



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, French and Speakman

Also present: District Councillor Morgan and thirteen members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Yeates.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Members declared any interest in items on the agenda.

3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

There were no requests from Members for dispensations.

4. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 5th January 2022

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022.

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

Members of the public asked to be able to attend a meeting to make their suggestions as to the Council's response on any future Local Plan consultations. The Clerk advised that this had been the intention for the most recent consultation but the Council had been unable to hold a quorate meeting before the deadline for comments to be submitted. It was agreed that the submission would be appended to these minutes.

6. To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council

The Council reviewed the corporate risks to the Council and had no further comments to make.

7. To Review the Council's Risks

The Council reviewed the Council's risks and had no further comments to make.

8. To Consider the Proposal to Move the Location of the Remembrance Day Service

The Council considered the proposal to move the location of the Remembrance Day Service and agreed to continue holding the service at the War Memorial.

9. To Approve the following payments:-

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

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
678	McAfee	Anti-Virus Software	£89.99
707	H Bendall	Litterpicking January	£53.95
708	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary January	£96.33
709	Wessex Medical	Defibrillator Pads	£46.80
710	The Braxted Bakery	Meeting Room Hire	£125.00
711	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
712	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary February	£95.75
713	CANCELLED		
714	H Bendall	Litterpicking February	£53.95
715	Maldon District Council	Temporary Event Notice	£21.00

10. To Note the Financial Position as at 31st January 2022 – Attached

11. The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31st January 2022 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £6348.90.

12. Clerk's Report

a) Annual Salary Award

The Clerk reported that the 2021 pay award had finally be agreed and would be paid to all staff, backdated to 1st April 2021, in March.

b) Jubilee Fete

The Clerk reported that the Essex Community Foundation had funded the costs of a Jubilee Fete to be held on Friday 3rd June at Great Braxted Playing Field. There would be a hog roast, pay bar, childrens' rides, entertainment and games.

13. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm

APPENDIX

View Response

Response Details

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Making Your Comments

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Question 1.

Do you agree with this spatial picture of the District? Please click here to view the Spatial

Portrait

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

It would seem to underplay the strategic importance of links to the A12/Witham Station

Question 2.

Are these issues still relevant? Please click here to view the Key Issues

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

They fail to identify the poor road links (constrained by weight restricted and listed bridges) to the A12 and Witham Station.

Question 3.

Do you consider these to be the extent of strategic and cross boundary issues applicable for the Maldon District? Please click here to view the Strategic Issues

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

They fail to identify the need for improved cross-river improvements in Wickham Bishops and Great Braxted.

Question 4.

Are these key issues the right ones or are there any key issues that you think have been missed? Please [click here to view the Issues](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 5.

Do you agree with the amended Vision? Please [click here to view the Spatial Vision](#)

- Yes

No

Please enter any additional comments

This would seem to reflect the post-covid situation

Question 6.

Do you agree with the objectives for the review of the LDP? Please click here to view the Objectives

Yes

No

Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 7.

Are there other objectives that the LDP needs to aim to achieve? Please click here to view the Objectives

Yes

No

Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Should there be something about new-builds incorporating the ability to provide a proper facility to enable small businesses to operate from home?
Should there be something about limiting second homes?

Question 8.

Do you agree with the Council using the standard methodology in the calculation of its housing target for the period 2023 - 2043? Please click here to view [Housing Needs and the LDP Local Housing Needs Assessment 2021](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments - please note that not setting a housing target is not an option for the Council and would result in a LDP being found unsound at examination

«No responses»

Question 9.

Should the Council have a contingency or buffer figure in its housing target to ensure that it always has a continuous supply of housing over the plan period and if so what should that buffer be? Please click here to view [Housing Needs and LDP Local Housing Needs Assessment 2021](#)

- Yes

- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

15% supply

Question 10.

Should the plan period be longer than 15 years, should the period be 20 years, so that infrastructure can be planned in over a longer period? Please click here to view the [Housing Needs and LDP Housing Evidence](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 11.

