



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held at St Osyth Village Hall
on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 7.00 pm**



PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr. Karen Sinclair
Cllr's Clive Atkins, Susan Ball, Alma Blockley, Harvey Cohen,
Ray French, Jake Moore, Michael Talbot, Michele Thomas,
Catherine Venables & John White

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. David Cooper (Holiday)

MINUTES: Neil Williams (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

AGM-25-028 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman advised Councillors, that under Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, they had a responsibility to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in any matter to be discussed.

OM-25-029 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a.	25/00510/ADV City & Country St Osyth Priory The Bury St Osyth	Application for Advertisement Consent - Single 'Welcome' board behind railings on two posts displaying St Osyth Priory Logo and directions to main access and Marketing Suite. The Parish Council reaffirms its support of the comments submitted by Essex County Council Heritage on 9 th April 2025 and 9 th June 2025, and those submitted by Historic England on 11 th April 2025 and 3 rd June 2025 respectively.
b.	25/00664/FULHH Mr S Levermore 37 Point Clear Road St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear and side extension to form granny annexe. No objections.
c.	25/00685/FULHH Mr C Bird 23 Tower Estate Point Clear Bay	Householder planning application - First and second floor extension. No objections.
d.	25/00701/FULHH Mr & Mrs Dawson 241 Point Clear Road Point Clear	Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension and relocation of front entrance door. No objections.

e.	25/00765/VOC St Osyth Priory Estate Limited St Osyth Priory The Bury St Osyth	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans), Condition 3, Condition 4, Condition 5 (Archaeological Works), and Condition 12 (Heritage) of application 24/01418/FUL to enable/allow adjustment to the planning consent to facilitate an area of hardstanding to the south of the Gatehouse and to discharge conditions relating to archaeology and fencing. No objections.
f.	25/00789/FULHH E Sharp 115 Clacton Road St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - Extensions and alterations to create two storey dwelling including raised roof, two-storey side extension, front bay and canopy. The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the proposed development in its current format, i.e. the creation of a two-storey dwelling, would impact on the neighbouring property in respect of both visual intrusion and loss of light. Were the property to be aligned with the existing boundary fences, there is no reason why it could not be extended backwards, whilst remaining a single-story dwelling, especially given that the property is within two metres of the existing boundaries.
g.	25/00797/FULHH Mrs J Webb 18 D'arcy Road St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension. No objections.
h.	25/00831/TCA Ms L Unknown 7 Point Clear Road St Osyth	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - To reduce 2 x Willow Trees by 50%. This application is referred to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
i.	25/00845/TELLIC OpenReach O/S 28 Manfield Gardens St Osyth	Intention to install fixed line broadband apparatus. Approved on 10 th June 2025.
j.	25/00856/TELLIC OpenReach O/S 35 Manfield Gardens St Osyth	Installation of fixed line broadband apparatus. Approved on 16 th June 2025.
k.	25/00863/AGRIC Mr C Gibson Land South of Heath Road 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 general purpose agricultural storage building. <i>For information only – no comment required.</i>

OM-25-030 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) weekly Notifications of Decisions (Determinations) for the period of 9th May 2025 to 6th June 2025.
- b. Correspondence from Lighthouse Development Consulting with regard to an invitation to brief the Parish Council on the proposed planning application for a Solar Farm at Clay Lane, St Osyth.

OM-25-031 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 15th May 2025 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Chairman, as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Talbot. All agreed.

OM-25-032 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15th May 2025 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Chairman, as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Venables. All agreed.

OM-25-033 SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- a. OM-25-022 b ii. The Clerk informed the Council that he had drafted further correspondence to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution in respect of allowances for co-opted Councillors.
- b. OM-25-024 b ii. The Clerk informed the Council that he was waiting to liaise with Cllr. Goggin as to the best point of contact for inviting a representative of Essex Highways to a meeting of the Highways Working Party.

OM-25-034 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

OM-25-035 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence from Cllr. Mark Stephenson, Leader of TDC with regard to an update in respect of Local Government Reorganisation.
- b. Correspondence between St Osyth Parish Council and TDC with regard to access to Martello Beach Holiday Park, Jaywick, via St Osyth.
 - i. The Clerk stated that he had copied the emails to Cllr. Goggin, and that the latter would, hopefully, provide additional information upon his arrival.
 - ii. Cllr. Talbot stated that the response from the District Council was not satisfactory and that the Council should consider writing to the Local Authority Ombudsman.

- c. Correspondence from the new Tendring District Commander with regard to his visit to Great Bentley on 21st July 2025.
 - i. Cllr. Thomas enquired as to whether the new District Commander would be able to visit St Osyth.
 - ii. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with the Community Safety & Engagement Officer at Clacton Police Station.
- d. Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC), outlining the restructuring of the organisation and redundancies.
- e. Correspondence from Essex County Council, in the form of a response to the Parish Council's Freedom of Information Request, in respect of recent re-painting of road markings.
- f. Correspondence from Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors with regard to the change of status of St Osyth Village Hall Management Committee from a charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- g. Correspondence from the Clerk to a resident, following a complaint about lack of access to the Cemetery.
- h. Correspondence from a resident, in which they offered to clear litter from Church Square and Stone Alley.
 - i. The consensus of the Council was that whilst it was very kind of the resident to volunteer, the District Council had a contract with Veolia, who were responsible for the removal of litter within the Parish.
 - ii. It was agreed that the Clerk should raise the concerns of the Council with TDC.
- i. Correspondence from the Chairman of Point Clear Community Association (PCCA) thanking the Parish Council for the early payment of the Annual Parish Grant.
- j. Correspondence from TDC with regard to the District Council's Consultation in respect of Overview and Scrutiny.

OM-25-036 FINANCE:

- a. Approval of payments for May 2025, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:
 - i. Current a/c: £120,061.49
 - ii. Deposit: £151,082.56

c. **Internal Audit:**

The following documentation as directed by the Internal Auditor, on 16th May 2025 was received:

- i. Internal Audit Report for 2024/2025 – Accepted and approved.
RESOLVED: That the Council accept and approve the Internal Audit Report for 2024/2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Atkins and seconded by Cllr. White. All agreed.
- ii. Scope of Internal Audit for Parish & Town Councils - Agreed.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Scope of Internal Audit. The motion was proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Moore. All agreed.
- iii. Audit Plan - Approved
RESOLVED: That the Council approve the Audit Plan. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Talbot and seconded by Cllr. Venables. All agreed.

d. **End of Year Results:**

Having been previously circulated, the Council agreed the end of year figures as approved by the Independent Internal Auditor on 16th May 2025, in preparation for submission of the report to the Audit Commission:

- i. Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statements.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Accounting Statements & Annual Governance Statement. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Ball. All agreed.
- ii. Balance Sheet for Year Ending 31st March 2025.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Balance Sheet for Year Ending 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Moore and seconded by Cllr. Cohen. All agreed.
- iii. Supporting Reserves Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Supporting Reserves Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Blockley. All agreed.
- iv. Trial Balance for Current Year.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Trial Balance for Current Year. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Blockley and seconded by Cllr. Ball. All agreed.
- v. Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March 2025.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Talbot and seconded by Cllr. Atkins. All agreed.
- vi. Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st March 2025.
RESOLVED: That the Council agree the Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Moore and seconded by Cllr. Cohen. All agreed.

e. **Annual Governance & Accountability Return:**

- i. **RESOLVED:** That the Council approve the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2024/2025. Both the Chairman and Clerk duly signed the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ending 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Blockley. All agreed.
- ii. **RESOLVED:** That the Council approve the Accounting Statements for 2024/2025, and that the Chairman sign the relevant document, which had already been signed by the RFO. The Chairman duly signed the Accounting Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2025. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Venables and seconded by Cllr. Ball. All agreed.

OM-25-037 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

a. **Cemetery Committee:**

- i. The draft Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of 4th June 2025 having been previously distributed, the Chairman invited questions. None were forthcoming.
- ii. The Chairman informed the Council that there would be a Working Party in the Cemetery on 26th June 2025, with the intent of tidying the graves, by way of removing dead flowers and/ or broken items.

OM-25-038 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

a. **Public Realm Working Party:**

- i. By way of a PowerPoint presentation, the Clerk showed Councillors photographs of the new aerial runway and the refurbished slide at Cowley Park.
- ii. The Clerk informed the Council that new man-made timber (recycled plastic) benches had been installed on The Bury, and that new notice boards, made from the same material, had been installed in the Cemetery and at Chisbon Heath.
- iii. The Chairman reported on damage to the basket swing at Priory Meadow, which had been caused by dogs being allowed to bite onto and hang from the basket. The Chairman stated that she would write about this in her next report for St Osyth Life.

b. **Highways Working Party:**

- i. The Clerk informed the Council that a traffic count had taken place at the crossroads earlier that day, and that having spoken with a representative of EAS Transport Planning, the company conducting the survey, it had been ascertained that the survey had been instigated by Essex Highways with a view as to how safety at the crossroads could be improved.

- ii. The Clerk explained that as EAS Transport Planning had been instructed to conduct the survey on 'neutral days' he had provided them with a history of the crossroads, in addition to advising them as to how the traffic increased on Fridays and Mondays, which were the changeover days at the caravan parks.
- c. **Martin's Farm Country Park:**
- i. The Clerk reported that a site meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 8th July 2025.
 - ii. The Clerk informed the Council that having been advised that the gate monitor had given notice that she would be stopping the daily opening and closing of the car park gate at the end of the summer, she had since informed the Community Warden that she would be stopping as at the end of June 2025. The Clerk added that arrangements were in hand for a resident of Oaklands Holiday Park to be appointed as the new gate monitor.
 - a) The Chairman requested that the Council give the gate monitor flowers and a Parish Council plaque to thank her for all she had done at Martin's Farm Park. All agreed.

OM-25-039 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Community Matters & Well-being:** Cllr. Venables gave the following report:
 - i. That a new group for those with visual impairment would be meeting monthly at Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) in Clacton on Sea.
 - ii. That a 'share-shack' similar to that run in Harwich by the Active Wellbeing Society, where items such as games, toys, garden tools, electrical items etc could be loaned out, was being started in Lotus Way, Jaywick.
- b. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, the statistics for crime reported in St Osyth and Point Clear, during April 2025, was noted.
- c. **Footpaths:** Cllr. Atkins reported on an incident in respect of Footpath 1, where a landowner had refused access to the contractor responsible for cutting the vegetation along the footpath, after the contractor had parked on the roadside verge, which the landowner claimed was theirs.
- d. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. Atkins reported that he had replaced a stake from one of the trees in the Arboretum, the original stake having been removed. Cllr. Atkins continued that a new numbered tag was required to replace that attached to the original stake.
- e. **Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC):** Cllr. Sinclair reported on the meeting of held on Wednesday 28th May 2025.
 - i. Frank Belgrove was elected as Chairman and will stand for another year.

- ii. We had an interesting and informative presentation from the District Commander for Tendring, Chief Inspector Stuart Austin. He gave us some background on his career. He has been a police officer for 14 years and lives locally at Bradfield.
 - b) He spoke about the crime statistics which had slightly increased by 5%. Residential burglaries were down along with motoring offences. His top priority over the next 6 – 9 months is to reduce crime across all areas. Overall, in Essex, Tendring has the highest confidence rating in its local police service.
 - c) There are several significant changes dictated by budgets. The government have lobbied extensively for extending neighbourhood policing. There has been a £4.5 million increase to support the employment of seventy-four new police officers in Essex.
 - d) In Tendring we will see seven new neighbourhood officers. Five are already in place and two are due in June. Their brief will be to be visible and to tackle neighbourhood crime. They will also take on more investigative crime.
 - e) The custody suite at Clacton Police station will be closing. People will now be transferred to Colchester custody suite. They will also recruit Designated Detention Officers to look after the welfare and mental health of those in custody instead of using police officers. The front office service is due to close in July. The public will be encouraged to use phones and online services to contact the police. Concern was expressed about the elderly being able to contact the police, but Stuart was confident that this new way of contacting the police would improve the service. However, it was stressed that Clacton would remain a 24/7 police station.
 - f) Harwich Police Station is due to close but a new one will be built on the same site as the Fire Station. The new station should be open by Christmas.
- iii. EALC are relocating to Feering instead of Chelmsford. They felt that this was the most economic move as they are unsure of future long-term funding because of devolution. There will be training hubs across Essex and our nearest training hub will be at Alresford. Unfortunately, there have been two redundancies at EALC.
- iv. I raised the matter of potholes in the village and made them aware of the white-lining issue. The issue of potholes is not just happening in St Osyth but across the whole of the district. Mark Platt who chairs the Essex Highways Panel is now a member of TDALC but was not at the meeting so I was unable to direct my questions to him, but I shall continue to raise this as an urgent matter of concern. The Chairman of TDALC is going to raise this at the next committee meeting.

