



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held at St Osyth Village Hall
on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7.10 pm**



PRESENT: Chair: Cllr. Karen Sinclair, Vice-Chair: Cllr David Cooper
Cllr's Clive Atkins, Quinn Atkins, Susan Ball, Alma Blockley,
Harvey Cohen, Ray French, Judith Hall, Michael Talbot,
Michele Thomas, Catherine Venables & John White

MINUTES: Neil Williams (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Two

OM-26-014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OM-26-015 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a.	26/00374/FUL InPost UK Dumont Hall Dumont Avenue Point Clear	Planning Application - Siting of an InPost Parcel Locker. No objections.
b.	26/00546/FUL Bourne Leisure Orchards Holiday Village Colne Way Point Clear Bay	Planning Application - Relocated pitch and putt clubhouse building, enhanced fishing lake facilities and installation of 97 bases for the siting of static holiday accommodation caravans with associated decking, access roads, landscaping, BNG mitigation and infrastructure works. The Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons: 1. Flood Risk, Drainage and Deliverability The Parish Council is not satisfied that the application demonstrates an acceptable or sustainable approach to flood risk management, surface water drainage, foul drainage capacity, or wider site resilience. The proposal would introduce a substantial number of additional holiday units, associated hardstandings, roads, parking areas and infrastructure within an area already known to experience flooding and drainage issues. Whilst the application includes drainage proposals and wetland/scrape features, insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that these measures would function effectively during periods of prolonged rainfall, extreme weather events, or infrastructure failure.

		Particular concern is raised regarding: a. The reliance on pumped drainage systems and operational management procedures rather than passive, fail-safe infrastructure; b. The absence of clear evidence that existing foul drainage and sewerage infrastructure has sufficient capacity to accommodate the increased demand generated by the development; c. The lack of certainty regarding the effectiveness, maintenance and long-term management of the proposed drainage infrastructure; and d. The uncertainty surrounding the proposed wetland and scrape features and whether they can realistically provide the drainage and biodiversity benefits claimed. The application does not adequately demonstrate compliance with Policy PPL1 (Development and Flood Risk) and Policy PPL5 (Water Conservation, Drainage and Sewerage) of the Tendring District Local Plan, both of which require development to properly address flood risk, drainage and infrastructure capacity. Furthermore, the Council is not satisfied that sufficient information has been provided to demonstrate compliance with the Sequential and Exception Tests required by national planning policy where relevant. 2. Highway Safety and Traffic Impact The transport assessment does not properly assess the impact of the proposal during peak holiday periods when traffic movements associated with the holiday park are at their highest. Evidence submitted by residents identifies existing issues around congestion on changeover days, with significant queuing on local roads, obstruction of access routes and delays to local traffic. The addition of 97 further holiday units would intensify vehicle movements associated with visitors, servicing, maintenance and construction activities. The Council is particularly concerned that: a. Existing congestion may be worsened to the detriment of highway safety;
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		b. Access for emergency vehicles could be impeded during peak periods; c. The assessment does not appear to reflect peak summer occupancy conditions; and d. Additional traffic would place further pressure on single road leading to the holiday park. The proposal conflicts with the requirements of Policy SPL3 (Sustainable Design), which seeks to ensure that development does not give rise to unacceptable impacts on health, safety, amenity or the transport network. 3. Fire Safety and Emergency Access The Parish Council notes the concerns raised by residents with regard to access for emergency vehicles. Furthermore, potential issues with regard to the accessibility and manoeuvrability of fire appliances within the site must be addressed. In the absence of clear evidence that emergency access standards can be achieved, the proposal fails to demonstrate that it provides a safe environment for future occupiers and emergency responders, contrary to the objectives of Policy SPL3 which requires development to protect public health and safety. 4. Impact on Biodiversity, Landscape and Green Infrastructure The application site forms part of a wider network of open space, grassland, water features, hedgerows and recreational land that contributes to the area's ecological value. Whilst ecological enhancements are referred to within the application, the proposed mitigations do not address the potential loss and fragmentation of the existing habitat. The introduction of additional accommodation, access roads, lighting, parking and associated activity has the potential to increase disturbance to wildlife and reduce the ecological value of the site. Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate: a. The full extent of ecological impacts on protected species;
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		b. How habitat loss will be avoided, mitigated or compensated; c. How biodiversity net gain will be secured and maintained over the long term; and d. That the proposed wetland and scrape features will provide meaningful ecological enhancement. The proposal appears to conflict with Policies PPL3 (The Rural Landscape) and PPL4 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity), which require development to protect biodiversity, landscape character, ecological networks and important environmental assets. The application also fails to demonstrate that the development would deliver a genuine net gain for nature. 5. Loss of Recreational Facilities and Amenity The Parish Council has concerns about the reduction of established recreational facilities associated with the site. Limited evidence has been provided to justify the loss of existing leisure and recreational assets or to demonstrate that alternative facilities would provide an equivalent level of benefit. The Local Plan seeks to support tourism and recreation whilst ensuring that development does not result in unacceptable impacts on existing facilities, environmental quality or local infrastructure. The Parish Council is not satisfied that the application demonstrates an overall enhancement of recreational provision sufficient to justify the scale of development proposed. 6. LPG Infrastructure and Incomplete Assessment The submitted plans identify the location of proposed LPG infrastructure, yet this element is intended to be dealt with through a separate approval process. The Parish Council considers that where such infrastructure forms an integral part of the development, sufficient information should be provided to enable the Local Planning Authority to assess whether the scheme is safe, deliverable and capable of implementation as proposed. 7. Lack of Certainty Regarding Mitigation and Future Consents
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		A recurring concern throughout the application is the reliance upon future approvals, management plans, maintenance arrangements and operational procedures to address significant planning impacts. Matters including drainage performance, land drainage consents, ecological management, infrastructure capacity and emergency response arrangements remain dependent upon future actions or separate regulatory processes. There is, in the opinion of the Parish Council, insufficient information to demonstrate suitable mitigation. Planning permission should not be granted where fundamental aspects of a development remain unresolved. Conclusion For the reasons outlined above, the Parish Council considers that the application fails to demonstrate compliance with Policies SPL3, PP11, PPL1, PPL3, PPL4 and PPL5 of the Tendring District Local Plan and does not adequately address concerns relating to flood risk, drainage, highway safety, emergency access, biodiversity, infrastructure capacity and the loss of recreational facilities. The Parish Council therefore requests that Tendring District Council refuse planning permission for application 26/00546/FUL.
c.	26/00680/FULHH Mr B Hunt 702 St Johns Road St Osyth	Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension and dormer windows. No objections.
d.	26/00644/WTPO Mr Ackers Land South of The Leys Clay Lane, St Osyth	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (26/00008/TPO) - 1 no. (T4) Oak Tree - Removal of lower limb, in order to implement Prior Approval 26/00289/AGRIC. <i>Approved on 22nd May 2026.</i>
e.	26/00736/TCA c/o Absolute Tree Services 78 Clacton Road, St Osyth	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - To fell 1 x Acer to ground level. To reduce 1 x Acer Sycamore by 50%. This application is referred to the District Council's Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
f.	26/00745/TCA c/o Paul Thomas Tree Surgeons 95 Mill Street, St Osyth	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - Prunus Insititia (1) to be felled to ground level. Prunus Instititia (2) to remove secondary stem. This application is referred to the District Council's Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.

g.	26/00719/LUPROP Mr K Pasik 225 Point Clear Road Point Clear	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Use or Development for Non-Material change of use from C3 single family dwelling to C3b small children's care home for 2 children. <i>No objections – noted for information only.</i>
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OM-26-016 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) weekly Notifications of Decisions (Determinations) for the period of 10th April 2026 to 8th May 2026.
- b. Email of 21st April 2026 from Essex County Council with regard to the build-up of traffic arriving at the Orchards Holiday Park.
- c. Email of 30th April 2026 from TDC with regard to the painting of buildings within the Conservation Area.
- d. Email of 6th May 2026 from TDC with regard to signs obstructing the view of drivers exiting Pump Hill Garage.
- e. Email of 6th May 2026 from TDC with regard to advertising and fly-posting.

OM-26-017 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 16th April 2026 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Chair, as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Thomas. All agreed.

