



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Barke, Chapman and Speakman

Also Present: One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bendall, Dobie and District Councillor Bass.

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 for dispensations.

4. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 29th January 2019

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2019 as a true record.

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

A member of the public explained the reasons for the planning application at Homefield House.

6. To Comment on the Following Planning Applications:-

a) Planning Application Consultation 18/01500/FUL - Erection of storage shed, Homefield House, Witham Road

The Council had no objection to this application but added to their comment that the use of the new residential land should, in perpetuity, be in conjunction with the occupation of Homefield House.

b) ESS/40/18/BTE for continuation of use of land for mineral extraction and ancillary use without compliance with Conditions 4 (Approved Details); 11 (Plant Site Layout); 12 (HGV Movements); 23 (Mineral Output) and 24 and 25 (Mineral Handling) of planning permission ESS/10/18/BTE for the "re-phasing of the

working and restoration of the site, changes in soil bund configuration and to provide car parking for visitors in the ancillary plant site area" to allow an increase in annual throughput; to import construction materials in as raised or processed form and onward distribution/or to blend with on site materials and to increase HGV activity from 29 loads to 75 loads per day - Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End, Witham, CM8 3EX

The Council agreed to respond as follows:-

- i) The Council recognised that the quarry had had a limited impact to date on the Parish, mainly delays to users of Little Braxted Lane wishing to exit onto the A12 slip-road, as the lorries needed a clear gap in the traffic, something not always available during peak times. The increased (tripled) usage of this junction raises questions about safety. Whilst the sightline along the Witham-bound slip-road (i.e. from the A12) has been cleared in part, it does not extend the full distance as per the conditions of the original permission, and the Chelmsford-bound traffic joining the A12 cuts across the sightline, reducing visibility further on this 70mph slip road.
- ii) However, the importation of up to twice the volume of aggregate as was being extracted would have an additional impact on traffic, but without any benefit in terms of reducing the operating life of the quarry. It would appear inconsistent with the County Council's Policies regarding reducing impact on the environment to import such volumes, when a lesser volume, already extracted, could be sent to another site for blending.
- iii) In addition, the blending process is not, given the projected volumes to be imported, dependent upon being sited at the quarry, but is in fact a process which could be undertaken away from the quarry (indeed as is happening at the quarries from which the imported material is being sent).
- iv) The Council had no objection to the revised schedule of extraction nor the amended site bunds.

7. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
546	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£127.50
547	H Bendall	Litterpicking	£50.30
548	Information Commissioner	Data Registration Fee	£40.00

8. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.17 p.m.