

### Little Braxted Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council to be held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Gordon Mussett Parish Clerk 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence
  To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest

  For Members to declare any interests in matters on the agenda
- 3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

  To consider any 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 Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as a true record
- 5. To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish
- 6. To Agree to Purchase the Latest Edition of the Charles Arnold Baker Handbook for the Clerk attached

To agree to purchase the latest edition of the Charles Arnold Baker Handbook for the Clerk

7. To receive financial statements as of 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October (to follow) 2025 - attached

To receive a financial statement as of 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

8. To Consider Signage re Flytipping
To consider signage re flytipping

### 9. To Approve the Following Payments

To approve following payments

| Document<br>Reference | Payable To                  | In Respect of               | £       | Legislation                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 935                   | Maldon District<br>Council  | Community Speedwatch        | £97.29  | LG and Rating<br>Act 1997 s.10   |
| 936                   | H Bendall                   | Litterpicking – October     | £88.36  | LGA 1972,<br>s.144               |
| 937                   | G N Mussett                 | Clerk- October              | £175.47 | LGA 1972<br>s112(1) &<br>s112(2) |
| 938                   | HMRC                        | Tax/NI                      | £170.00 | LGA 1972<br>s112(1) &<br>s112(2) |
| 939                   | Community Action Suffolk    | Website Hosting             | £66.00  | LGA 1972<br>s142                 |
| 940                   | Community<br>Action Suffolk | Domain Name<br>Registration | £55.00  | LGA 1972<br>s142                 |
| 941                   | Community<br>Action Suffolk | Email Mailbox               | £27.00  | LGA 1972<br>s142                 |
| 942                   | Maldon District<br>Council  | Road Closure Notice         | £216.37 | LGA 1972,<br>s.144               |
| 943                   | H Bendall                   | Litterpicking – November    | £88.36  | LGA 1972,<br>s.144               |
| 944                   | G N Mussett                 | Clerk - November            | £175.47 | LGA 1972<br>s112(1) &<br>s112(2) |
| 945                   | Amazon                      | Printer Ink                 | £59.71  | LGA 1972<br>s112(1) &<br>s112(2) |

### 10. Clerks Report – for Information

#### 11. Closure

#### <u> ITEM 7</u>

# To Agree to Purchase the Latest Edition of the Charles Arnold Baker Handbook for the Clerk

The 14th edition of Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration will be available from 17 October 2025. It's a guide for parish and town councils on local government law and practice. This new edition includes updates on local government reorganisation, clarified council procedures, revised sections on devolution, an updated section on procurement, and a new section on the Terrorism (Protection of

Premises) Act 2025. NALC has secured a 20% discount for our members when using the discount code 604452, bringing the cost of the book from £225 to £180.

Members are recommended to purchase the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of this handbook

ITEM 8
Bank Reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
Income

|                | Document  |                            |                       | Genera | ıl          | War        |         |    |        |     |          |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|----|--------|-----|----------|
| Date           | reference | From                       | In Respect of         | Admin  | istration £ | Memorial £ | Other £ | VA | Γ£     | Tot | tal £    |
| 07/04/2025     |           | HMRC                       | VAT Refund            |        |             |            |         | £  | 477.04 | £   | 477.04   |
| 10/04/2025     |           | Maldon District<br>Council | Precept               | £      | 5,100.00    |            |         |    |        | £   | 5,100.00 |
| 16/05/2025     |           | Essex Community Foundation | War Memorial<br>Grant |        |             | £ 3,800.00 |         |    |        | £   | 3,800.00 |
| Total for Year |           |                            |                       | £      | 5,100.00    | £ 3,800.00 | £ -     | £  | 477.04 | £   | 9,377.04 |

