



# Little Braxted Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Braxted held virtually on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Kit Speakman, Chair of Parish Council and one member of the public.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

The meeting agreed and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 as a true record.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a report on the past year in the Parish:-

“Once again it is my pleasure to recap the events of the past year.

From a Parish Council point of view it has again been a quiet year and a very strange one with meetings moving to Zoom and everyone locked down for a large part of the year.

Essex County Council continue to rebuff our requests for additional HGV signage and although the Essex Community Foundation granted us a considerable sum of money to enhance the bridge between Little Braxted and Rivenhall, this was again left in tatters by several HGV's when the A12 was closed for resurfacing. The Parish Council continue to monitor planning applications. You may have noticed a recent increase in size of the Traveller's Camp in Lea Lane which has been brought to the attention of Maldon District Council planning department.

The final draft for consultation of the new A12 has been announced with a proposed roundabout at the top of Little Braxted Lane.

We remain grateful to the Essex Community Foundation grant funding to enable us to continue to employ a part-time litter picker. Even in just a short time each week, Heather has made a difference to the volume of litter in the verges and hedgerows, and we hope this will continue. Despite lock-down there has still been an enormous amount of litter discarded on the road-side.

It was good to see the Green Man open for takeaways during lockdown, and we remain grateful to them for enabling our external defibrillator to be placed on their outbuilding wall.

As a Parish Council we rely on our residents who put so much of themselves into helping us. I would particularly like to thank Mandy Chapman for organising Neighbourhood Watch, and John Aldis for maintaining the War Memorial and the grounds of St Nicholas' Church.

I am deeply indebted to my fellow Councillors and thank our retiring Councillors, Graham Bendall (after many years) and Simon Mills. We also thank Gordon, our Parish Clerk, who goes above and beyond to help us drive the Parish forward. He is a professional Town Clerk and we are very lucky to have him. His knowledge and attention to detail are invaluable.

We would like to welcome two new Councillors who are joining us – Louise Yeates, whose father was a former PC Chair, and Nick Jepson.”

**4. Public Forum**

There were no questions or comments from those present.

**5. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 7.11pm