



Little Braxted Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council to be held at the Braxted Bakery on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Gordon Mussett
Parish Clerk
24th May 2021

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
For Members to declare any interests in matters on the agenda
- 3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations**
To consider any 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 May 2021**
To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 as a true record
- 5. To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish**
- 6. To receive a financial statement as of 30th April 2021 - attached**
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- 7. To Approve the following payments:-**
To approve the following payments to be signed at the meeting:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
647	SALC	Internal Audit Fee	£189.60
648	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£54.04

649	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£96.33
650	BHIB	Insurance Renewal	£320.78

8. To Comment on Planning Application ESS/36/21/BTE for proposed western extension to the current site using existing approved facilities (site access, plant site, mineral processing plant and other ancillary facilities); including for the diversion of the Burghey Brook; with restoration to arable land using imported inert restoration materials, and on-site materials in advance of the A12 road widening and improvement national infrastructure project - Land at: Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall

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9. Closure

ITEM 6**To receive a financial statement as of 30th April 2021****INCOME**

Date	Document reference	From	In Respect of	General Administration £	War Memorial £	Other £	VAT £	Total £
09/04/2021		HMRC	VAT Refund				109.17	£ 109.17
26/04/2021		Maldon District Council	Precept	£ 4,400.00				£ 4,400.00
Total for Year				£ 4,400.00	£ -	£ -	£ 109.17	£ 4,509.17

EXPENDITURE

Date	Cheque No	Invoice Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	Clerk's Salary £	Elections £	Subscriptions £	Audit Fees £	Insurance £	War Memorial £	Information Commissioner £	Housing Needs Survey	Litter Picking £	Other £	Total Net of VAT £	VAT £	Total £
05/05/2021	642	13881	EALC	Annual Subscription			£ 68.20								£ 68.20		£ 68.20
05/05/2021	643	3430-100-05	Community Action Suffolk	Website SSL Certificate										£ 36.00	£ 36.00	£ -	£ 36.00
05/05/2021	644	LIT0068281	Maldon District Council	Speed Check Surveys										£ 68.40	£ 68.40	£ 13.68	£ 82.08
05/05/2021	645		H Bendall	Litterpicking									£ 43.35		£ 43.35		£ 43.35
05/05/2021	646		G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 96.33										£ 96.33		£ 96.33
Total for Year					£ 96.33	£ -	£ 68.20	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 43.35	£ 104.40	£ 312.28	£ 13.68	£ 325.96

Budgetary Comparison

2021/22	Budget		Figures are net of VAT		
Item	£	Income £	Expenditure £	Income	%age Budget Spe
Clerk's Salary	£ 2,288.00		£ 96.33		4.2%
Subscriptions	£ 70.00		£ 68.20		97.4%
Audit Fees	£ 110.00		£ -		0.0%
Insurance	£ 317.00		£ -		0.0%
War Memorial	£ 400.00	£ 400.00		£ -	
Information Commissioner	£ 40.00		£ -		0.0%
Grass Cutting	£ 400.00				0.0%
Hall Hire	£ 360.00				
Transparency Fund					
Other	£ -				
Election Fees	£ 75.00		£ -		0.0%
Remembrance Day Parade	£ 70.00				0.0%
Parish Plan					
Village Fete					
Litterpicking	£800	£ 800.00	£ 43.35		5.4%
Housing Needs Survey					
Defibrillator					
Precept		£ 4,400.00		£ 4,400.00	
Neighbourhood Watch Meetings					
McAfee Subscription	£ 80.00				
Website Hosting	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 36.00		
Speed Checks	£ 500.00		£ 68.40		
Bridge Repairs					
VAT Refund		£ 90.00		£ 109.17	121.3%
Totals net of VAT	£ 5,560.00	£ 5,690.00	£ 312.28	£ 4,509.17	
VAT		£ -	£ 13.68	£ -	
Totals inc VAT		£ 5,690.00	£ 325.96	£ 4,509.17	

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LITTLE BRAXTED PARISH
COUNCIL

Sort Code 20-97-40
Account No 20189405

SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22
IBAN GB53 BUKB 2097 4020 1894 05

Issued on 04 May 2021

Your Community Account

At a glance

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
1 Apr	Start Balance			5,348.80
9 Apr	Direct Credit From HMRC Vtr Ref: Xgv126000 07276		109.17	5,457.97
26 Apr	Direct Credit From Maldon DC - Paymen Ref: Mdc31310		4,400.00	9,857.97
30 Apr	Balance carried forward			9,857.97
	Total Payments/Receipts	0.00	4,509.17	

01 - 30 Apr 2021

Start balance	£5,348.80
Money out	£0.00
► Commission charges	£0.00
Money in	£4,509.17
► Gross interest earned	£0.00
End balance	£9,857.97

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by the Financial Services
Compensation Scheme.

