

Chelmer Village Council Minutes of the Council Meeting

The Council met at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd Sep 2024 in the Council Chamber, Springfield Parish Centre, St Augustine's Way, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 6GX.

Councillor S Sullivan chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors D Lumley, R Stringer, Y Spence, G Walker, P Coleing and E Schultz.

In attendance: Locam Clerk J Warson and Deputy Clerk Nandita Nandi.

051/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and agreed for Cllr S Bryne-Lagrué, Cllr S King, Cllr A Chong.

Cllr E Nnadi was absent.

Cllr E Schultz arrived at 7.05pm.

052/24. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Martin Dean and Edward Graeme Thorn expressed their interest in joining the council. Both candidates were unanimously accepted as new councillors.

053/24. Minutes of Full Council

The minutes of the Council meeting on 2nd July 2024, were agreed and signed as a true copy. Proposed by Cllr S Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Y Spence and agreed unanimously.

054/24. Public Question Time

There was a member of the public was present.

055/24. Minutes of Committee meetings

The minutes of the Environment, Village Green, and Planning Committee meetings held on 23rd July 2024 was received and noted.

056/24. Clerk's Report

There was nothing to report.

057/24. Financial Transactions

The income and expenditure for August 2024 were received and agreed. Proposed by Cllr R Stringer, seconded by Cllr E Schultz and agreed unanimously.

058/24. Financial Review

The bank reconciliation for July 2024 and August 2024 were received and agreed.

The budget summary up to the end of August 2024 was received and agreed.

The bank reconciliation was signed by the Chair of the Council, Cllr S Sullivan.

059/24 Public consultation launch: Essex Transport Strategy

Discussion on the Essex transport strategy and its impact on local bus services.

Refer to the Environment and planning committee, to consolidate comments and submit feedback by the deadline.

060/24 Governance Split Financial Working Group

Agreed the working group Chair to respond to Springfield Parish Council's offer letter. Draft text to be developed.

Agreed to seek legal assistance for the parish building registration and new MOU with Springfield Parish Council. Clerk to obtain quotations from competent legal firms within Chelmsford

061/24 The appointment of a locum clerk

The appointment of Mr. John Watson as the Locum Clerk/RFO was proposed by Cllr. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Yvonne Spence, and agreed upon unanimously.

062/24 Maintenance and Ownership of Conifer Plantings

Discussion on unauthorized conifer planting on council land and the need to investigate ownership and take appropriate action. Clerk to investigate ownership of the strip on land under review.

063/24 Matters for Information

- Plans for a Christmas event on December 1st, including stalls, performances, and activities for children.
- Need to ensure proper licenses and insurance coverage.
- Status of the design of the new council logo.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

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