

Brisley Parish Council

Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting of Brisley Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st April 2026 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Henry Collinge (Chair)
Cllr Richard Dykes (Vice Chair)
Cllr Julie Colley
Cllr Bridget Diggins
Cllr Peter Dennis
Cllr Tony Irons

Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Cllr Kiddle-Morris.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none declared.

3. Open Forum: an opportunity to hear from members of the public.

There were no members of the Council present.

4. To consider the surcharges added to Contractor 1 contracted fees.

Council noted the additional surcharges proposed by Contractor 1, amounting to an additional £2 and £3 per cut of the allotments and amenity path respectively. Council considered that when the contract was agreed back in 2024, fuel prices were high at that point and no reduction was offered by the contractor once prices went down. This was not now considered acceptable, given the current increases. Cllr Irons proposed refusal of the surcharges and this was seconded by Cllr Dennis and put to the vote with three in favour and three against, the Chairman had the casting vote and voted against.

The Chairman then proposed approval of the increase, with the proviso that this was reduced to the contracted prices once fuel costs went back down, this was seconded by Cllr Dykes and put to the vote, with five in favour and one against, the proposal was carried.

5. To consider grazing options for Harpers Common.

Council noted that none of the grazing rights holders at Harpers wished to exercise their rights this year and a rights holder at the Common had expressed an interest. Cllr Collinge proposed that grazing be offered to that rights holder on the condition that they made the repairs necessary to the fencing at Harpers, as a fair recompense. This was seconded by Cllr Diggens and unanimously agreed by Council.

6. To note the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th May 2026, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

The date of the annual meetings was noted and the Chairman then closed the meeting at 7.12pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____