



ST OSYTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held at St Osyth Village Hall
on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7.00 pm



PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr. Karen Sinclair, Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Julie Ward
Cllr's Clive Atkins, Susan Ball, Alma Blockley, David Cooper,
Jake Moore, Michael Talbot, Michele Thomas, Catherine Venables
& John White

Cllr. Alan Goggin, Essex County Councillor (arrived at 8.10 pm)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ray French

MINUTES: Neil Williams (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

OM-24-099 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a.	24/01027/FUL Essex Wildlife Trust Howlands Marsh Nature Reserve St Osyth	Planning Application for environmental improvement works to facilitate wetland enhancement project. No objections.
b.	24/01303/FULHH Mr & Mrs Booth 96 Clacton Road St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - Proposed cart lodge. No objections.
c.	24/01390/TCA c/o Absolute Tree Services 65 Clacton Road St Osyth	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1 No. Conifer - reduce, 1 No. Sycamore - reduce. This application is referred to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
d.	24/01398/LUEX Mr & Mrs Grantham St Cleres Hall Farm St Cleres Hall Lane St Osyth	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development for flat above cart lodge to be used as accommodation. No objections.
e.	24/01404/LBC & 24/01405/FUL Duncan Clark and Beckett Ltd 5 Clacton Road St Osyth	Planning Application - Change of Use from C3 to E(c)(ii) (Professional Services (other than medical services)) (partly within listed building) and installation of timber floating floor construction (within listed building) - (Retrospective). No objections.

f.	24/01414/VOC City & Country Wellwick Ltd St Osyth Priory The Bury St Osyth	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans); Condition 2 (Landscaping Scheme); Condition 4 (Parking and Turning Areas) of application 24/00673/VOC to make changes to the layout and houstypes within phase 1, and to adjust the phasing plan. Following a vote, the margin of which was 9 to in favour, there were no objections.
g.	24/01455/TCA Mr Joe Unknown 28 Point Clear Road St Osyth	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - To fell 1 x Holly. To reduce 1 x prunus cherry. This application is referred to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
h.	24/01418/FUL City & Country St Osyth Priory The Bury, St Osyth	Planning Application - Initial phase of improvement works to The Bury, including new vehicular access, a temporary car park, reordering of internal roads, landscaping, installation of fencing and other associated works. Whilst the Parish Council agree with this application in principle, there are a number of comments/ observations which the Council would ask the Planning Authority to consider. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notwithstanding the comments of 16th October 2024 from Essex Highways in respect of the proposed new vehicular access, the Council would request that consideration be given to taking the opportunity to improve the visibility splay to the west, along Mill Street, by removing part of the red brick wall. The realignment of this section of wall, would not only reduce the risk of vehicles colliding with the existing wall, but would also allow for better manoeuvrability and safety whilst vehicles negotiate the corner. 2. Whilst there are no defined parking spaces, the current use of The Bury, by the goodwill of the owners of St Osyth Priory, facilitates parking for up to 70 vehicles, which is vital for the community. The Council would request an assurance from the owners of St Osyth Priory that the number of spaces to be created as part of this phased application be at least equal to this number, especially as the Council has provided for the parking of football teams using Cowley Park.

		<p>3. It has been suggested that the repair of the wall along Mill Street would be a better starting point for this project, which once complete could allow for the creation of the publicly accessible parking within the grounds of St Osyth Priory, thereby negating the need for the temporary car park.</p> <p>4. Regardless of in which order the phases are progressed, it is requested that at the very minimum, parking restrictions by way of double yellow lines be implemented on the southern side of the carriageway, opposite the new vehicular access, with the suggested area to be restricted being from Warren Farm Lane to the gated access to Cowley Park recreation ground.</p>
i.	24/01419/FULHH Ms T Riley 9 Castle Way St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - carport to facilitate disabled access arrangements. No objections.
j.	24/01413/AGRIC G&J FORD Park Farm Clay Lane St Osyth	Application to determine if prior approval is required under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for agricultural machinery storage and workshop building. Approved 10th October 2024

OM-24-100 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) weekly Notifications of Decisions (Determinations) from 13th September 2024 to 4th October 2024.