Do you agree with the updated Settlement Pattern and how the settlements in the District have been grouped together? Please click here to view the [Settlement Pattern and LDP Settlement Evidence](#)

- Yes

- No
- Don't know

Question 12.

If you do not agree, how should they be grouped on what basis? Please click here to view the Settlement Pattern

«No responses»

Question 13.

Referring to the table on the Council's website which sets out all the services and facilities for each settlement – are there any comments about this or matters which need to be altered or changed? See Updated Rural Facilities Study 2021 spreadsheet

«No responses»

Question 14.

Do you agree with the approach set out above for major infrastructure projects? Please click here to view in Options for Growth

- Yes
- No

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 15.

Which growth option do you consider to be the most appropriate for the District of Maldon? Please set out your reason for this view (please clearly set out which option (s) 1 to 7 you are discussing). Please click here to view the Options for Growth

Option 7 would be the better (greener) solution as there are already established train/bus links to employment centres outside of the District, whereas in options 5 and 6 links to the A12/Witham Station or Colchester would require the use of private vehicles. Perhaps a mixed approach (70% option 7, 30% options 5/6) given the limited opportunity for extensive Greenfield development on the Braintree/Colchester borders

Question 16.

Do you believe that there is another suitable growth option for the District, perhaps a combination of any of the above? Please set out your views. Please click here to view the Options for Growth

Yes

No

Please enter any additional comments

How about creating a unified growth area with Braintree and Colchester?

Question 17.

Do you think it is appropriate to include in the LDP Review a policy dealing with major infrastructure projects such as the Bradwell B Nuclear Power Station, to be activated if this type of project comes forward? Please click here to view the Options for Growth

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 18.

Would you consider the delivery of housing appropriate on areas of land where there are disused agricultural buildings, or derelict land in or adjacent to large, medium and small villages? Please click [here](#) to check the relevant villages and [here](#) to view the **Effective Use of Land**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

This would make sense - but does it have to be solely housing? Is there an opportunity for small scale business parks?

Question 19.

Housing can be delivered in larger quantities, but using less greenfield land, by building at

higher densities. Would you consider this appropriate if sites with higher densities were designed to ensure they achieved a high quality of design? Please click here to view the [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

The pandemic identified a need for individual (personal) green space - not likely to be achieved with higher density housing.

Question 20.

Do you agree with building at higher densities in all settlements. What would you think was appropriate in terms of housing and higher densities? Please click here to view the [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

The pandemic identified a need for individual (personal) green space - not likely to be achieved with higher density housing.

Question 21.

Would you support minimum density standards to uplift the delivery of housing and ensure land in Maldon District was used as efficiently as possible, or do you think design, or other factors should dictate density on housing sites? Please click here to view [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Design and the provision of individual (personal) green space.

Question 22.

Would you consider higher density housing appropriate in large, medium and small villages, if the design was to a higher standard and the character of the settlement was still respected? Please click here to check the relevant settlements and here to view [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 23.

Is it appropriate to develop land for housing that has been previously used for commercial uses such as employment and retail which is otherwise vacant, underused and derelict?

Please click here to view [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Only where it is adjacent to an existing settlement.

Question 24.

It is difficult for Maldon District to have a policy that states that brownfield land should be developed first for housing because of the lack of brownfield land sites in the District. This could also inadvertently lead to the redevelopment of active employment land to residential the consequences of this could lead to job losses and a decline in employment sites.

Therefore, instead of 'brownfield land first', should the Council instead place a greater emphasis on encouraging the development of brownfield land for housing? This may mean less affordable housing and other benefits comes forward, but it could redevelop sites which are an eyesore and blight on settlements and residents. Please click here to view [Effective Use of Land](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Perhaps the Council's earlier policies on where employment land should be created are the issue here?

Question 25.

Should the medium and small settlements retain some form of a settlement boundary, albeit more flexibly drawn? Please click [here](#) to check the relevant settlements and [here](#) to view [Large, Medium & Small Villages](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Yes, but there should always be (existing or created as part of any new development) a pedestrian link to the existing settlement centre.

