WILLINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting.
The Council met at 8.00pm on Tuesday 18th August 2026 in The Village Hall, The Street, Willingale, Essex, CM5 0SN.

Cllr N Pavyer chaired the meeting.
Present: Councillors J Bianchi, S Bosworth, L Fresco, D Stokes and R Tilbrook.
In attendance: Six members of the public.

26/066. Apologies for absence
Reasons for apologies for absence were received and agreed for Cllr D Watson. The Clerk's apologies were also accepted.

26/067. Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

26/068. Public Question Time
Members of the public expressed how upset they were about the disruption to the running of the No 46 bus and lack of communication during the recent road closures. One member of the public explained how the road closure meant a carer had been unable to get to their house to care for the resident's partner at the allotted time. They advised they had contacted ECC but had not heard back from them.
A member of the public said they felt the Shellow Mineral Extraction would affect everyone in the village. They advised there were three houses up for sale near to the site who will need to declare the knowledge of the extraction. The member of the public advised the map had been updated and offered to circulate to the Parish Council. The route would be close to the Essex Way, roads and bridle paths and they felt there would be a massive impact on local homes. They asked the Parish Council to strongly object to the planning application.

26/069. Shellow Mineral Extraction Ess/49/26/CHL
A discussion took place with various opinions being expressed. Cllr D Stokes felt it was a bad thing, and the company had deliberately understated the impact, especially the noise impact. He felt the Parish Council should raise a strong objection. Cllr S Bosworth took an opposing view and advised he had been assured only inert waste would be produced and not food waste. He thought grant funding could come from the works which could be used for the regeneration of the Village Hall. He felt the benefits far outweigh the negatives. Further opinions were expressed and Cllr N Pavyer put to the vote whether the Council should write in favour or in opposition. With 1 in favour of the application and 4 opposing and 1 abstention it was resolved to write in objection to the planning application. It was resolved Cllr N Pavyer would draft the objections for circulation to the Councillors and for the Clerk to then send to Essex County Council's Minerals and Wasted planning team.

26/070 No.46 Bus Service
A discussion took place and Cllr N. Pavyer advised he had personally contacted ECC and First Bus. It was noted the No 46 evening bus was still not going through the village even though the road was now open. The daytime bus was running. It was acknowledged some leaflets were put through some doors but with dates that didn't reflect the situation on the ground. It was agreed that residents and/or the Parish Council needed improved advance notice about any road closures and rerouting of buses going forward. It was resolved that Cllr D Stokes would draft letters on behalf of the Parish Council to First Bus, Essex County Council and Central Connect regarding the matter. These will be circulated to all Councillors for comment and then sent to the Clerk to send to the companies on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed:……. Chair Date:…….