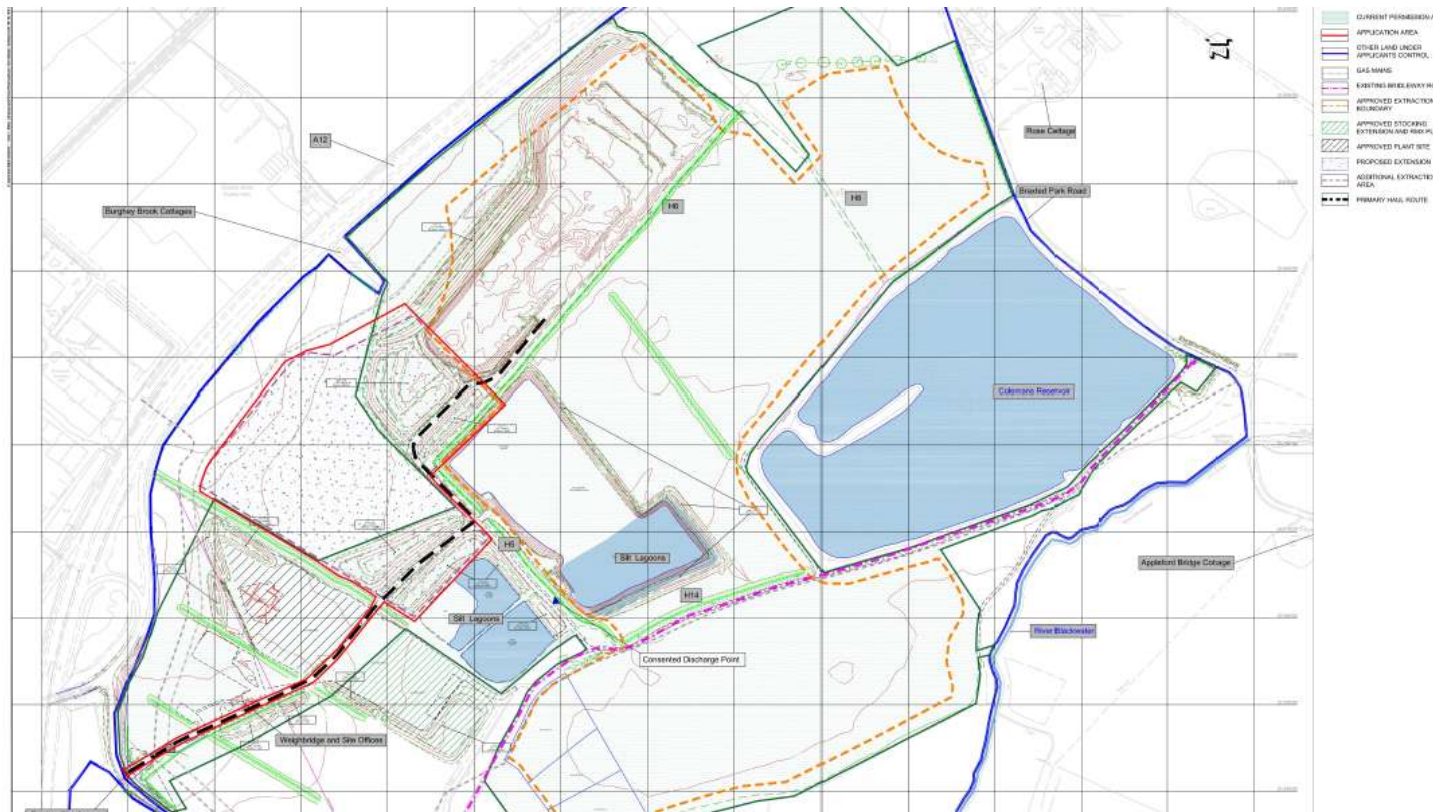
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As at 31/03/21	
Petty Cash	£ 0.58
Barclays Bank	£ 5,348.80
Total	£ 5,349.38
Less Uncashed Cheques	£ -
Total	£ 5,349.38
Add Income for year	£ 4,509.17
Less Expenditure for year	-£ 325.96
Total	£ 9,532.59
As at 30/04/21	
Represented by	
Petty Cash	£ 0.58
Barclays Bank	£ 9,857.97
Total	£ 9,858.55
Plus unrepresented cheques	
Less Uncashed Cheques	-£ 325.96
Total	£ 9,532.59