### Expenditure

|            |                  |           |                 |                    |          |             |               |                   |           |            | Information |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|-----|----------|
|            |                  | Invoice   |                 |                    | Clerk's  |             | Subscriptions | <b>Audit Fees</b> | Insurance | War        | Commission  |      | Litter    |          | Total | Net of   |          |     |          |
| Date       | <b>Cheque No</b> | Reference | Payable To      | In Respect of      | Salary £ | Elections £ | £             | £                 | £         | Memorial £ | er £        | Fete | Picking £ | Other £  | VAT £ | ٤        | VAT £    | Tot | tal £    |
|            |                  |           | Information     | Data Protection    |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 06/05/2025 | 909              |           | Commisioner     | Registration       |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           | £ 52.00  | £     | 52.00    |          | £   | 52.00    |
|            |                  |           | Maldon District |                    |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 06/05/2025 | 910              |           | Council         | Speed Checks       |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           | £ 95.56  | £     | 95.56    | £ 19.11  | L £ | 114.67   |
| 06/05/2025 | 911              |           | G N Mussett     | Clerk's Salary     | £ 170.11 |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          | £     | 170.11   |          | £   | 170.11   |
| 06/05/2025 | 912              |           | H Bendall       | Litterpicking      |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      | £ 75.73   |          | £     | 75.73    |          | £   | 75.73    |
|            |                  |           |                 | Annual             |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 06/05/2025 | 913              |           | EALC            | Subscription       |          |             | £ 76.54       |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          | £     | 76.54    |          | £   | 76.54    |
|            |                  |           |                 |                    |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 06/05/2025 |                  |           | SALC            | Internal Audit Fee | !        |             |               | £ 183.00          |           |            |             |      |           |          |       | 183.00   | £ 36.60  |     | 219.60   |
| 05/06/2025 |                  |           | Clear Councils  | Insurance          |          |             |               |                   | £ 479.87  |            |             |      |           |          |       | 479.87   |          | £   | 479.87   |
| 05/06/2025 |                  |           | McAfee          | Anti-virus         |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           | £ 109.99 | £     | 109.99   |          | £   | 109.99   |
| 05/06/2025 |                  |           | H Bendall       | Litterpicking      |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      | £ 94.56   |          | £     | 94.56    |          | £   | 94.56    |
| 05/06/2025 | 918              |           | G N Mussett     | Clerk's Salary     | £ 170.11 |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          | £     | 170.11   |          | £   | 170.11   |
|            |                  |           |                 | Cleaning War       |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 05/06/2025 | 919              |           | IMI             | Memorial           |          |             |               |                   |           | £ 2,753.50 |             |      |           |          | £ 2   | 2,753.50 | £ 550.70 | ) £ | 3,304.20 |
|            |                  |           |                 | Maintenance of     |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 05/06/2025 | 920              |           | Elan City       | VAS Signs          |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           | £ 224.62 | . £   | 224.62   | £ 44.92  | 2 £ | 269.54   |
|            |                  |           | G S Howards     |                    |          |             |               |                   |           |            |             |      |           |          |       |          |          |     |          |
| 05/06/2025 | 921              |           | Transport       | Road Bells         |          |             |               |                   |           | £ 1,150.00 |             |      |           |          | £ 1   | 1,150.00 | £ 230.00 | £   | 1,380.00 |

|            |     |                            |                | £ 1,180.22 | £ - | £ | 76.54 | £ 183.00 | £ 479.87 | £ 3,903.50 | £ - | £ - | £ | 618.48 | 579.46 | £   | 7,021.07 £ | 904.59 | £ | 7,925.66 |
|------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|------------|-----|---|-------|----------|----------|------------|-----|-----|---|--------|--------|-----|------------|--------|---|----------|
| 16/09/2025 | 934 | H Bendall                  | Litterpicking  |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 107.75 |        | £   | 107.75     |        | £ | 107.75   |
| 16/09/2025 | 933 | G N Mussett                | Clerk's Salary | £ 175.47   |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | 175.47     |        | £ | 175.47   |
| 16/09/2025 | 932 | CANCELLED                  |                |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | -          |        | £ | -        |
| 16/09/2025 | 931 | G N Mussett                | Clerk's Salary | £ 197.11   |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | 197.11     |        | £ | 197.11   |
| 16/09/2025 | 930 | H Bendall                  | Litterpicking  |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 98.61  |        | £   | 98.61      |        | £ | 98.61    |
| 16/09/2025 | 929 | Maldon District<br>Council | Speed Checks   |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   | :      | £ 97.2 | 9 £ | 97.29 £    | 19.46  | £ | 116.75   |
| 16/09/2025 | 928 | HMRC                       | Tax/NI         | £ 127.20   |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 51.00  |        | £   | 178.20     |        | £ | 178.20   |
| 16/09/2025 | 927 | H Bendall                  | Litterpicking  |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 85.93  |        | £   | 85.93      |        | £ | 85.93    |
| 16/09/2025 | 926 | CANCELLED                  |                |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | -          |        | £ | -        |
| 16/09/2025 | 925 | G N Mussett                | Clerk's Salary | £ 170.11   |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | 170.11     |        | £ | 170.11   |
| 16/09/2025 | 924 | H Bendall                  | Litterpicking  |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 85.93  |        | £   | 85.93      |        | £ | 85.93    |
| 16/09/2025 | 923 | G N Mussett                | Clerk's Salary | £ 170.11   |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     |   |        |        | £   | 170.11     |        | £ | 170.11   |
| 16/09/2025 | 922 | Screwfix                   | Litter sacks   |            |     |   |       |          |          |            |     |     | £ | 18.97  |        | £   | 18.97 £    | 3.80   | £ | 22.77    |