OM-26-018 SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- a. OM-26-008 c i a). The Clerk confirmed that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had changed the layout of the report for Income & Expenditure.
- b. OM-26-009 a iii b). The Clerk informed the Council that having discussed the guarantee for the repair of the skate park with the respective contractor, he [the Clerk] had been informed of the following:
 - i. That PlayQuip were unable to provide a guarantee in respect of the marine-ply to be used in the repair of the ramps, being that the product was provided by another company, however, they [PlayQuip] would look to obtain a written guarantee.
 - ii. That when PlayQuip undertook the refurbishment of existing equipment, a comprehensive inspection would be carried out, parts and fixings replaced as necessary and welds checked and re-welded as required. PlayQuip would subsequently provide a 3-year guarantee.
- c. OM-26-009 a iv b). The Clerk informed the Council that PlayQuip would commence the repair of the skate ramps at the end of May/ beginning of June 2026.

- d. OM-26-012 b i. The Clerk informed the Council that whilst the owners of the land used for the allotments were not averse to a barrier or gate being placed along the lane leading to the allotments, there were concerns as to liability, given that vehicles would have to reverse onto both Clacton Road and the bypass.
- i. The Clerk informed the Council that the other consideration would be that of cost and responsibility for maintenance. He continued that the cost of a suitable barrier was in the region of £800.00 and that when taking into account delivery and installation costs, it would more than exceed £1,000.00.
- ii. The Clerk suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Realm Working Party for further discussion. All agreed.
- e. Whilst not listed on the Summary of Action, the Clerk provided an overview of election costs, stating that were the Parish Council to have an uncontested election at the same time as District/ Council or a General Election, the Parish Council would be expected to cover administrative costs, which would be in the region of £800.00 to £1,100.00. Were the Parish Council to have to fund contested elections, it could cost anywhere between £3,500.00 and £18,000.00, dependent on whether it was both Wards and outside of District/ Council or a General Election.

OM-26-019 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence between St Osyth Parish Council, Essex Police and a resident of Spring Road concerning the movement of abnormal loads (static caravans).
- b. Correspondence from TDC with regard to the Overview & Scrutiny Consultation.
- c. Correspondence from a resident of Point Clear with regard to planning application 26/00546/FUL, land at the Orchards Holiday Village.
- d. Correspondence from the family of a resident injured in a fall on The Bury, together with the response of the Parish Council.
- e. Correspondence from Hybrid Ecology with regard to the bat survey in respect of T31 beech tree at St Osyth Cemetery.
- f. Correspondence between St Osyth Parish Council and Bidwells/ Bennett Homes in respect of the development of land south of Clacton Road, St Osyth.
- g. Correspondence from St Osyth Priory Estate to Essex Highways with regard to the removal of traffic lights along Mill Street and the repair of the Priory wall.

OM-26-020 FINANCE:

- a. Approval of payments for April 2026, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.

- i. Cllr. Cooper enquired as to the following payments:
 - a) £582.00 - PlayQuip.
 - b) £666.00 - PlayQuip.
 - c) £5,329.20 - PlayQuip.
 - d) £775.20 - PlayQuip.
 - e) £2,752.80 - A&J Lighting.
- ii. The Clerk provided the following report, adding that all payments were inclusive of VAT:
 - a) £582.00 - Safety inspection of skate ramps.
 - b) £666.00 - Installation of 3 x man-made timber (recycled plastic) benches at Cowley Park.

N.B. Benches purchased using £1,500.00 from the now defunct Community Reach Grant.
 - c) £5,329.20 - Remedial repairs of play equipment at Cowley Park, as detailed in the Management Plan.
 - d) £775.20 - Repair of basket swings at Cowley Park and Priory Meadow as a result of criminal damage.
 - e) £2,752.80 - Installation of 6 x LED lights.

N.B. 4 x lights detailed in the Management Plan and 2 x lights in Chapel Lane adopted by the Parish Council.
- iii. Cllr. White enquired as to the payment of £42.00 to BlueRaq.
 - a) The Clerk informed the Council that the payment related to the secure (UK based) backup of the Councils IT systems.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:
 - i. Current a/c: £132,128.10
 - ii. Deposit: £152,946.64

OM-26-021 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

a. Public Realm Working Party:

- i. Having already provided an update earlier in the meeting, the Clerk reminded the Council that the repairs to the skate ramps at Cowley Park would commence at the end of May or beginning of June 2026.

b. Highways Working Party: Nothing to report.

c. Martin's Farm Country Park: Nothing to report.