OM-24-101 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 19th September 2024 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Chairman, as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Venables and seconded by Cllr. Ward. All agreed.

OM-24-102 SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- a. OM-24-086 c i. The Clerk confirmed that the Council would be taking part in the VE Day 80th Anniversary beacons on 8th May 2025.
- b. OM-24-088 a ii c). The Clerk informed the Council that he had submitted an application for the release of Public Open Spaces Contributions (POSC)/ Section 106 (s106) funds to the District Council.
- c. OM-24-088 a iii b). The Clerk informed the Council that arrangements were in hand for the removal of the aerial runway from Cowley Park play area.

- d. OM-24-088 a iv e). The Clerk reminded the Council that drought tolerant perennials would be planted as part of the Management Plan for 2025.
- e. OM-24-089 d i a). The Clerk confirmed that he had forwarded contact details for the County Council's Public Right of Way (PRoW) officer to Cllr. Atkins.
- f. OM-24-089 h iii. The Clerk confirmed that he had removed out of date contact details from the website.
- g. OM-24-090 b i) a). The Clerk informed the Council that he had yet to liaise with Elmnden Rovers Youth Football Club with regard to the availability of grants.
- h. OM-24-091 a iii c) i). The Clerk confirmed that he had reported a list of highways defects to County Councillor Alan Goggin, and that the repairs, outside of the Village Hall, had been completed on 16th October 2024.

OM-24-103 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OM-24-104 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence of 16th September 2024 from TDC concerning Antisocial behaviour/ nuisance in communal areas.
- b. Correspondence of 16th September 2024 from Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) with regard to Martyn's Law (The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill)
- c. Correspondence of 23rd September 2024 from Sunshine Coast Greenway Project with regard to a Tendring specific circular, accessible route.
 - i. Cllr. Atkins informed the Council that the proposed route was no different to anything already in existence or being proposed as part of the Coastal Path scheme. He continued that the proposed route from Point Clear to St Osyth Beach would still involve walking from Point Clear Bay, along Point Clear Road to Lee Wick Lane, and that whilst there was a permissive footpath leading from the end of Dumont Avenue to the sea wall, it was not wheelchair accessible and could therefore not be considered as a suitable route.
- d. Correspondence of 26th September 2024 from TDC in respect of the Polling Districts and Places Review.
 - i. The Clerk reported that he had responded to the review, confirming that the Village Hall was the Polling Station for the properties in the St Osyth (Earls Hall) Ward.
- e. Correspondence of 1st October 2024 from Essex County Council (ECC) Network Assurance Traffic Regulation & Licencing Officer with regard to the Sealed Order - The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Arlesford and Elmstead) (30mph Speed Limit and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2024 (TRAF/7822).

OM-24-105 FINANCE:

- a. Approval of payments for September 2024, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:
 - i. Current a/c: £84,949.24
 - ii. Deposit: £104,390.33

OM-24-106 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

a. Cemetery Committee:

- i. The draft Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of 26th September 2024 having been previously distributed, the Chairman invited questions. None were forthcoming.
 - a) The Chairman reported that the majority of items discussed during the meeting related to the Cemetery specific Management Plan for 2025/2026.

b. Finance Committee:

- i. The meeting having only taken place on 16th October 2024, Cllr. Cooper, at the request of the Chairman, gave an overview of the meeting.
 - a) Cllr. Cooper reported that having reviewed the Income & Expenditure for the half year period 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024, the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had provided his first estimate of the year-end figures, which at this time forecast a deficit of £3,548.00.
- ii. The draft Asset Register Policy having been previously distributed, the Chairman invited questions.
 - a) Cllr. White enquired as to the value to be placed against any assets gifted to the Parish Council.
 - i) The Clerk referred to paragraph 3.2.1 which stated:

The asset in these circumstances will be included in the Asset Register with a nominal one-pound (£1) value as a proxy for the zero cost.
 - b) Cllr. Talbot stated that it was a very good document and moved acceptance of the policy.
 - c) **RESOLVED:** That St Osyth Parish Council endorse the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 16th October 2024, and that the Council accept the Asset Register Policy, as distributed, as a formal policy. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Talbot and seconded by Cllr. White. All agreed.

