



## Little Braxted Parish Council

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Barke, Bendall, French and Mills

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

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Barke took the Chair for the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Speakman..

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

A member of the public clarified some matters related to the A12 widening, and indicated that the subject of a vehicle activated sign had been raised in discussions with County Councillor Durham.

**5. To Agree to Adopt the General Power of Competence**

The Council declared itself eligible and agreed to adopt the General Power of Competence.

**6. To Agree the Council's Response to the A12 Consultation**

The Council considered the Council's response to the A12 consultation and agreed to:-

- a) Press for the existing link from Witham Road to the A12 to be retained in the design of the new junction
- b) Press for the feeder road between Witham and Hatfield Peverel to be provided
- c) Press for the feeder road between Witham and Kelvedon to be provided
- d) Press for a junction between the A12 and Inworth Road

**7. To Agree to Make a Funding Application to the Essex Community Foundation for Regular Speed Detection Visits**

The Council agree to make a funding application to the Essex Community Foundation for regular speed detection visits and for the provision of a vehicle activated sign. The Clerk advised that it would be some time before an application could be made as it was dependent upon a formal review of a site for speed checks.

**8. To Receive An Update on the New Website**

The Clerk reported that Community Action Suffolk had offered to host a new website for £60 per annum and that it was currently being populated with data.

**9. To receive a financial statement as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £29,288.40.

**10. To Approve the following payments:-**

The Council approved the following payments made since the last meeting:-

<b>Document Reference</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>In Respect of</b>	<b>£</b>
580	Essex County Council	Bridge Repairs	£23,507.00
581	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£52.00
582	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£125.15
583	G N Mussett	Hi-Viz's for Remembrance Day	£69.28

The Council approved the following payments which were signed at the meeting:-

<b>Document Reference</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>In Respect of</b>	<b>£</b>
584	Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting	£60.00
585	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£41.60
586	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£125.15
587	Connect Traffic Management	Remembrance Day Road Closure	£540.00
588	Maldon District Council	Remembrance Day Road Closure	£173.00
589	Goodlife Countryside Services	Grass Cutting Village Green and War Memorial	£730.00

590	G N Mussett	Litterpicking sacks	£17.97
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## 11. Clerks Report

- a) Highway Issues – bridge repairs  
The Clerk reported that the funds held for the bridge repairs had been passed to the County Council and that he was now awaiting notification of a start date for the works.
- b) Additional Signage, Witham Road  
The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting the minutes of the Local Highways Panel meeting held in September in order to ascertain whether the Council's request for additional signage was to be funded.
- c) Remembrance Day  
The Clerk reported that Remembrance Day had seemingly gone well and that next year the whole organisation would fall upon the Council. It was proposed to amend the road closure times to 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. next year.
- d) County Councillor Durham's Surgery  
The Clerk reported that County Councillor Durham had held a surgery at the Braxted Bakery which had been attended by about half a dozen residents. The key areas of discussion had been speeding, inappropriate use of Witham Road by hgv's and the A12 proposals. It was planned to hold a similar surgery in April 2020.

## 12. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.30 p.m.