



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held on-line on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Bendall, Mills (except items 1-5) and Speakman
Also present: One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor French.

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 29th September 2020

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2020 as a true record.

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

6. To Agree the Budget for 2021/2022 and Set the Precept

The Council considered and agree the budget for 2021/2022 as £4,790 and set the precept as £4,400 representing a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £51.46.

7. To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council

The Council reviewed the corporate risks to the Council and agreed that no changes were required.

8. To Review the Council's Risks

The Council reviewed the Council's risks and agreed the management of them.

9. To receive a financial statement as of 31st December 2020

The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31st December 2020 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £3,033.60.

10. To Note the Re-Submission to the Local Highways Panel of the Width Restriction Scheme for Witham Road

The Council noted the re-submission to the Local Highways Panel of the width restriction scheme for Witham Road. It was reported that Highways were themselves considering such measures as part of the reconstruction of the bridge railings. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite residents to write to the County Council regarding the continued closure of the bridge following the damage.

11. To Note the Award of a Further Grant of £2,500 from the Essex Community Foundation Towards the Litter-Picking

The Council noted the award of a further grant of £2,500 from the Essex Community Foundation towards the litter-picking.

12. Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
620	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£41.60
621	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£93.95
622	HMRC	Tax/NI	£220.40
623	Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting	£60.00
624	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£64.12
625	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£110.63
626	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£54.04
627	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£115.84
628	Maldon District Council	Road Closure Notice	£139.01
629	Goodlife Countryside Services	Grasscutting	£730.00

630	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£43.35
631	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£96.33
632	HMRC	Tax/NI	£241.60

13. To Record the Council's Thanks to Retiring Councillor Graham Bendall

Councillor Bendall advised that he was retiring from the Council at the conclusion of this meeting. The Chairman stated that he would like to express the Council's thanks to Councillor Graham Bendall, who joined the Council in 1982 and served 20 years as Chairman. Having been born in Great Braxted his local knowledge had been extremely useful over the years and the Council wished him well in the future. The Council agreed to award Councillor Bendall the Freedom of the Parish, the first recipient of such an honour.

14. Clerks Report – for Information

The Clerk reported that he was seeking funding for an event to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 8th June 2022.

15. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm