



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Bendall, Chapman and Speakman

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Dobie and District Councillor Bass.

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 5th September 2017

The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2017 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 the Consultation on Local Council Precepts

The Council agreed to respond to the consultation on Local Council precepts objecting to the proposals to cap precept increases for smaller Councils.

7. To Comment on the Proposal to Include the War Memorial in the Schedule of Buildings and Monuments of Historical/Architectural Interest

The Council noted the proposal to include the War Memorial in the Schedule of Buildings and Monuments of Historical/Architectural Interest and had no objections to the proposal.

8. To Receive A Report on the Quarry Liaison Group Meeting

The Council received a report on the Quarry Liaison Group Meeting and noted that the gates had been repainted and the unauthorised wind turbines removed from the Little Braxted Lane entrance. The Council noted that due to a fall in sales from the

quarry the removed overburden was being stored outside the approved area and a future planning application was expected to address this issue.

9. To receive a financial statement as of 29th September 2017

The Council received a detailed financial statement as of 29th September 2017 including income and expenditure to date, a comparison against budget, and a bank reconciliation which showed £4,466.16 as the Council's balances.

10. Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
455	H Bendall	Litterpicking - September	£37.60
456	G N Mussett	Clerk – September	£120.72
457	HM Revenue & Custome	PAYE/NI	£101.20
458	H Bendall	Litterpicking – October	£37.60
459	G N Mussett	Clerk – October	£120.72
460	G N Mussett	Remembrance Day Wreath	£17.00

11. Clerks Report – for Information

The Clerk reported that the Housing Needs Survey had been completed, with the final survey report expected shortly. The Council agreed to invite Jackie Cox, the Maldon District Council Officer for community-led housing, to the next meeting to explore possible options for meeting the locally identified needs.

The Clerk reported that further survey work was continuing on the A12 option routes, although it appeared likely that the southern route past Witham was the most-favoured option.

The Clerk reported that the Green Man Public House was to hold a fireworks party and residents had expressed concern rewgarding parking on the village green. The Clerk advised that he would speak to the landlord.

The Clerk reported that proposals in a consultation document from the Government appeared to favour each Parish being given a specific housing allocation, which was not the current situation with the Maldon District Plan. The Council felt that certainty of future growth (or not) was preferable and the Clerk was asked to comment to the consultation accordingly.

12. Closure

The meeting closed at 7.22 p.m.