### **Budgetary Analysis**

| BUDGET ANALYSIS              |   |          |            |      |               |       |          |                 |            |         |
|------------------------------|---|----------|------------|------|---------------|-------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| 2025/2026                    |   | Budget   |            | Figu | res are net o | of VA | Т        |                 |            |         |
| Item                         |   | £        | Income £   | Ехре | enditure £    | Inco  | me       | %age Budget Spe | Notes      |         |
| Clerk's Salary               | £ | 2,650.00 |            | £    | 1,180.22      |       |          | 44.5%           |            |         |
| Subscriptions                | £ | 80.00    |            | £    | 76.54         |       |          | 95.7%           |            |         |
| Audit Fees                   | £ | 250.00   |            | £    | 183.00        |       |          | 73.2%           |            |         |
| Insurance                    | £ | 390.00   |            | £    | 479.87        |       |          | 123.0%          |            |         |
| War Memorial                 | £ | 450.00   |            | £    | 3,903.50      | £     | 3,800.00 | 23.0%           |            |         |
| Information Commissioner     | £ | 40.00    |            | £    | 52.00         |       |          | 11.6%           |            |         |
| Grass Cutting                | £ | 550.00   |            |      |               |       |          | #REF!           |            |         |
| Hall Hire                    | £ | 180.00   |            |      |               |       |          | 0.0%            |            |         |
| Transparency Fund            |   |          |            |      |               |       |          | #DIV/0!         | Restricted | d funds |
| Other                        | £ | 400.00   |            |      |               |       |          | 0.0%            |            |         |
| Election Fees                | £ | 25.00    |            |      |               |       |          | 0.0%            |            |         |
| Remembrance Day Parade       | £ | 130.00   |            |      |               |       |          | 0.0%            |            |         |
| Litterpicking                | £ | 1,300.00 |            | £    | 618.48        |       |          | 47.6%           | Restricted | d funds |
| Defibrillator                |   |          |            |      |               |       |          | #DIV/0!         | Restricted | d funds |
| Precept                      |   |          |            |      |               |       |          | #DIV/0!         |            |         |
| Neighbourhood Watch Meetings |   |          |            |      |               |       |          |                 | Restricted | d funds |
| McAfee Subscription          | £ | 100.00   |            | £    | 109.99        |       |          | 110.0%          |            |         |
| Website/Email                | £ | 200.00   |            |      |               |       |          | 0.0%            |            |         |
| VAS Signs                    |   |          |            | £    | 224.62        |       |          |                 |            |         |
| Speed Checks                 | £ | 350.00   |            | £    | 192.85        |       |          | 55.1%           |            |         |
| Replacement Laptop           |   |          |            |      |               |       |          |                 | Restricted | d funds |
| VAT Refund                   |   |          |            |      |               | £     | 477.04   | #DIV/0!         |            |         |
| Dog Bin                      |   |          |            |      |               |       |          |                 |            |         |
| Totals net of VAT            | £ | 7,095.00 | <u>£</u> - | £    | 7,021.07      | £     | 4,277.04 |                 |            |         |

#### **Bank Statement**



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THE OFFICIALS LITTLE BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL 25 EBENEZER CLOSE WITHAM CM8 2HX



LITTLE BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL.

Sort Code 20-97-40 Account No 20189405 SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22 IBAN GB53 BUKB 2097 4020 1894 05

Issued on 01 October 2025

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## Your Community Account

| Date   | Description                  | Money out £       | Money in E                                  | Balance £ |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Aug  | Start Balance                | - in a private of |                                             | 8,935.69  |
| 18 Sep | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100925 | 170.11            |                                             | 8,765.58  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100928 | 178.20            | 4 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 | 8,587.38  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100931 | 197.11            |                                             | 8,390.27  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100933 | 175.47            | Entropy To be                               | 8,214.80  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100934 | 107.75            |                                             | 8,107.05  |
| 25 Sep | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100923 | 170.11            |                                             | 7,936.94  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref. 100927 | 85.93             | )                                           | 7,851.01  |
|        | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100929 | 116.75            |                                             | 7,734.26  |
| 30 Sep | Cheque Issued<br>Ref: 100924 | 85.93             |                                             | 7,648.33  |
| 30 Sep | Balance carried forward      |                   |                                             | 7,648.33  |
|        | Total Payments/Receipts      | 1,287.36          | 0.00                                        |           |

Anything wrong? If you notice any incorrect or unusual transactions, see the next page for how to get in touch with us.

### At a glance

| 01 | Aug. | - 30 | Sen | 2025 |
|----|------|------|-----|------|

| Start balance    | £8,935.69 |
|------------------|-----------|
| Money out        | £1,287.36 |
| Commission chara | oc CO OO  |

| Money out £1,287.36                                        |               |            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| BANK RECONCILIATION                                        |               |            |          |
| Money in £0.00                                             |               |            |          |
| As at 31/3/25                                              |               |            |          |
| Represented by                                             |               |            |          |
| Barclays Banke for protection<br>by the Financial Services |               |            |          |
| Cotal sation Scheme.                                       |               | £          | 6,170.13 |
| Plus unpresented cheques                                   |               | £          | -        |
| Less Uncashed Cheques                                      |               | -£         | 94.56    |
| -                                                          | <u> Total</u> | £          | 6,075.57 |
| Add Income for year                                        |               | £          | 9,377.04 |
| Less Expenditure for year                                  |               | £          | 7,925.66 |
| •                                                          | <u> Total</u> | <u>£</u>   | 7,526.95 |
|                                                            |               |            |          |
| As at 30/09/25                                             |               |            |          |
| Represented by                                             |               |            |          |
|                                                            |               |            |          |
| Barclays Bank                                              |               | £          | 7,648.33 |
| •                                                          | <u> Total</u> | £          | 7,648.33 |
| Plus unpresented cheques                                   |               |            |          |
| Less Uncashed Cheques                                      |               | - <u>£</u> | 121.38   |
| •                                                          | <u> Total</u> | £          | 7,526.95 |