ITEM 8

To Comment on Planning Application ESS/36/21/BTE for proposed western extension to the current site using existing approved facilities (site access, plant site, mineral processing plant and other ancillary facilities); including for the diversion of the Burghey Brook; with restoration to arable land using imported inert restoration materials, and on-site materials in advance of the A12 road widening and improvement national infrastructure project - Land at: Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall



This is an application both to work a new site (the Western extension) and to import infill to the existing site. Although the A12 widening scheme will impact upon the quarry the pre-application advice given by Essex County Council is quite clear

– “It is noted that the principal driver for the proposed mineral extension is that of the potential A12 upgrading works and that mineral resource along the proposed route; the submission documentation refers to “in whatever form it takes”, would best be extracted to avoid sterilisation. Whilst noting the alignment with policy advice in connection with avoiding sterilisation; the proposals would be a departure from the MLP and any future application would need to fully evaluate and justify the proposed departure and its overall benefits; Policy P1 and S6 of the MLP are relevant in this regard.”

In other words the application has to satisfy policies P1 and S6 of the Minerals Local Plan. It will be remembered that the current quarry application scored poorly against other sites but was approved because it offered the best opportunities for bio-diversity enhancement. Importing inert waste material onto site is unlikely to meet that criteria. The “need” for importation is to restore the landscape ahead of the A12 works, but ECC have advised this is not a consideration, and certainly the new road could be carried on piles across void areas.

In addition the Minerals Local Plan dates from 2014 despite the advice that it should be reviewed every five years.

Section P1 of the Minerals Local Plan says:-

“In the case of Preferred Sites for sand and gravel extraction, the principle of extraction has been accepted and the need for the release of mineral proven. In the case of Reserve Sites for sand and gravel extraction, the principle of extraction has also been accepted, however, the release of minerals from these sites is subject to the landbank falling below seven years. The Mineral Planning Authority will grant planning permission for sand and gravel workings within the Preferred and Reserve Sites, listed in Table 5 (Preferred Sites for land won Sand and Gravel Provision) and as shown on the Policies Map, subject to the proposal meeting the detailed development requirements set out in Appendix 1, other relevant policies of the Development Plan for Essex and any other material considerations.”

The Western extension is not one of those sites, and there is no indication that there is an inability of the other preferred sites to meet the aggregate target set in the Plan.

Section S6 of the Minerals Local Plan says:-

“The Mineral Planning Authority shall endeavour to ensure reserves of land won sand and gravel are available until 2029, sufficient for at least 7 years extraction or such other period as set out in national policy. The working of Reserve sites will only be supported if the landbank with respect to the overall requirement of 4.31mtpa is below 7 years. Mineral extraction outside Preferred or Reserve Sites will be resisted by the Mineral Planning Authority unless the applicant can demonstrate:

a. An overriding justification and/ or overriding benefit for the proposed extraction, and,

- b. The scale of the extraction is no more than the minimum essential for the purpose of the proposal, and,*
c. The proposal is environmentally suitable, sustainable, and consistent with the relevant policies set out in the Development Plan”

In arriving at this Policy the Plan states:-

3.106 Proposals for mineral extraction on these ‘non-Preferred Sites’ may occur in relation to:

- Agricultural irrigation reservoirs – where mineral is extracted and exported to create the reservoir landform,*
- Borrow pits – where extraction takes place over a limited period for the exclusive use of a specific construction project such as for a specific road scheme,*
- Prior extraction to prevent mineral sterilisation – this may be required on occasions where significant development takes place (on a site of over 5 hectares for sand and gravel) and where a workable mineral resource could otherwise be permanently lost through sterilisation.*

3.107 Such proposals will be considered on their own individual merits and the MPA will pay particular regard to the justification/ need that is cited by applicants when determining planning applications. The MPA must be satisfied that there are exceptional reasons for permitting such applications, after having considered all the relevant circumstances so as not to prejudice the overall strategy of the document. All proposals will be considered against policies in the Development Plan.

3.108 Where proposals are put forward on the basis of fulfilling some form of ‘mineral need’ for minerals extraction, then the MPA will always require consideration of the whole of the County for the purposes of estimating the adequacy of the landbank or the sufficiency of the Plan’s provision. The MPA does not consider that information about mineral supply in specific County sub-areas, or the individual commercial business need of a mineral operator to continue production at a particular mineral extraction site, to be relevant or material to its decisions in respect of non-Preferred Sites.”

However the County Council’s advice is that the future (as yet undecided) route of the A12 widening is not a factor to be considered.

If importation were to proceed then there would be an **additional** 330 lorry movements (165 in and 165 out) per working day.