



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Bendall, French, Mills (except items 1-4) and
Speakman

Also present: District Councillor Jarvis and four members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

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 21st November 2019

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2019 as a true record.

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

District Councillor Jarvis updated the Council on matters affecting Maldon District Council, whose accounts had now been finalised and were subject to some audit qualifications. District Councillor Jarvis indicated that the District Council was undertaking a review of its property holdings with a view to ensuring that they were financially sound and fit for purpose.

6. To Agree the Budget for 2020/2021 and Set the Precept

The Council agreed the budget for 2020/2021 and set the precept at £3,950 representing a Council Tax of £46.58 for a Band D property.

7. To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council

The Council reviewed the corporate risks to the Council and agreed its existing control measures to be effective in reducing those risks.

8. To Review the Council's Risks

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

9. To receive a financial statement as of 30th November 2019

10. The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 30th November 2019 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £3,847.25.

11. To Approve the following payments:-

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

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
591	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary – December	£125.15
592	H Bendall	Litterpicking – December	£41.6-
593	HMRC	NI/Tax Sept-Dec 2019	£127.40
594	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary – January	£125.15
595	H Bendall	Litterpicking – January	£41.60

12. Clerks Report – for Information

a) Highway Issues – bridge repairs

The Clerk reported that works on the bridge were to commence in February and the bridge would be closed to motor vehicles for a minimum of ten days. The Clerk was asked to circulate this information to Great Totham and Wickham Bishops Parish Councils.

b) A12 Widening, Junction 21 link to Little Braxted Road

The Clerk reported that a Freedom of Information enquiry had revealed that Essex County Council had held no discussions or entered into any correspondence with Highways England regarding linking Little Braxted Road into the new junction 22 of the A12. The Clerk was asked to write to County Councillor Durham and County Councillor Bentley on this matter stressing the importance of retaining this vital link.

c) The generous donation of Councillor Barke and Jon Aldis to the No Parking posts on the green

The Council noted the generous donation of Councillor Barke and Jon Aldis to the No Parking posts on the green. Mr Aldis had offered to erect additional posts at the War Memorial and this offer had been accepted.

d) Vehicle Activated Signs

The Clerk advised the Council that it had no powers to erect vehicle activated signs.

13. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.40 p.m.