- iii. The Clerk reminded the Council that the draft minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2024 would be received at the Council meeting scheduled for 21st November 2024.

OM-24-107 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

- a. **Public Realm Working Party:**
 - i. The Clerk reminded the Council that he had submitted an application for the release of POSC/ s106 funds to offset the cost of new play equipment at Priory Meadow to the District Council.
 - ii. The Clerk stated that had he not received approval by mid-November, he would chase the application, as there was likely to be an increase in the cost of materials at the beginning of December, which could potentially see the Parish Council out of pocket.
- b. **Highways Working Party:** The notes of the meeting of 9th October 2024 having been previously distributed, the Chairman invited questions of Cllr. Cooper, in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Party. None were forthcoming.
- c. **Martin's Farm Country Park:** The meeting having only taken place on 15th October 2024, the Chairman invited questions of Cllr. Atkins. None were forthcoming.
 - i. Cllr. Atkins reported that it had been a good meeting, the focus of which had been the Management Plan for 2025/2026.
 - ii. The Clerk reminded the Council that the notes of the meeting of 15th October 2024 would be received at the Council meeting scheduled for 21st November 2024.

OM-24-108 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Allotments:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Community Matters & Well-being:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, Cllr. Cooper briefed the Council on reported crime during August 2024 in St Osyth and Point Clear, by offence and location, and where practicable the status of the investigation.
 - i. St Osyth
 - a) Other
 - i) Mill Street - under investigation
 - b) Public Order
 - i) Clacton Road - under investigation
 - ii) Church Square - unable to prosecute suspect

- c) Theft (other)
 - i) Chapel Lane - investigation complete; no suspect identified
 - ii) Church Square - unable to prosecute suspect
- d) Vehicle Crime
 - i) Colchester Road - investigation complete; no suspect identified
 - ii) Rochford Road - investigation complete; no suspect identified
 - iii) Park Road - unable to prosecute suspect
- e) Violence & Sexual Offences
 - i) Brook Vale - under investigation
 - ii) Beach Road (near Daltes Lane) - under investigation
- ii. St Osyth Beach
 - a) Public Order
 - i) First Avenue - under investigation
 - b) Robbery
 - i) Beach Road - unable to prosecute suspect
 - c) Theft (from the person)
 - i) Beach Road - under investigation
 - d) Violence & Sexual Offences
 - i) Beach Road x 9 - all under investigation
 - ii) Beach Road x 3 - all unable to prosecute suspect
 - iii) Seaview Road - investigation complete; no suspect identified
 - iv) First Avenue - unable to prosecute suspect
 - v) First Avenue - under investigation
- iii. Bel Air Chalet Estate
 - a) Anti-social Behaviour
 - i) Seawick Road x 2
 - ii) Club Parade x 1
 - b) Criminal Damage/ Arson
 - i) Rose Gardens - under investigation
 - c) Theft (from the person)
 - i) Bishops Drive - unable to prosecute suspect

- d) Violence & Sexual Offences
 - i) Seawick Road - under investigation
 - ii) Seawick Road - unable to prosecute suspect
 - iii) Rose Gardens x 5 - all under investigation
 - iv) Beach Road - unable to prosecute suspect
 - v) Club Parade x 2 - both unable to prosecute suspect
 - vi) Club Parade - under investigation

- iv. Point Clear
 - a) Criminal Damage/ Arson
 - i) Point Clear Road (near Five Stacks) - investigation complete; no suspect identified
 - ii) Alpha Road - investigation complete; no suspect identified