OM-26-022 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Community Matters & Well-being:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, Cllr. Cooper briefed the Council on reported crime during March 2026 in St Osyth and Point Clear, by offence and location, and where practicable the status of the investigation.
 - i. Cllr. Cooper provided a comparison of crimes reported during March 2025 and March 2026, during which the following was noted:
 - a) March 2025: 40 reported crimes, of which 17 (43%) were classed as violent or sexual.
 - b) March 2026: 56 reported crimes, of which 21 (38%) were classed as violent or sexual.

An increase of 16 reported crimes or 40%, and an increase of 4 violent or sexual offences, which equated to 24%.
 - ii. The Clerk reminded the Council that the District Commander would be visiting the Village Hall between 1 pm and 2 pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.
- c. **Footpaths:** Cllr. C Atkins reported that he was in the process of replacing missing, broken or faded way marker signs. Cllr. Atkins informed the Council that Cllr. Hall was doing a sterling job of checking the footways.
- d. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. C Atkins gave the following report:
 - i. That a quantity of mulch had been delivered to the Arboretum, which would be placed around the base of the trees to retain moisture.
 - ii. That of the 54 trees planted in 2023, only 3 or 4 needed to be replaced in the autumn.
 - a) Cllr. Thomas enquired as to the species of the trees to be replaced.
 - b) Cllr. Atkins stated that he could not recall, however, they were of the same species.
- e. **Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC):** Cllr. Sinclair reported that the next meeting of the association was scheduled for Wednesday 27th May 2026.
- f. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - i. Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:
 - a) The pending demise of the County and District Councils on 1st April 2028 continues to be at the forefront of all our business, as I am sure it will be until we are finally dissolved. Every effort is made by our Cabinet and Officers to preserve the best of Tendring for our residents in plans that are made today which will carry over into the new 'North East Essex Council'.

- b) We are once again pleased that seven of our beaches along Tendring's 'Sunshine Coast' (Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay, Frinton and Walton-on-the-Naze's Albion Beach, Harwich, Walton's Naze Beach, and Martello Bay in Clacton) have once again been awarded, by the Environmental 'Keep Britain Tidy' group, their Blue Flags and Seaside Awards this summer. The Blue Flag and Seaside Awards are designed to raise standards across England's coastline and inland waters, while drawing attention to the country's top beaches. These awards are the only way for the public to be assured that beaches are delivering a safe, clean and well-managed space for them to enjoy.
 - c) As we all know by now, the Local Elections on 7th May for the eight people to represent Tendring as Councillors on Essex County Council until April 2028 took place with a turnout of 42%. All eight seats were won by the Reform party, but for me personally, it is the quality of the person elected that really matters most, not the party, and I will miss Alan Goggin at our meetings, as I will welcome Cllr. Bradley Thompson to our future meetings.
 - d) From 1st April 2026, most planning applications made to local planning authorities will follow a new, simpler route. If they are appealed and to be decided via written representations, appeals will only be accepted if the evidence was put before the Local Planning Authority during the application. This will not only speed up appeals but will also, importantly, encourage a full body of evidence to be provided at application stage, giving Local Planning Authorities the information they need to make decisions, aligning with universal planning principles of keeping decisions local.
- ii. Cllr. C Atkins enquired as to whether Cllr. Thompson would be invited to future meetings.
 - a) The Clerk stated that although a District Councillor, Cllr. Thompson had no experience of Parish Council meetings, which in the case of St Osyth was wholly apolitical. The Clerk continued that he would be writing to Cllr. Thompson to set out the expectations of the Parish Council ahead of an invite to the June meeting.
 - b) The Clerk added that he would forward copies of reports given by Cllr. Thompsons predecessor as a guide to the type of report to be expected.
- iii. Cllr. White began his report by acknowledging the actions of the Clerk. He added that Cllr. Thompson should also be given the list of meeting dates for 2026/2027.
 - a) A conversation ensued as to the excellent working relationship between the Council, and particularly the Clerk, with previous County Councillors.
 - b) Cllr. White gave an overview of the new recycling scheme, which by way of a new box, would allow for the recycling of:
 - tetrapacks/ cartons
 - plastic pots, tubs and trays
 - aluminium foil/ plastic trays

Cllr. White continued that despite a request for the new containers to be blue, given that 1 in 6 males were red/green colour blind, the new containers would be brown. He added that the new scheme would commence as of the first week of August.

- i) Cllr. Thomas stated that the information provided by the District Council had stated that the scheme would commence in September or October.

OM-26-023 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES & TRUSTEES:

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Cllr. Sinclair reported that the next meeting of the charity was scheduled for Tuesday 26th May 2026.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:** The Clerk reported that Child & Provide would be running a children's holiday club during the school half term (week commencing 25th May 2026).
- c. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Cllr. Thomas reported on the quarterly meeting of 7th May 2026, during which the following was noted:
 - i. That subject to some administration and settlement of the final invoice, the transition to a Community Interest Company (CIC) was almost complete.
 - ii. The improvements to the ceiling of the main hall had been completed, the interior of the hall had been painted at the same time, with both the WI and St Osyth & Point Clear Rotary Club contributing to the cost.
 - iii. Drainpipes and drains had been cleared, which it was hoped would prevent water pooling in the car park.
 - iv. That 'Coffee & Chat' events were held between 10 am and midday on the first Friday of every month.
 - v. That new lighter furniture was being considered for Toosey Tots.
 - vi. That the owners of the Spud Box, which was outside the hall on Mondays had failed to pay numerous invoices and was now listed as a debtor. The Management Committee had installed an external electric point especially for the vendor, who due to the positioning of their vehicle was causing issues for users of the hall.
 - vii. That the balance as of 7th May 2026 was £32,048.00.
 - viii. That overall, the hall was now deemed to be in a very good condition.
 - ix. That bookings were steady, with regular hirers making use of the hall between Monday and Thursday (inclusive) of each week. The hall was occasionally booked all day on a Friday to accommodate the NHS blood bank service. Whilst popular with adult parties, bookings for children's parties had declined due to the policy on no bouncy castles being allowed in the hall.
 - x. The use of solar panels/ batteries and heat source pumps were being considered, however, this would require the change to 3 phase power.

- xi. That a planning application was to be submitted for the installation of an InPost locker.
- xii. That the hall had been booked for a quiz on Saturday 16th September 2026, with 6 bookings already confirmed for 2027.
- xiii. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for Thursday 6th August 2026.
- xiv. Cllr. White commented that having recently attended a quiz at the Village Hall, he was very impressed with how the works to the ceiling/ roof had improved the acoustics within the hall.

d. **Point Clear Community Association:**

- i. Cllr. Thomas reported on the Executive Committee meeting of 21st April 2026, during which the following was noted:
 - a) That the association had renewed its membership of the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) and Community Voluntary Services Tending (CVST).
 - b) That a loan from the Dumont Luncheon Club, to help with the purchase and installation of solar panels had been repaid.
 - c) That the recent warm and sunny weather had resulted in a reduction on electricity costs.
 - d) That potholes in the car park had been filled by 2 members of the Committee and sleepers placed behind the bottle banks to prevent glass going onto the pavement.
 - e) That the association intended to retain the bottle banks when kerbside collections began. If the use of the bottle banks mirrored that of the clothes bank, it would be cost effective.
 - f) That the association was in dire need of a new treasurer and booking officer as of February 2027.
- ii. Cllr. Thomas reported on the quarterly meeting of 19th May 2026, during which the following was noted:
 - a) That it had been a very quick meeting due to 2 members of the Committee being away on holiday and only 3 club representatives being present.
 - b) That funds were stable with income just surpassing expenditure, with bookings remaining steady.
 - c) That the Luncheon Club had purchased a dishwasher to support clearing up.
 - d) Cllr. Thomas concluded that the dates of future meeting would be distributed as soon as possible.

OM-26-024 COUNCILLORS TRAINING:

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received costings for training packages provided by the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) and CouncilWise, the latter being an independent training provider, established in 2025 by former EALC staff.

The Clerk provided an overview of the training packages, during which the following was noted:

a. EALC - Onsite and online training:

- i. Initial training (1 day) for new Councillors would be at a cost of £125.00 per Councillor (minimum of 5 required).

Total: £625.00

- ii. Refresher training (3 hours) for Councillors would be at a cost of £84.00 per Councillor (minimum of 7 required).

