

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
CHAIR'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2024-25**

Activities;

The Parish Council met 5 times in 2024-25 (4 regular meetings and one extraordinary)

The main activities and issues are as follows;

- i) Street Cleaning Partnership; agreement was made with BDC to receive additional funds for litter picking, maintenance of the playing field, pond and other amenities in the village.
- ii) Planning Applications; were reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee. The Council held an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application no No 24/01403/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing redundant mission hut and erection of new detached residential cottage. New parking for proposed residential unit and additional visitor parking for adjacent residential units. Location: Land south of Cobweb Cottage, Hall Road, Belchamp Walter. After hearing the comments from those at the meeting considering the matter the Council voted not to submit a comment letter to BDC Planning Committee.
- iii) The person cutting the cemetery and village hall grass informed the council that he did not want to continue with the contract. A new contractor, also within the village, has been secured.
- iv) In the summer, the Council engaged a contractor to remove a significant portion of the weeds in the village pond.
- v) The Council decided not to make any general donations to village organizations in the year preferring to consider specific requests for a donation.

Financial Report;

i)	Balances	Community Account at 31 March 2025 was	£727
		Reserve Account	£ 13,484
		Total Net Balances at year end	£ 14,211

Included in the above is £ 122 for the Playing Field Restricted Fund

- ii) The budget for 2025/26 was set to result in zero increase in the parish precept paid by each household.

In Conclusion;

Our continued thanks are due to our District Council representative Cllr. Ilona Parker and to our County Council representative Cllr. Peter Schwier for their support and attendances.

Councillor Jane Walker Chair May 27th, 2025