

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY
PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026, BEGINNING AT
8.00 p. m., IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman)
Cllrs David Barlow, Mark Bloomfield, Mark Coletta, Neil Jackson,
Alan Pinnock and Val Waring.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Urška Sydee (Clerk)
Uttlesford District Council (UDC) Cllrs Geof Driscoll

The Chairman announced that he will be stepping down from EALC.

26/135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

26/136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26/137. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

26/138. BEDLARS GREEN POND

To Council discussed issues and all concerns involved in depth. The main concern are hazardous trees. It is a health and safety issue which cannot be overlooked. The implications were discussed as the land is manorial waste and whether to proceed with the tree work or leave the trees.

20.33 Cllr Mark Bloomfield left the meeting

20.34 Cllr Mark Bloomfield returned to the meeting

It was briefly discussed whether to make the land a community asset or to apply for ownership. The Parish Council will look into registering the pond as council land with the land registry.

Two motions were made:

To contact UDC to seek clarification whether we need the licence to do the tree work.

Proposed by Cllr Val Waring, seconded by Cllr Mark Coletta

For: 2 Against: 5 Abstained: 0

To cut the trees which pose a health and safety hazard as a one-off job with no responsibility for the future maintenance.

Proposed by Cllr Alan Townsend, seconded by David Barlow

For: 5 Against: 1 Abstained: 1

Motion carried over.

To choose estimate no.: 1421; 2nd line at a cost £500.00 + VAT.

Proposed by Cllr Alan Townsend, seconded by Cllr David Barlow

For: 5 Against: 1 Abstained: 1

Resolved: The clerk to contact chosen contractor informing them that they were chosen, the work chosen and to require public & liability insurance and risk assessment.

Cllr Alan Pinnock was authorised to liaise with the chosen contractor and to oversee the tree work.

The meeting ended at 20.50

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....