

Lawford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Realm Committee held in the Rose Room, Lawford Parish Community Hub, The Avenue, Lawford, CO11 2FR on Monday 2 February 2026 at 6.30pm

Present:

Cllr V Guglielmi	Cllr C Guglielmi
Cllr D Thurlow	Cllr T Barrett
Cllr B Chester	Cllr M Naylor

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** - Were received and approved for Councillors Castell and Symon.
- 2) **To receive members declarations of interest on items that appear on the agenda.**
There were no declarations of interest received.
- 3) **Minutes** It was agreed to approve the minutes of the previous Public Realm committee meeting held on Monday 1 December 2025 and they were signed by the Chair
- 4) **Public Participation** A member of the public attended to request streetlights and a cycle lane on Cox's Hill. Cllr C Guglielmi explained that the council was planning to meet with Essex Highways to discuss the possibility installing solar streetlights at the bottom of Cox's Hill and would also ask about a cycle lane.
- 5) **Lawford Parish Community Hub:**
 - a) Hire bookings for February/March 2026. The hire scheduled was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the Scouts to go through their booking form in more detail.
 - b) Asset Improvement – resurfacing area at back of the building. Cllr Thurlow reported that the works would take place when the Cadent Gas works taking place along Bromley Road had been completed.
- 6) **Playgrounds/Recreation:**
 - a) Pump Track. Councillors discussed the quotation received and it was agreed that Cllr Barrett would go back to the contractor to see if the quote could be amended to meet a smaller budget.
- 7) **Streetlighting**
 - a) Solar lights Phase 1. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing.
 - b) Solar lights on Cox's Hill. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing.
 - c) Solar lights on Bromley Road. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing.
- 8) **Bins**
 - a) Seven new bins. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing, and he would substitute one of the new bin locations for a location close to Hunters Drive instead.

b) Request for new bin. See above at 8a).

9) Landscaping

- a) Grass cutting - Tendring District Council (TDC). Cllr C Guglielmi reported that he was still waiting to hear from TDC.
- b) Tree planting on Summers Park. Cllr Thurlow reported that this would be done when weather permitted.
- c) Tree planting on Sienna Grove. Cllr Thurlow reported that he had met with Clive Dawson and would now go back to the residents for a further discussion.

10) General

- a) Search for owner of land at Burrows Close, Lawford Dale. This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr C Guglielmi would make contact with the residents.
- b) Proposal for zebra crossing on Wignall Street. Cllr Guglielmi reported that the petition was now ready to go out to residents.
- c) Operation Quasar. Cllr C Guglielmi reported that the scheduled meeting had been cancelled but another meeting would be arranged. Clerk to action.
- d) Welbeck Tye Field Consultation. No updates were reported.
- e) Section 55 Notice – Bromley Road/Dead Lane. The upcoming works were noted.
- f) Tendring Show 2026. It was agreed that the committee would recommend to Full Council to take up the offer of a free stand for the 2026 Tendring Show.
- g) Upkeep of War Memorial. It was agreed that when the Clerk speaks to the Scouts about the hub's open space use, she would also discuss the upkeep of the war memorial.
- h) Feedback on the Sainsbury's proposal. Cllr C Guglielmi's report had been circulated before the meeting and councillors confirmed the contents had been noted.
- i) E motorcycle report. There were no further updates or sightings of this vehicle; it looked like the issue may have stopped.

11) Matters for Future Discussion.

- a) The Clerk informed councillors about a request for the bus stop on Wignall Street to be reinstated. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact to find out more about the Men in Sheds project which had been suggested by a resident. Clerk to action.

12) Items for information. There were no items for information.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm as Gary Guiver had arrived from TDC to give a talk on the proposed Tendring District Council Local Plan.

Signature: (Chair)

Date: