



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Chapman, Dobie and Speakman

Also Present: District Councillor Bass

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bendall.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Speakman and Barke declared an interest as property owners/potential beneficiaries in respect of item 6, Broadband. No other Members declared any interests in matters on the agenda.

3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

Councillors Speakman and Barke requested dispensations, which the Council granted, to enable them to speak and vote on item 6, Broadband. There were no other 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 18th September 2018

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018 as a true record.

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

District Councillor Bass reported that there were to be major staff reductions at Maldon District Council in view of the reduction in central government funding. There were also other budget cuts being proposed for 2019/20.

6. To Receive a Report on the Outcome of the a Survey on the Possibility of Extending Hi-Speed Broadband throughout the Parish and Agree to Submit a Grant Application

The Council received a report on the outcome of the survey on the possibility of extending Hi-Speed Broadband throughout the Parish and agreed to conduct a survey of all the properties in the Parish to ascertain their current broadband speeds before progressing this matter further.

7. To Note the Quotations for the Bridge Repairs/Repaint and the Funding Decision of the Essex Community Foundation

The Council noted the quotations for the bridge repairs/repaint and agreed to seek an alternative quotation from Danbury Fencing before proceeding with a funding application.

8. To Comment on Planning Application HOUSE/MAL/18/01175 to vary condition 2 of approved application (18/00786/HOUSE Proposed attached car port to front of house, single-storey side and rear extension, first floor roof terrace and render to external face of existing brickwork), Highfield House, Green Man Lane

The Council had no comments on this planning application.

9. To receive a financial statement as of 30th September 2018 - attached

The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 30th September 2018 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £6,711.27.

10. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
531	HMRC	Tax/NI	£104.40
532	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£56.70
533	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£122.80
534	G N Mussett	Noticeboard Glass	£30.00
535	Maldon District Council	Road Closure for Remembrance Day	£167.00

11. Clerks Report – for Information

a) Social Housing Scheme

The Clerk reported that it appeared that letters to local landowners may not yet have been sent out, and the Council agreed to ask Hastoe for an update for the November meeting.

12. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.55 p.m.