Total: £588.00

- iii. Combined training (1 day) for all Councillors would be at a cost of £125.00 per Councillor (minimum of 5 required).

Total: £1,625.00

b. CouncilWise - Onsite combined (1 day) bespoke training:

- i. Weekday 10am – 4pm at a cost of £100.00 per Councillor.

Total: £1,300.00 (no minimum limit).

- ii. Saturday 9.30am – 3.30pm at a cost of £125.00 per Councillor.

Total: £1,625.00 (no minimum limit).

c. Both training providers would charge tutors mileage and require lunch.

d. The Clerk suggested that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration. All agreed.

OM-26-025 MEETING DATES FOR JUNE 2026 TO MAY 2027:

Having been previously circulated, the dates of meetings for June 2026 to May 2027 were noted.

- a. Cllr. Cooper enquired as to whether the three meetings held at Dumont Hall throughout the year would continue.
- b. The Chair stated that it was unlikely as there was now a regular booking every Thursday.
- c. The Clerk stated that we would check availability at both the Village Hall and Dumont Hall.

OM-26-026 MAINTENANCE OF PARISH STREET SIGNS:

The Clerk informed Councillors that he was in possession of the respective lists of street signs, which would be distributed at the end of the meeting. The Clerk informed Councillors that their respective lists were required by 6th June 2026.

OM-26-027 FURTHER MATTERS:

- a. Cllr. French enquired as to the development at Pump Hill Farm, where there had recently been a lot of work carried out.
 - i. The Clerk informed the Council that the original permission for the site, which could accommodate up to 110 caravans remained extant.
 - ii. Cllr. Thomas enquired as to how many caravans were intended for the site.
 - a) The Clerk stated that he was not aware, however, as the permission had never lapsed, it was still technically 110.
 - iii. Cllr. French enquired as to whether the caravans would be mobile or static, as if they were the former, a roundabout would be required at the junction with Clacton Road and the B1027.
 - a) The Clerk stated that he did not know and that he would have to liaise with TDC.
 - iv. Cllr. Ball enquired as to whether the details were available via the District Council's website.
 - a) The Clerk stated that there were no details on the website due to the permission, which had not changed since it was approved, being granted in the 1950's and that the former owner, Derek Abra, had never changed the original status of the site.
 - v. Cllr. White reiterated what the Clerk had said in respect of the previous owner, who had always retained 2 caravans on the site, which he [Cllr. White] confirmed could easily accommodate 100 caravans.
- b. Cllr. Thomas enquired as to whether it would be any merit in trying to include statistics for crime and medical intervention at the Orchards within the objections to planning application 26/00546/FUL.
 - i. The Chair asked the Clerk to investigate this further.
- c. Cllr. White informed the Council that the new Leader of Essex County Council was Cllr. Peter Harris, a Tendring District Councillor.
- d. Cllr. C Atkins enquired as to whether any members of the Council had been aware of a birdwatching trip in the Priory which he had conducted, due to the original guide being unable to attend. Cllr. Atkins continued that there had been a few people present from Frinton on Sea and further afield, however, there had been nobody from St Osyth present.
 - i. None of the Council were able to recall having seen the event advertised.

- ii. A brief conversation ensued as to events at the Priory being cancelled due to weddings, together with the costs associated with hiring the Priory as a venue.
- e. Cllr. Q Atkins enquired as to whether the advertisement on the railings at Cowley Park, for the children's activity club, had been given permission.
 - i. The Clerk confirmed that it had.
 - ii. Cllr. Atkins stated that the previous banner had been left up for some time after the holidays.
 - iii. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with the organiser to ensure that any banners were removed as soon as the activities ceased.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

The date and time of the next meeting was set for 7.00 pm on Thursday 18th June 2026, at St Osyth Village Hall.

Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026		
OM-26-018 d ii	Use of Allotments Chase	PRWP to discuss
OM-26-022 f ii b)	Invite to County Councillor	Clk to action
OM-26-024 d	Councillors Training	FinCom to discuss
OM-26-025 c	Use of Dumont Hall	Clk to action
OM-26-027 a iii a)	Type of Caravan (Mobile or Static)	Clk to action
OM-26-027 b i	Crime/ Medical Statistics	Clk to action
OM-26-027 e iii	Removal of Advertising Banner	Clk to action