f. District Councillor's Report:

- i. Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:

- a) One very major issue on the Councils horizon is the current Waste contract, held with Veolia Environmental Services, which covers all our waste collections, and is set to end early in 2026. This same contract also covers the public street cleaning in Tendring, but I stress on public not private land. The tender document shows the Council committed to fortnightly rubbish collections and an expansion of recycling, to include the collection at your kerbside of glass and an improved food waste service.
- b) Initially these contracts are planned as an eight-year contract, with extension options included, but in view of the forthcoming reorganisation of Local government in the Country, the new deal will now be shortened to three years.
- c) We have been told that early bids for the contract exceeded the current budget by over £7million annually, which has put in chain a reassessment to ensure financial sustainability during the transition, both from one contractor to another if a change is made, and from the current Local Authority to a Unitary one. We would expect from a residents point of view, a seamless transfer with no problems for householder arising from the change.
- d) One very personal observation is that with a doorstep collection of glass waste, the income places such as the Village Hall and Dumont Hall currently receive for glass collected in the big bins, will decline and eventually disappear altogether.
- e) Last evening I attended a TDC teams meeting on members conduct, their rights and responsibilities. It is clear that nationally, questions around the conduct of members are a current matter for every elected member, with Government proposals likely in the future.
- f) A fresh wave of funding is being launched in the district to inspire our people to get sports active in Tendring. They are designed to get local people involved and inspired by sports and physical activity. Three new grant schemes are available, thanks to (UKSPF), the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and is provided to support schools, clubs, and community organisations across the district. These initiatives form part of TDC's wider programme, which has seen the Council awarded £563,028 for 2025/26 to support community, business, and skills development projects. Applications for the sports grants were opened last Friday, with full details of eligibility criteria and application forms available via the website: www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/ukspf.

ii. Cllr. White gave the following report:

- a) That the District Council had written to the residents of the Bel Air Chalet Estate to ascertain under what conditions they [the residents] believed they could live there year-round.

- b) A conversation ensued as to the ownership of the properties, the majority of which were leasehold, owned by a property company, which had previously been subject to enforcement action.
 - i) Cllr. Talbot provided an overview of the varying permissions under which residents could be present, together with the responsibility for the ownership of the site.
- g. **Website:** The Clerk reported that a number of changes to the website, were being made by the developer and that he hoped to have the website up and running before the next meeting.

OM-25-040 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES & TRUSTEES:

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Nothing to report.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:** The Clerk gave the following report:
 - i. That he had, on 18th June 2025, met with the new Chairman of Elmden Rovers (subject to approval at the Annual Meeting scheduled for 23rd June 2025), who had confirmed that there would be an adult team and seven children's teams in the 2025/2026 league, who would be using Cowley Park on Saturdays and Sundays respectively, in addition to training on weeknights.
 - ii. That the new Chairman was keen to work with the Parish Council and that Elmden Rovers were willing to take on some of the maintenance within the pavilion, such as painting.
 - iii. That in addition to the Parish Council, Elmden Rovers were keen to link in with Child & Provide Active, an organisation which ran activities during school holidays. The Clerk added that Child & Provide Active had booked the pavilion for its summer activities between 28th July and 29th August 2025.
 - iv. The Clerk informed the Council that subject to the approval of the Council, Elmden Rovers had requested that they be permitted to place a sign on the entrance gate to Cowley Park, primarily to ensure that visiting teams knew how to access the recreation ground. All agreed.
- c. **Village Hall Management Committee:** The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a solicitor's firm representing the Village Hall Management Committee, which was looking to change its status from that of a charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
 - i. The Clerk stated that, for avoidance of doubt, the CIO would have the same Trustees as the charity, would carry on with the same activities and operations, and that the change in structure from unincorporated charity to incorporated CIO, would preserve the charity and its operations for future generations.
 - ii. The Clerk informed Councillors that as the Custodian Trustee, the Parish Council, if agreeable, was required to sign a Declaration of Trust.

