



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, French, Speakman and Yeates

Also present: No members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillor Yeates declared an interest in item 7, as the operator of a quarry. No other Members declared any interest in items on the agenda.
3. **To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations**
Councillor Yeates requested a dispensation to remain and speak on item 7, which was granted. There were no other requests from Members for dispensations.
4. **To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 29th November 2021**
The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2021 as a true record.
5. **To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish**
There were no members of the public present.
6. **To Respond to Consultation on Essex Libraries**
The Council had no comments to make on the consultation.
7. **To Comment on Planning Application Application No: ESS/98/21/BTE for continuation of mineral extraction without compliance with: Conditions 4 (Approved Details); 11 (Plant Site Layout) and 55 (Restoration and Landscaping) and the Ecological Management Plan under the attendant Section 106 Agreement of Planning permission ESS/40/18/BTE that itself was a Variation of Condition permission that enabled increases in both annual throughput and HGV activity to now allow for re-phasing of the working and restoration; changes to the approved restoration concepts and management plans; and the establishment of an inert materials recycling facility, in**

advance of the A12 road widening infrastructural project at land at Colemans Farm Quarry

The Council agreed to delegate the submission of its comments to the Clerk, with input from the Council's quarry representative, following the site visit already arranged for 6th January, and that these comments would draw attention to the number of lorry movements, the preference for marshland/reed bed restoration, the potential impact on flooding, and the need for some form of compensatory contribution to the local community.

8. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments which were signed at the meeting:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
675	H Bendall	Litterpicking – December	£53.95
676	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary – December	£96.33
677	HMRC	Tax/NI Quarter 3	£194.00

9. To Agree a Draft Budget for 2022/2023 and Set the Precept

The Council agree a budget and set the precept for 2022/2023. The net precept requirement was to be £4,500, an increase of £100 over the 2021/2022 precept, but which, with the reduction in the number of Band D properties represented a 6.4% increase to £54.74 per annum for a Band D property.

10. Clerk's Report

There were no items to report.

11. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.39pm