



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: French, Speakman and Yeates

Also Present:- District Councillor Morgan and fifteen members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Barke.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Speakman declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 as the land for site A82 was farmed by him, and Councillor Yeates declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 as the Director of a Minerals Company operating in Essex.

3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

The Council considered and agreed requests from Councillors Speakman and Yeates for dispensations to enable them to participate by speaking (but not voting) on the item in which they have a pecuniary interest and for those dispensations to last until the end of their term of office.

4. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 16th January 2024

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2024 as a true record.

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

Members of the public complained about the process whereby Councillors with pecuniary interests were permitted to remain and discuss the matter in which they had an interest. The Clerk advised that s33 of the Localism Act 2011 permitted the Council to grant such dispensations particularly where failure to do so would mean the Council would be in a position to be unable to comment on the consultation document.

Members of the public raised the following concerns regarding the sites listed in the consultation for the Minerals Plan Review:-

Impact on current ecology

Dust – particularly airborne silicas

Road dirt – there were complaints regarding the inadequacy of the wheelwash on the current workings which the Clerk confirmed he would raise with the operator

Traffic – particularly lorry routing towards Tiptree/Maldon

Noise

Impact on nearby listed buildings

Potential pollution of watercourses

6. To Receive a Financial Report as of 31st January 2024

The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31st January 2024 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £3,801.36.

7. To Consider Whether to Comment on the Draft Mineral Plan 2025-2040

The Council agreed that its comments should cover the issues raised by residents as listed during the earlier part of the meeting and should be drafted by the Clerk and circulated via email in the usual manner as well as placing a copy on the website.

8. To Note and Agree Payments Made Between Meetings

The Council noted and agreed the following payments made between meetings

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
844	Community Action Suffolk	-gov.uk website and email	£168.00

9. Approve the Following Payments

The Council approved following payments

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
845	H Bendall	Litterpicking February	£67.53
846	GN Mussett	Clerk's Salary February	£161.21
847	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£72.96
848	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	£40.00

10. Clerk's Report for Information

- a. Receipt of Grant from Essex Community Foundation to cover funding through to 2027

The Clerk reported that the Essex Community Foundation had agreed to fund the litterpicking through until 2027. Thanks were expressed to the Council's litterpicker for her hard work.

11. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.