- iii. **RESOLVED:** That as the Custodian Trustee, the Parish Council agree to the signing of a Declaration of Trust in respect of the change of status of the Village Hall Management Committee from that of a charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The document was signed by Cllr's Sinclair and French, with the signatures witnessed by the Clerk. All agreed.
- d. **Point Clear Community Association:** Cllr. Thomas gave the following report:
 - i. That the Annual General Meeting (AGM) had been held on 5th June 2025, with the Committee being re-elected. A new member had also been voted onto the Executive Committee.
 - ii. That a list of all works completed since 2022 had been displayed during the AGM.
 - iii. That the finances for 2024 and the first six months of 2025 had been received.
 - iv. That the next AGM would be held in February 2026, so as to coincide with the audit.
 - v. That income was steady.

OM-25-041 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Essex County Council:** Having arrived at 8.10 pm, Cllr. Goggin gave the following report:
 - i. Having been asked by the Chairman to clarify whether the costings for the repair of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Point Clear Road, were for information only, or as implied by the Clerk that there was an expectation for the Parish Council to pay for the repairs, Cllr. Goggin stated that he was in agreement with the Chairman, in that the costings were proof that the required parts had been ordered. Cllr. Goggin added that if Highways were expecting the Parish Council to fund the repairs that should have been made clear prior to the parts being ordered.
 - ii. The Clerk reminded the Council that of the four street lights in Chapel Lane, only two were the responsibility of the Parish Council. He continued that he had subsequently contacted both Tendring District Council, who had confirmed that they were not responsible for any lights in that area, and UK Power Networks, who had confirmed that the Parish Council was only paying electricity costs for two lights. The Clerk added that neither of the two lights in question were not shown on the County Council's website.
 - a) Following a discussion as to the location of the two unknown lights, the Clerk stated that he had requested that Cllr. Goggin liaise with whoever was responsible for lighting at Highways, to ascertain who was responsible for the lights.
 - b) Cllr. Talbot stated that somebody must be paying for the electricity used by the lights.

- c) Cllr. White suggested that the lights may have been installed at the same time as the development at Brook Vale was built, which if the case might mean that the developer would be responsible. Cllr. White added that these lights would have been on the same circuit as the lights installed in Brook Vale, which would imply that Highways would be responsible.
 - i) Cllr. Goggin stated that having looked into the matter, the two lights in question were not the responsibility of Essex Highways.
 - ii) The Chairman requested that the Clerk look at the original planning application to ascertain whether there were any conditions associated with street lights.
 - iii) The Chairman enquired as to whether there was any communication between the two firms, as to repaint the lines before the repairs to the roads were completed was ridiculous.
- iii. The Chairman enquired as to whether there had been any progress in establishing whether Highways had been consulted in respect of the redirection of traffic for the Martello Beach Holiday Park, Jaywick, through St Osyth.
 - a) The Clerk narrated part of the email of 5th June 2025, which he had forwarded to Cllr. Goggin:

Tendring District Council have not consulted with Essex Highways in respect of the closure of the Jaywick entrance and the resultant increase in vehicular movements through St Osyth as there is no requirement to do so given the above. We are also not aware whether the park owners have consulted Essex Highways.
 - b) The Chairman requested that Cllr. Goggin liaise with Highways in order to ascertain whether the Martello Beach Holiday Park could simply close its access without any form of consultation with the Local Highways Authority.
- iv. Cllr. Goggin gave a report on the recent patching work/ repairs along Point Clear Road, which had resulted in the closure of one side of the carriageway at a time, meaning that vehicles were escorted through after a short delay. He continued that having visited the site during the works, the journey from Mill Street to the roundabout at the entrance to the Orchards Holiday Park had taken 20 minutes in each direction. Cllr. Goggin stated that the system had been necessary to ensure the safety of the workforce.
 - a) Cllr. Goggin reported that less than 250 metres of white lines had needed to be repainted, the white lining having been completed before the patching work/ repairs.
 - b) The Chairman enquired as to whether the yellow lines would also be repainted.

- i) Cllr. Goggin stated that his immediate response would be no, however, given the poor condition of the existing yellow lines, he would liaise with Highways and emphasise how important the need was.
- c) The Chairman enquired as to whether it would have been cost effective to have carried out the repair of the potholes on the B1027 at the same time as the crews were in the area.
 - i) Cllr. Goggin explained the difference in the types of repairs undertaken, which ranged from an emergency repair with cold press tarmac, to patching and finally a full repair (resurfacing), which varied in the depth of carriageway repaired.
- d) Cllr. Thomas remarked on the expletive language used by the workforce, adding that whilst the convoy system had worked, the standard of work was not good, with tarmac being left on the verge and some stretches of road being missed completely.
 - i) The Chairman stated that there was a sizable dip in the road near the junction of Point Clear Road and Beacon Way
 - ii) Cllr. Goggin requested that he be sent the locations of the tarmac and areas missed.
- e) Cllr. Atkins enquired as to the life expectancy of the repairs.
 - i) Before providing the information, Cllr. Goggin stated that of the repairs carried out, patching was the most expensive. He subsequently gave the life expectancy of the following repairs:
 - patching: one week to one year;
 - square repair: one year plus;
 - square repair (to core): up to five years.
 - ii) A conversation ensued as to the standard of the work, which in some cases had not been bonded around the edge of the repairs.
- v. Cllr. Goggin reported that the Tendring Local Highways Panel (LHP), which comprised of the eight County Councillors within Tendring and the Chairman of TDALC, was scheduled to meet on 27th June 2025, following a three-month hiatus. He continued that the reason for the break in meetings had been to confirm which outstanding projects could be delivered within the next two years, and that whilst the LHP would benefit from an additional £2million, no new projects would be scheduled until such time as, where possible, all existing projects had been delivered.
 - a) A conversation as to the pending change in the speed limit along the B1027 near Westwood Park ensued, during which time Cllr. Goggin confirmed the recommendation of the Coroner was to extend the proposed change in the speed limit, which would cost in the region of £40,000.00 to £50,000.00.

OM-25-042 FURTHER MATTERS:

- a. Cllr. Cohen remarked on the poor standard of the grass cutting along the bypass, together with the fact that overhanging branches were making it difficult for pedestrians to walk along the pavement.
 - i. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with the respective contractor, however, due to it being nesting season, it would not be possible to lift any of the branches until the end of September, unless it was deemed an emergency.
 - ii. The Chairman informed the Council that a working party, to remove old wreaths, unauthorised items etc, would be meeting in the Cemetery on Thursday 26th June 2025 and that any help would be appreciated.
 - iii. The Clerk informed the Council that an application in respect of red lines, which would need the backing of a District Councillor, would need to be submitted by 31st July 2025. He continued that the application would also require the support of residents living in the vicinity of the crossroads, whom he would liaise with.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

The date and time of the next meeting was set for 7.00 pm on Thursday 17th July 2025, at Dumont Hall, Point Clear.

Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025		
OM-25-035 b ii	Access to Martello Beach Holiday Park	Clk to action
OM-25-035 c ii	Visit of Tendring District Commander	Clk to action
OM-25-035 h ii	Removal of litter by Veolia	Clk to action
OM-25-038 a iii	Abuse of/ damage to basket swing	Chairman to action
OM-25-041 a ii c) ii)	Responsibility for street lights	Clk to action
OM-25-041 a iii b)	Access to Martello Beach Holiday Park	Cllr. Goggin to action
OM-25-041 a iv d) ii)	Locations of tarmac and areas missed	Clk to action
OM-25-042 a i	Liaison with contractor	Clk to action