



Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Chapman, Dobie and Speakman

Also Present: Three members of the public and John Lefever,
Hastoe Housing Association

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Dobie and Speakman declared an interest, as residents of Witham Road, in item 8 on the agenda. No other Members declared any interests in matters on the agenda.

3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

Cllrs Dobie and Speakman sought a dispensation, until the end of their term of office, to enable them to speak and vote on highways matters in Witham Road. The Council agreed to grant this dispensation. 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 27th March 2018

The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2018 as a true record.

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

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

With the agreement of the Council the Chairman deferred item 6 until later in the meeting.

7. To Receive an Update on the Recent Colemans Farm Quarry Liaison Meeting held on 11th April

The Council received an update on the recent Colemans Farm Quarry Liaison Meeting held on 11th April. Cllr Dobie reported that sales had picked up and an application to increase maximum lorry movements per day was expected. In addition, ahead of the A12 widening there was likely to be an application to vary the order in which areas of the site gravel was to be extracted.

8. To Agree to Submit a Grant Request to the Little Braxted Community and Educational Trust for Funding to Install Weight Restriction and Associated Signage in Witham Road

The Council agreed to submit grant requests to the Little Braxted Community and Educational Trust for funding to install weight restriction and associated signage in Witham Road, and to renew/repaint the river bridge railings.

9. To receive a financial statement as of 31st March 2018 and agree the year-end accounts

The Council received a detailed financial statement as of 31st March 2018 including income and expenditure to date, a comparison against budget, and a bank reconciliation which showed £5,389.68 as the Council's balances which included £972.00 held on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Council agreed these year-end accounts.

6. To Agree with Hastoe Housing how to Progress the Investigation into the Provision of Limited Low-Cost Housing in the Parish

The Chairman welcomed John Lefever of Hastoe Housing who explained to residents their role in the provision of limited low-cost housing in the Parish. Mr Lefever reported that site identification and selection would commence and would take approximately 2 months. At that time he would report back to the Council.

10. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
511	EALC	Annual Subscription	£62.71
512	H Bendall	Litterpicking – April	£46.80
513	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary - April	£122.80

11. Clerks Report – for Information

The Clerk reported that the application to Awards4All for Royal Wedding Commemoration had been unsuccessful because there was insufficient evidence of community engagement in the event planning.

12. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.49 p.m.