Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery on Thursday 12th November 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Howard and Jepson
Also Present: County Councillor Clarke and two members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Morgan and Yeates. The Clerk reported that Councillor Yeates would now be disqualified as a consequence of non-attendance for 6 months and that the casual vacancy would be advertised.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   Councillor Barke declared an interest in planning application 26/00690/FUL PP-14998397 for erection of 3 no. dwellinghouses with associated detached garages, retention of the existing dwellinghouse with replacement garage, alterations to existing accesses, associated parking, landscaping and operational development (demolition of existing garage) at land at Lark Rise Green Man Lane as he was related to the applicant. No other Members declared any interests in matters on the agenda.

3. **To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations**
   There were no requests from Members with pecuniary interests for dispensations to enable them to participate on the item in which they have a pecuniary interest.

4. **To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish**
   A member of the public congratulated the Council for organising the Remembrance Day Service. A member of the public spoke of her concerns regarding the speed and volume of traffic on Kelvedon Road, and raised issues regarding the additional traffic likely to be generated by the proposed development.

5. **To Understand and Agree the Extent to Which this Council holds Personal Data**
   The Council noted the extent to which this Council holds and uses Personal Data.

6. **To Receive an Update and Agree Progress Regarding Funding for the Replacement Direction Signs at Beacon Hill, War Memorial, Braxted Road and Witham Road junctions**
   The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the application forms had been signed by an Officer of Maldon District Council, although it subsequently transpired that the application had to be in their name. A revised application had been submitted and queries had been raised by Essex Highways as to why some signs were single-sided (they were against a hedge or fence), and discussions were on-going as to why attaching the arms to the posts had to be undertaken by Essex Highways and not the suppliers.

7. **To Receive a Financial Statement as of 31st October 2026**
   The Council received a financial statement as of 30th October 2026 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £6,979.81.

8. **To Note and Agree the First Stage Parish Plan Report**
   The Council noted and agreed the First Stage Parish Plan Report. The questionnaire would now be prepared for issue early in January.

9. **To Approve the Following Payments**
   The Council approved following payments

Doc Ref	Payable To	In Respect of	£	Legal Powers
966	CANCELLED			
967	H Bendall	Litterpicking – October	£81.18	LGA 1972 s144
968	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary – October	£184.19	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)
969	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	£31.50	LGA 1972, s.144
970	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£121.26	Local Government & Rating Act
971	Amazon	Printer Ink	£74.80	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)
972	Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting	£70.00	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)
973	Community Action Suffolk	Mailbox Hosting	£27.00	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)
974	Maldon District Council	Road Closure Notice	£224.21	LGA 1972, s.144
975	Boyle Highways TM	Road Closure	£615.00	LGA 1972, s.144
976	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£184.19	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)
977	H Bendall	LItterpicking	£81.38	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)

978	H Bendall	Replaces Cheque 1011	£78.76	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)

10. Closure

Councillor Barke left the meeting at 7.10pm. The Council being inquorate the meeting was closed.