- v. Point Clear Bay
 - a) Anti-social Behaviour
 - i) Mersea View
 - b) Possession of Weapons
 - i) Cruce Way - awaiting court outcome (suspect has been charged or sent a summons and is now going through the Magistrates or Crown Court)
 - c) Shoplifting
 - i) Cruce Way - under investigation
 - d) Violence & Sexual Offences
 - i) Mersea View x 2 - both under investigation
 - ii) Mersea View - unable to prosecute suspect
 - iii) Mersea View - local resolution (offender has been put in contact with those affected to repair the harm done and find a positive way forward)
 - iv) Cruce Way x 3 - all unable to prosecute suspect
 - v) Cruce Way x 2 - both under investigation
 - vi) Cruce Way - offender given a caution (offender was warned about their behaviour and could be taken to court if they commit another crime)
 - vii) Colne Way - under investigation
 - viii) Colne Way - unable to prosecute suspect

- vi. Chisbon Heath
 - a) Burglary
 - i) Clay Lane - investigation complete; no suspect identified

- b) Violence & Sexual Offences
 - i) Honeypot Lane - under investigation
 - ii) Heath Road - under investigation

vii. Flag Hill

- a) Public Order
 - i) Martin's Farm Park (car park) - investigation complete; no suspect identified

viii. Outcome & Percentage

- a) Under investigation x 32 (52%)
- b) Unable to prosecute suspect x 18 (29%)
- c) Investigation complete; no suspect identified x 8 (13%)
- d) Awaiting Court outcome x 1 (2%)
- e) Local Resolution x 1 (2%)
- f) Offender cautioned x 1 (2%)

d. **Footpaths:** Cllr. Atkins reported that Footpath 18, between Wigboro Wick Lane and Lee Wick Lane had been cut.

e. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. Atkins reported that, together with the Deputy Clerk, he would, on 1st November 2024, be meeting with an arboriculturist to discuss the findings of the recent tree survey at the Cemetery, in addition to future planting schemes.

f. **Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC):** Cllr. Sinclair gave the following report:

- i. TDALC last met on 25th September 2024.
- ii. The Chairman reported back on his meeting with Essex Highways. I had asked him to raise the issue of grounds maintenance with respect to grass cutting in the village, especially concerning Colchester Road. This issue was of concern to several of the Council representatives. Highways response to our request for verge cutting and cutting back of hedges was 'that if we're not happy then do it yourself.' A concerning response as it would appear that Essex Highways do not place the importance of Health and Safety as paramount.

N.B. It was subsequently agreed that the response should be raised with the Leader of Essex County Council to ascertain whether this was an agreed policy or a 'throw-away' comment.

- iii. We had three guest speakers at this meeting. Laura Atkinson, who is the Senior Rural Housing Enabler and Rachel Fahrie, who is the Community Housing Advisor. They work for the Rural Community Council for Essex (RCCE). They advised the meeting about affordable housing in villages and advise local Councils on housing for rent and sale. They class affordable housing as 30% rent plus 3 and a half times salary.

- iv. Mr Gary Guiver from the Planning Department at Tendring District Council. This was a very informative talk and he was able to speak about how the new government has defined their housing strategy. They have announced targets in the National Planning Policy Framework and have mandated housing targets of 1.5 million homes over the next five years. In Tendring, the current target is 550 homes per annum, the new target for homes is 1043 homes per annum, which is just short of doubling our previous target. There will be similar targets for all areas. These plans are due to come into effect by 2026 and the proposals are not final. There is a consultation process in place and Tendring District Council has expressed strong concerns. The main concern was the lack of infrastructure which never seems to catch up with the building of new homes. The area is already struggling with full schools, pressure on doctor's surgeries and lack of dental surgeries. It could have a huge impact on rural villages as the government has hinted that farmland could be used for this purpose. Gary was happy to come and speak to local Parish Councils on the issue.
 - v. One other issue of note was raised from several Councils, and this was bin emptying. There is a problem with staff retention. They cut staff from contract monitoring to save money, but they are now having to recruit staff.
- g. District Councillor's Report:**
- i. Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:
 - a) The Administration has published the Waste and Recycling Collection and Street Sweeping details for the procurement of the next contract, after having a Portfolios Holders Working Party consider the requirements and advising the Portfolios Holder on specification, topics for dialogue and tender evaluation criteria. The Council's contracts with Veolia Environmental Services for household waste and recycling collection and street sweeping, both expire early in 2026.
 - b) A decision by the Partnerships Portfolio Holder has been published about funding from the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner to deliver Community Safety Partnership priorities of reducing serious violence, violence against women and girls and tackling antisocial behaviour and its root causes. The sum in total is £77,100.00.
 - c) The Cabinet will receive a report at its meeting on 15th November 2024 regarding Careline and the outcome of the public consultation. They will then make a Decision regarding which of the outlined options it wishes to pursue. There are five options being considered, but I report the first two which are the crux of the issue, to continue or cease the present service:
 - i) Option 1 – Maintain current position (remain in the market, which will require on-going financial support).

Potential Budget £487,538.00

- ii) Option 2 – Provide an Out-of-Hours Council service only (leave the market, focussing on the Council's core business and ceasing telecare and response/lifting).

Potential Budget £151,934.00

Like everybody else our Cabinet must watch every penny, looking for cost saving alternatives if necessary.

- ii. Cllr. White gave the following report:
 - a) That having had to reduce the publication of the report which he and Cllr. Talbot submitted to the Parish magazine from monthly to every other month, they had been approached by Great Bentley Parish Council, who had requested that they (Great Bentley) use the District Council report submitted by Cllr's Talbot and White, in the absence of the District Councillor for Great Bentley, who was on long term sick.
 - i) Cllr. Talbot stated that as a courtesy, the Editor of St Osyth Life had been asked whether the report could be published elsewhere. He continued that there had been unanimous support from the editorial team.
 - b) That generally, Council business was slow at the present time, with even the Planning Committee not having met for two months.
- h. **Website:** The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from a drone operator with regard to aerial imagery for the website. He continued that whilst progress was not as timely as he had hoped, the end result would be worth it.

OM-24-109 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES & TRUSTEES:

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Cllr. Sinclair reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 29th October 2024.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:** The Clerk reminded the Council that he has yet to speak to the Chairman of Elmden Rovers Youth Football Club with regard to the possibility of them obtaining a grant to help offset the cost of astro turf style surfacing for the former tennis court
 - i. The Clerk added that he would also be speaking to the Chairman of the Football Club with regard to parking, predominantly by opposition teams, along The Bury, requesting that all those attending make use of Cowley Park.
- c. **Point Clear Community Association:** Cllr. Thomas gave the following report:
 - i. That the last meeting had taken place on 3rd October 2024, during which time the following matters had been discussed:
 - a) The use of the snooker room, at night, by an as yet unidentified keyholder.

- b) That bookings were going well.
 - c) That having finally received a grant of £15,000.00, from the Rural Prosperity Fund, the project to install an air-to-air heat pump was underway, however, there had been some issues with the schematics.
 - d) That the next meeting was scheduled for the end of October 2024.
- d. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Cllr. Thomas reported that the next quarterly meeting was scheduled for 30th October 2024.

OM-24-110 PREPARATION OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Clerk thanked all those who had submitted contributions for inclusion in the Management Plan. The Clerk stated that having discussed the matter with the Chairman, he would add to, or amend the existing Management Plan as necessary, rather than rewriting the document for the sake of rewriting it.

OM-24-111 CASUAL VACANCY - CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received an application for co-option from a resident of St Osyth. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with the Personnel Committee with a view to arranging a suitable date for the interview of the applicant.

OM-24-112 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Essex County Council:** Having arrived at 8.10 pm, and his report having been previously circulated, Cllr. Goggin gave the following report.
 - i. That he had, at the meeting of the full Council on 15th October 2024, put forward a motion to reverse the stoppage of the Winter Fuel Allowance by the incumbent Government. Cllr. Goggin stated that with the exception of one group, all political parties represented within the Council had endorsed his motion.
 - ii. That repairs should have been carried out along Clacton Road as part of the Member-Led Repair Programme.
 - a) The Chairman confirmed that the repairs had been completed on 16th October 2024.
 - b) Cllr. Goggin stated that the next round of repairs was due to commence at the end of November and subsequently requested that the Council submit further applications for the repair of defects.
 - c) The Clerk stated that he would submit an application to Cllr. Goggin on 18th October 2024.
 - iii. That due to the Coroner's Inquest into the fatal collision of 6th December 2022, there would be a delay in the commencement of works to reduce the speed limit along the B1027, in the vicinity of Westwood Park and Flag Hill.

- a) Cllr. Goggin stated that the Coroner had asked Essex County Council to review the proposed safety improvements for the area, which might see an increase to the area where the speed limit was to be lowered.
 - b) Cllr. Goggin stated that whilst there would be a delay in the proposed speed reduction, it was hoped that all other aspects of the project would continue without delay.
- iv. Cllr. Thomas enquired as to whether Cllr. Goggin had any knowledge of the Household Support Fund, which according to social media, was being used by other Councils, including Thurrock Council (Unitary Authority) to offset the lack of winter fuel payments by the incumbent Government.
- a) Cllr. Goggin stated that the County Council was in agreement that some residents did not require the winter fuel payments, such as those who were living abroad, but still qualified for the payment. He continued that some 250,000 elderly residents of Essex were expected to lose the allowance, and that the County Council was looking at ways to assist these residents. Cllr. Goggin stated that it was not known whether everyone would potentially receive some form of assistance, or whether it would only be directed to those most in need, such as the 880,000, who were expected to lose all, or some form of benefit.
 - b) Cllr. Goggin stated that the County Council was investing in the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) with a view to ensuring that help was available for those who needed it. He continued that the proposed scheme being implemented by the Government was counterintuitive in that whilst it would reduce administration, means testing individuals, and the ability to obtain other aspects of financial assistance would overall create much more work in the way of administration.
 - c) A conversation ensued as to the issues associated with the scrapping of the winter fuel payments, and the demographic audience which would be affected, including the removal of the single persons allowance in respect of Council Tax payments, which Cllr. Thomas stated was 'scandalous.'

OM-24-113 FURTHER MATTERS:

- a. Cllr. Ball requested that the subject of buoys to create a safe swimming area in Point Clear Bay be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Cllr. White raised concerns over the placing of a small fence and windmill style ornament on the grass verge by a resident outside of their property in St Clairs Road. Cllr. White reported that another resident had tripped over the low fence whilst walking their dogs in the dark.
 - i. The Clerk stated that he was aware of the incident, and that seemingly the resident had placed the items on the verge to prevent other residents from allowing their dogs to foul on the verge. The Clerk stated that he would write to the resident and report the matter to Essex Highways.

- c. Cllr. Thomas enquired if the Clerk had any knowledge of whether the recently approved dog daycare centre at Lee over Sands had been granted permission for overnight boarding.
 - i. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with TDC.
- d. Cllr. Ward informed the Council that she was resigning as a member of the Parish Council with immediate effect.
 - i. The Chairman stated that she had tried to encourage Cllr. Ward to remain with the Council, however, she [the Chairman] had to respect Cllr. Ward's wishes.
 - ii. Cllr. Ward stated that she had been a member of the Parish Council for twenty-seven years and had particularly enjoyed the last ten years.
 - iii. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ward for all she had done whilst a member of the Council, especially her commitment and passion towards improving the play areas and the planting and care of blooms.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.29 pm.

The date and time of the next meeting was set for 7.00 pm on Thursday 17th October 2024, at Dumont Hall, Point Clear.

Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2024		
OM-24-102 g	Availability of Grants	Clk to action
OM-24-107 a ii	Installation of Play Equipment	Clk to action
OM-24-108 f ii	Highways Maintenance (Letter to ECC)	Clk to action
OM-24-109 b i	Parking on The Bury (Football Teams)	Clk to action
OM-24-111	Casual Vacancy/ Co-option	Clk to action
OM-24-113 a	Safe Swimming Area	PC to discuss
OM-24-113 b i	Obstruction of Verge	Clk to action
OM-24-113 c i	Planning Conditions	Clk to action