

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 30th June 2025, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Halls, Cllr Boyden, Cllr Gerhard, Cllr Tayler and the Clerk.

Minutes

25/93 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Rains & Cllr Foley

Resolution To accept apologies

Proposed Cllr Richardson **Seconded** Cllr Halls

25/94 **Public Forum**

No representations

25/95 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None

25/96 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th May 2025 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Davidson **Seconded:** Cllr Gerhard

25/97 **District & County Councillors Reports**

Planning decisions are now back with UDC

Electoral reform. Cllr Tayler feels public need to make their views known. See Appendix A.

A discussion took place regarding Longlook Solar farm. Cllr Tayler not named as the district Councillor as it spans Wimbish & Radwinter. Cllr Tayler to make contact and discuss.

See also Appendix A

25/98 **Clerks Report**

Broadband move to Gigaclear is on hold as BT contract still has 11 months to run and there is an early cancellation fee of £281.54

VAT reclaim for the 12 months 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 has been submitted to HMRC.

Payment received of £1,626.72 into the PC bank account.

Internal Audit complete. Various items to be followed up and updated.

AGAR form, to be reviewed shortly, to be published directly after this meeting.

25/99 **Action Tracker**

Cllr Richardson went through the action tracker and relevant updates made.

Annual Parish meeting took place on 21 May 2025. Minutes published on Radwinter PC websites.

25/100 **Finance**

Payments list as circulated prior to the meeting was approved.

Clerk to set up payments and Cllr Richardson to authorise

A&J Lighting	Service fee	£48.38
BT	Broadband	£ 51.01
SSE	Electricity	£ 7.45
SSE	Electricity	£ 5.64
Parish Online	Online mapping software	£ 75.60
SSE	Electricity	£ 7.90
Employee	June salary	£436.24
C W Low & Sons Ltd	Spring cut	£ 607.20
Outdoor Jack	Verges	£ 249.54
Per Pro Services	Internal Audit Fee	140.00

Proposed Cllr Davidson **Seconded** Cllr Gerhard

Action JP & DR

25/100.1 **Budget 2025/26**

The Budget was compared to actual expenditure to date for 2025/26 and discussed, together with current reserves.

25/100.2 **Review any grant applications**

None received

25/100.3 **AGAR form**

AGAR form Sections 1 & 2 reviewed and agreed.

It was resolved that the Chairman & Clerk should sign, forward a copy to the External Auditors and post on the PC website.

Proposed Cllr Halls **Seconded** Cllr Davidson

25/100.4 **Insurance renewal**

After discussion it was agreed to accept the latest quote, and payment to be made.

Proposed Cllr Richardson **Seconded** Cllr Halls

25/101 **New Planning Applications**

APPLICATION NO: UTT/25/1280/FUL

DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of agricultural land to a residential (garden) use

LOCATION: Cowlass Hall Farm, Radwinter End, Radwinter Essex CB10 2UD

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs George & Katy Grey

ADDRESS: Cowlass Hall Barn, Radwinter End, Radwinter Essex CB10 2UD

EASTING/NORTHING: 561366 - 238416

Comment by 17 June 2025

No Comment

APPLICATION NO: UTT/25/1542/FUL

DEVELOPMENT: Airfield works including two new taxiway links to the existing runway to enable continued airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and an increase in passenger throughput from 43 million terminal passengers to up to 51 million terminal passengers, in a twelve month calendar period.

LOCATION: Stansted Airport

APPLICANT: Stansted Airport Ltd

Comment by 21 July 2025

No Comment

25/102 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

No meeting held

25/102.1 **Recreation Ground steering committee**

Initial meeting date set for 7 August

25/103 **Village Hall**

Nothing to report, no meeting held.

25/104 **Highways and Footpaths**

25/104.1 **Gillon Way footpath**

Complaint received from Gillon Way resident regarding the overgrown footpath to the primary school. Whilst this is a matter for Highways, the Councillors all agreed that the Clerk should contact Outdoor Jack and arrange for this to be cut.

25/104.2 **Bollard for centre of village**

Cllr Halls agreed to look at and repair. It was agreed a new bollard should be purchased.

Proposed Cllr Richardson **Seconded** Cllr Gerhard

25/104.3 **EALC salt bag scheme**

After discussion it was agreed that Radwinter PC held sufficient salt reserves and therefore wouldn't register for the scheme this year.

25/105 **Stocking Green update**

Cllr Gerhard reported that the wild flowers were looking good but that the horse rider was still using the footpaths. When approached, the rider is saying that she has permission from the farmer and is verbally abusing any members of the public who challenge her.

It was agreed that there was no obvious enforcement procedures but it that someone would ask the farmer to confirm if he has given permission for her to use the path. The PC would then write to her if necessary.

25/106 **Solar Farm**

The Longlook Solar farm proposal was discussed. There was concern that Cllr Tayler is not mentioned on the planning and he has agreed to contact Cllr Luck (Wimbish PC) to try and resolve. An approach will also be made to UDC if necessary. There is concern over the poor public

consultation with the developers & the fact there is no storage for the generated power, which makes the farm more inefficient.

