



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
Rochford Parish Council held on
Wednesday, 11th March 2026 at 7.15 pm,
at the Parish Rooms, Rochford**

In Attendance:

Councillors: James Edmunds (Chair)
Gunilla Edwards
Doug Hanser
Paul Nash
Linda Thomas
Graham Whitehead
Arthur Williams (Vice Chair)

Clerk: Emma Terris

There were no members of the public present.

- 157/25 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bryceland, Crosbie, Efde, Hubbard and Weir.

Cllrs Brown, Cottis, Howat and Vallance were absent.
- 158/25 To receive any declarations of interest**
- 158/25.1** Cllr Williams declared an interest in any matters relating to Rochford District Council
158/25.1 Cllr Edmunds declared an interest in The Freight House
- 158/25 To agree to defer the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**
It was agreed to defer the approval of the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th March to the next Full Council meeting.
- 159/25 Questions from members of the public who are registered on the Electoral Roll as residents of Rochford Parish (maximum of 10 minutes, Chairman only to reply)**
There were no members of the public present.
- 160/25 Expenditure Approval**
- 160/25.1 Tree Removal at the Cemetery**
A quote from Essex Tree Services for £850.00 + VAT was received to pollard and fell dead trees at the cemetery.
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Cllr Thomas proposed that a second option is gained and additional quotes presented. This was seconded by Cllr Hanser and passed by a majority. 3 in favor, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

160/25.2 Christmas Lights – RDC Repair

An estimated quote was received from Aylesford Electrical for £9,397.50. Cllr Edmunds proposed that additional quotes are obtained due to the costs involved. This was unanimously carried.

161/25

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday, 22nd April 2026 at 6.30 pm at The Parish Rooms

The Clerk suggested that meetings of the Full Council are held on the last Wednesday of the month to allow decisions to be ratified once committee meetings have been held. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next Full Council meeting for consideration.

To consider any matters of a confidential nature.

(SO: 23:1 the public and press shall be admitted to all meetings of the council or of a committee which may, however, temporarily exclude the public or press or both by means of the following resolution, viz: “That in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is the opinion of this Council advisable in the public interest that the public (and press) be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw”)

162/25

Expressions of Interest

162/25.1 To receive an update from the Clerk regarding the Expression of Interest submitted to Rochford District Council in respect of the Public Toilets, Back Lane and The Rose Garden, Southend Road.

The Clerk provided Members with an update on the Expressions of Interest submitted to Rochford District Council in respect of the Public Toilets, Back Lane and The Rose Garden, Southend Road.

162/25.2 To receive an update from the Clerk regarding the Expression of Interest submitted to Rochford District Council in respect of The Freight House.

The Clerk provided Members with an update on the Expression of Interest submitted to Rochford District Council in respect of The Freight House.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.33 pm.