Question 26.

Should the Council develop a windfall policy for all or specific settlements, potentially capping the number of units for each site coming forward and ensuring the protection for key views, green infrastructure gaps and the historic environment in each village. Please click [here](#) to check the relevant settlements and [here](#) to view [Large, Medium & Small Villages](#)

- Yes
- No

Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

that's the role of Neighbourhood Plans

Question 27.

In the event of an increase of need, should the Council look to establish both private and public sites for Gypsies and Travellers in the future, recognising that not all needs can be catered by one tenure of provision? Please click here to view Gypsies & Travellers

Yes

No

Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Given the redefinition in planning terms of gypsies and travellers is there likely to be an increase in need? The Council has a statutory duty and should fulfil that duty - remembering that current planning policy is for integration within existing/new developments, not "dumping" in out of the way locations.

Question 28.

In the event of an increase of need, should the Council seek to intensify or expand existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites as much as possible, where it is suitable to do so? Please click here to view Gypsies & Travellers

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

Only where there are no current planning conditions (Imposed by the original application or subsequent appeals) which prevent expansion

Question 29.

In the event of an increase of need, should the Council consider how it could use its Settlement Pattern, Rural Exception Sites and/or Windfall Policy (if implemented) to support the increased provision of new sites in sustainable locations that can serve the community's needs better? Please click [here](#) to view [Gypsies & Travellers](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

The Council should use its settlement pattern for new sites.

Question 30.

Is there anything else the Council should be considering for homes for Gypsies, Travellers and

Travelling Showpeople? Please click here to view Gypsies & Travellers

They should only be permitted where there is access to mains sewerage, water, electricity and fast broadband

Question 31.

Should the Council seek a proportion of self-build/custom build plots on larger housing sites. Please click here to view [Self Build/Custom Build](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 32.

In addition to the above, should the Plan also allocate specific sites in the LDP Review exclusively for self-build/custom build, either put forward by people who want to self-build or caveated by policy that they can only be brought forward by self-builders. Please click here to view [Self Build/Custom Build](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 33.

Should the Council in the development of a self-build/custom build policy consider ensuring that smaller low cost housing units are encouraged to come forward? Please click here to view [Self Build/Custom Build](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 34.

Designing beautiful spaces and buildings, how important do you think it is that we should actively plan to create beautiful spaces and buildings? Please click here to view [Design](#)

Very

Question 35.

What do you think about the design policy in the LDP 2017 (Policy D1) and the Design

Guide Supplementary Planning Document 2018? Do they need amending? If so, how and why? Please click here view Design

They need strengthening to ensure compliance

Question 36.

Should the Council seek to endorse the Essex Design Guide with a Maldon District supplementary section? Would this be a more flexible approach to design? Please click here to view Design

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 37.

Should the Council in its design policy encourage support for modern innovative design and design to counter the effects of climate change? Please click here to view Design

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 38.

Please provide comments below on design matters you consider to be particularly important. We would be especially interested in your views on whether we should include general design guidance on relevant site allocations? Please [click here to view Design](#)

Low energy/passive buildings for all

Question 39.

Should the LDP Review make climate change one of its key priorities? Please [click here to view Climate Change](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Question 40.

What do you consider to be important in terms of development and climate change? Are on-site renewables such as photovoltaics, ground source heat pumps, etc as important/ more important as off-site renewable energy projects such as on-land wind farms, solar farms, district heating networks, etc? Please [click here to view Climate Change](#)

Heat pumps/passive buildings for ALL new builds, and solar/wind to support those existing properties unable to install heat pumps

Car charging points for every new dwelling.

Question 41.

Should we plan for net-zero carbon from plan adoption in 2023? This would require all new development to be net-zero carbon upon adoption of the plan. If yes, would the Council need to bring forward any additional guidance to support this? Please click here to view [Climate Change](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

define net-zero carbon in terms which don't allow developers to offset it by planting trees elsewhere in the country/world or by buying carbon credits

This would also impact on where development should occur, as it would need to be near where low carbon transport is available. Developments not readily served by rail/bus would not be permitted

Question 42.

Should we plan for net-zero carbon from a specific future date? This would require all new development to achieve net zero carbon from a future date in the plan process, set out in policy. It could allow time for the development industry to adjust to the higher standards and may mean we can secure more affordable housing and community benefits from development, earlier on in the plan process. Please click here to view [Climate Change](#)

Why kick the can down the road? Pick it up now

Question 43.

Should the local plan policies strongly support the economy in terms of a transition to a low carbon economy, ensuring development and growth opportunities are supported through this process? Please click here to view [Growing the Economy](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 44.

Should the local plan allocate employment land so that it extends existing employment premises / areas in the District by working with existing businesses to ascertain their future need? Please click here to view [Growing the Economy](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Question 45.

Should the Council contain a policy preventing the redevelopment of employment premises to residential units? If so, should the scope of such a policy be limited in any way? Please explain the rationale for your answer. Please click here to view [Growing the Economy](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

No - each must be judged on its merits.

Question 46.

How important is the rural economy? How do you believe the rural economy can be supported through policy? Please click here to view the [Growing the Economy](#)

- Very Important
- Important
- Don't know
- Not important

Please enter any additional comments

Extremely - small rural businesses offer more job opportunities and generally better quality jobs

Question 47.

Should the Council support the development of live/work housing units? Please click here to view the Growing the Economy

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

In all developments

Question 48.

Should the nature, size and type of policy support for Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch's High Streets' change? How would you like the high street to change? Please click here to view the Growing the Economy

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

No responses

Question 49.

Do you believe this policy (E5 in LDP 2017) requires modification? If so how would you like to see it changed? Please click here to view the Visitor Economy

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 50.

Do you believe this policy (E5 LDP 2017) encourages tourism or is it too restrictive? Please click here to view the Visitor Economy

«No responses»

Question 51.

How could planning policy encourage more visitors to the District other than day visitors? Please click here to view the Visitor Economy

«No responses»

Question 52.

Should the Council consider having protected landscape views in the District, even though this may place development pressure elsewhere? Please click here to view [the Environment](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No responses»

Question 53.

In terms of access and sustainable transport in the District, what is most important to you? Please click here to view [Access and Sustainable Transport](#)

Improvements to bridges at Wickham Bishops and Great Braxted to prevent rat-running

Question 54.

Should the Council focus future growth on those areas with higher levels of commuter access either by bus or train? Please click here to view [Access and Sustainable Transport](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 55.

Should all new development be linked to its settlement by a footpath wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair or double buggy/pram? Please click here to view [Access and Sustainable Transport](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 56.

Should development have to demonstrate that it can provide safe footpath/cycle links/connections, which incorporate green infrastructure and support active travel choices? Please click here to view [Access and Sustainable Transport](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 57.

Should the council continue to explore and support complementary projects delivered outside the planning system that can support travel choice and a shift away from the use of the car in the District? Please click here to view [Access and Sustainable Transport](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 58.

Should the Council take into account the advantages of locations which stand to offer the better chance of securing new infrastructure due to critical massing of development? Please click here to view [Infrastructure](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

Question 59.

Affordable housing is often the biggest influence on viability, so should the Council continue to prioritise this policy requirement over other infrastructure contributions or design quality across the District? Please click here to view Infrastructure

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

The plan should seek to deliver the volume and location of affordable housing defined in the Maldon District housing waiting list – this is likely to be in smaller scale developments spread across the District as those in need are unlikely to be able to travel far to work given transport costs. All other developments should fund the infrastructure improvements needed to address their impact – particularly on roads and essential services.

Question 60.

Should we consider spare capacity within our existing infrastructure when we determine where new development should go? Please click here to view Infrastructure

- Yes

- No
- Don't know

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»