council must comply with any requirements of the Legislation regarding the publication of invitations and notices.

5.11 Contracts must not be split to avoid compliance with these rules.

PROPOSED by Cllr Carpenter to adopt all the policies with the necessary changes. **SECONDED** by Cllr Dawson. Unanimously agreed.

PC.637 PLANNING

- a) At the September 2024 meeting, Councillors discussed the need to conduct site visits for each and every planning application. This was initially raised by Cllr Darken who found the site visits extremely useful. It was agreed at the September 2024 meeting that the Council needed to use its discretion as to when site visits were needed. Councillors reconsidered this matter and confirmed they still wished to hold the same position.
- b) Councillors asked for further time to consider their response to EPF/1173/25 & EPF/1256/25. It was agreed this would be dealt with by way of Clerks delegated powers.
- c) Councillors **NOTED** the following planning applications below which had been responded to by way of the Clerk’s delegated powers following email consultation with Councillors:

EPF/1054/25	Firs House, Moreton Road, Bobbingworth, Ongar, CM5 0LU	Variation to Condition 2 of EPF/0466/25 (Removal of existing side extension and front section of house. Construction of two storey front gable, single storey side extension and two storey rear extension, conversion of loft space and rear dormer - inline with Certificate of Lawful Development Approval EPF/1551/23) NO OBJECTION
EPF/0925/25 & EPF/0951/25LB	Lunds Farm House, Wind Hill, Magdalen Laver, Ongar, CM5 0EX	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey side extension. Conversion of garage to habitable space for ancillary use, and listed building application for the same NO OBJECTION
EPF/1054/25	Firs House, Moreton Road, Bobbingworth, Ongar, CM5 0LU	Variation to Condition 2 of EPF/0466/25 (Removal of existing side extension and front section of house. Construction of two storey front gable, single storey side extension and two storey rear extension, conversion of loft space and rear dormer - inline with Certificate of Lawful Development Approval EPF/1551/23) NO OBJECTION

- d) Councillors **NOTED** the following planning applications for which EFDC **do not** accept comment:

EPF/1078/25 DRC	Weald Lodge, Weald Bridge Road, North Weald Bassett, Epping, CM16 6AU	Application for approval of details reserved by Condition 3 (Details of external finishes) & Condition 4 (Details of windows and doors) on planning permission EPF/0950/22 (Replacement amenity building).
EPF/1086/25	Nether Hall, Church Road, Moreton, Ongar, CM5 0JA	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 & 5 on planning permission EPF/0980/23 (Change of use of land and retrospective siting of one lodge for short-term tourist accommodation).

- e) Councillors **NOTED** the following planning decisions by EFDC:

EPF/0813/25 & EPF/0837/25	Watermans End House, Watery Lane, Little Laver, Harlow, CM17 0RQ	Demolition of rear porch extension and large shed and glass house, relocating oil tank and small shed. Create new door opening to kitchen. New rear extension to form new guest suite, with swimming pool and car port. Listed building application for the same.	<i>Refused 02/06/2025 Inadequate info supplied. PC had no objection</i>
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EPF/1064/25	Maltings Farm, Blossom Lodge, Maltings Hill, Moreton, Ongar, CM5 0JY	Non-Material Amendment to EPF/2490/24 (Revised application to EPF/1877/24) Construction of outbuilding to facilitate home gym and home office.	<i>Refused 16/06/2025 More than non material amendment. PC was unable to comment</i>
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f) To **NOTE** the following appeal:

EPF/2567/24 (APP/J1535/D/25/3365061 - AP-13501)

North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ

Permission for already constructed lobby which has been built with an eaves level higher than that of the originally consented scheme.

EPF/2568/24 (APP/J1535/Y/25/3365067 - AP-13500)

North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ

Grade II listed building application Permission for already constructed lobby which has been built with an eaves level higher than that of the originally consented scheme.

The Parish Council had no objection to either of these applications.

PC.638 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Councillors approved the payments below. **PROPOSED** Cllr Dawson, **SECONDED** Cllr Carpenter:

BACS	A Jones	May and June Salary (PAYE taken off credit)	£1,386.66
BACS	HMRC	Employers National Insurance cont May & June (taken off credit)	£82.90
BACS	Heelis & Lodge	Internal Audit 24/25	£220.00
BACS	Microsoft (Reimb A Jones)	Office 365 subs	£84.99 (VAT £17.00)

b) The Chairman reviewed the Bank Reconciliation against the bank statements, and signed it accordingly.

PC.639 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- RCCE / Moreton Village Hall
- Application to register Moreton Village Green – no update
- Devolution and Local Government Reform
- Laura Atkinson – rural housing
- Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

PC.640 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th September 2025 – Moreton VH

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Meeting closed 9.02pm

Chairman

Date