Radwinter PC feel that the Parish should receive a fair proportion of any Community Benefit Payment as their residents are likely to suffer substantial disruption during the development stage. It was noted that there was also a new planning proposal submitted for a solar farm in Wimbish, but that this had a different point of connection.

25/107 Neighbourhood Plan Update

A meeting will be taking place soon to review the environmental documents recently received.

25/108 Community Achievement Awards

A discussion took place about volunteers in the community who could be put forward. Clerk to recirculate the original email.

25/109 Matters to be Raised by Members for the next agenda

Finance – Approval to be granted for Clerk & Chairman to make payments over the summer period up to a certain limit.

25/110 Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 28 July 2025

25/111 Meeting Close @ 8.41 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix A

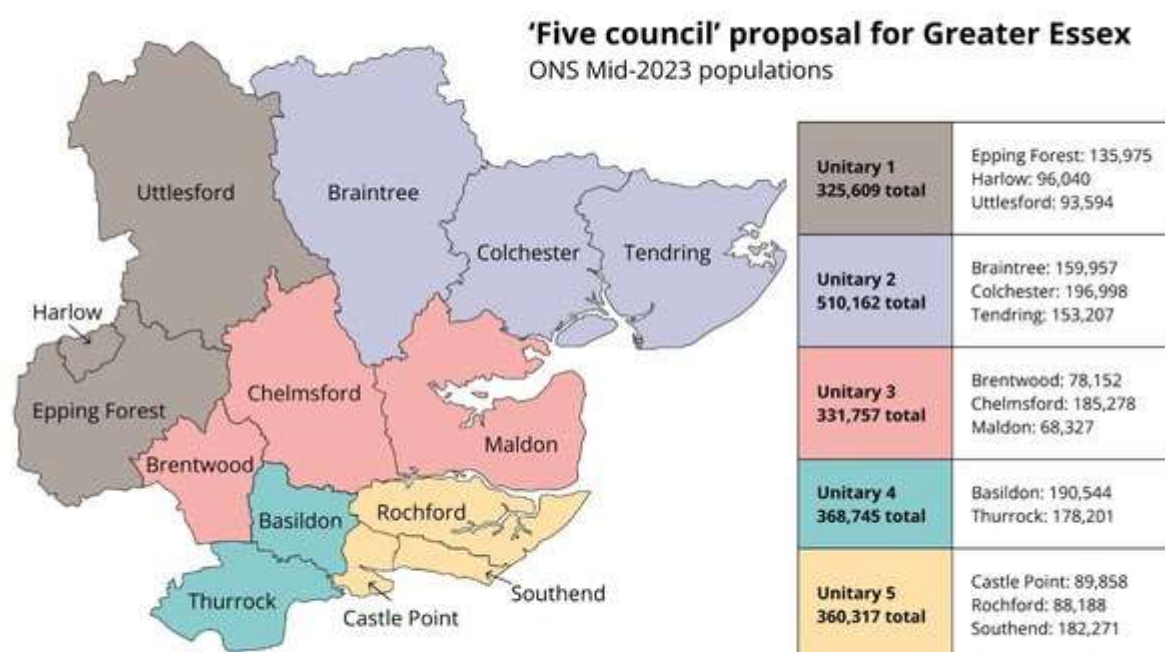
Local Government Reorganisation

A crucial phase in the development of our Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) business case, due for submission in September, has commenced. This will help shape the future of local government across Greater Essex.

The business case is for five new unitary councils. This is supported by eight other Essex councils. Some councils are working on proposals for fewer councils.

The goal is to move from the current two-tier system to a unitary model where fewer, larger councils deliver all local services.

This map shows the configuration of the 'five council' proposal:



Members of the council have been encouraged to direct residents to the [consultation website](#) (which is being hosted by Southend-on-Sea City Council), to take part and have their say, and to share the information wherever they can.

You will see the information across all of the council's social media channels and also on the council website.

The feedback will help inform the final proposals, which must be submitted to the government by 26 September. New councils are expected to launch on vesting day in April 2028.

Uttlesford takes back full planning control following de-designation

Uttlesford District Council has won back its full planning powers in respect of dealing with major planning applications - marking a turning point in the programme of improvements that have been made to the local planning service.

The announcement to "de-designate" the council was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government in a letter received by the authority on 6 June.

It means developers will no longer be able to submit major planning applications directly to the Planning Inspectorate and must once again go through the council's planning process. This change restores full planning powers to the local authority and reflects the significant planning performance improvements made over recent years.

Cllr John Evans (Chair of the Planning Committee) says "It ensures that local voices remain at the heart of decision-making and takes back control for residents who can be reassured they are getting a planning service they value - one that supports appropriate major development whilst guarding against speculative planning applications that are unsuitable for our rural communities.

However, we will not be complacent and will continue to drive improvements with our planning service at every opportunity."

The decision to designate the council was made by the government in February 2022 and related to the number of major planning applications - classified as more than 10 houses or over 1 hectare - that were overturned on appeal.

Since then, the council has pushed forward a comprehensive improvement plan that has taken the council's performance to well below the government's 10% threshold for designation. This has included member and officer training, a robust recruitment and retention programme, as well as enhanced performance monitoring and reporting.