



## Little Braxted Parish Council

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Barke, French, Jepson and Yeates

**Also Present:** Three members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Howard and District Councillor Morgan..

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No 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 Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 as a true record.

**5. To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish**

A member of the public reported that Anglian Water had blocked what would be the access to the proposed new dwelling behind the Green Man Public House on eight occasions in the past six weeks whilst attending to issues at the Pumping Station, and queried whether this should be taken into account when the planning application was being considered. The reason for the activity was due to a collapsed main further up the chain. The member of the public was advised to add a further comment to their already submitted comments on the planning application.

**6. To Consider Providing a Dog Waste Bin on the Village Green**

The Council considered and agreed to provide a Dog Waste Bin on the Village Green, under the tree opposite the Green Man Public House at a cost of £170 for the bin and installation and a further £59 for one year's occasional emptying, following which Maldon District Council would cover the cost of emptying.

**7. To Agree to Seek Funding for a New Laptop**

The Council noted that security updates for Windows 10 would cease in October 2025 and that the Council's current laptop, purchased in 2016, was not capable of being updated to Windows 11, and agreed to seek funding for a new laptop.

**8. To Comment on Planning Application 24/00685/FUL for demolition of the existing two-storey dwellinghouse and its extensions including a triple semi-detached garage and erection of a replacement two-storey dwellinghouse with semi-detached double garage and associated operational development at Langlands Kelvedon Road**

The Council had no comments to make on this application but agreed to ask for the applicant to agree a construction methodology and provide tree root protection in view of the constrained access onto Kelvedon Road for construction traffic.

**9. To receive a financial statement as of 31st July 2024**

The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31st July 2024 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £10,440.25.

**10. To Approve the Following Payments**

The Council approved the following payments

<b>Document Reference</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>In Respect of</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Legislation</b>
870	Screwfix	Litterpicking Sacks	£22.77	LGA 1972, s.144
871	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£114.67	LG and Rating Act 1997 s.10
872	CANCELLED			
873	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£83.61	LGA 1972, s.144
874	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£161.21	LGA 1972 s112(1) & s112(2)

**11. Clerks Report – for Information**

- a) The Clerk reported that Witham Road would be closed at the bridge from 9am to 5pm from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September inclusive for tree works in preparation for a width restriction being imposed on the bridge.
- b) The Clerk advised that a Guardian Newspaper article had highlighted the A12 widening as a scheme which might be axed as part of budget cuts.

**12. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm.