



Little Braxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, Little Braxted on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Bendall, Chapman, Dobie and Speakman

Also Present: District Councillor Bass (item 9 only)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Barke.

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 23rd May 2017

The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2017 as a true record.

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

There were no members of the public present.

6. To Comment on the Consultation Regarding Changes to the Braintree District Local Plan

The Council noted, but had no comment to make on the consultation regarding changes to the Braintree District Local Plan.

7. To Receive a Financial Statement as of 31st May 2017

The Council received a detailed financial statement as of 31st May 2017 including income and expenditure to date, a comparison against budget, and a bank reconciliation which showed £5,413.98 as the Council's balances.

8. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
500	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE/NI	£159.60
501	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary June	£120.72
502	H Bendall	Litterpicking June	£37.60
503	G N Mussett	Litter Picking Warning Sign	£92.26
504	A Stow	Installation and wiring of defibrillator	£180.00
505	The Green Man Public House	Contribution towards electricity – defibrillator light/heater	£25.00

9. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator had been installed and was awaiting confirmation from the Ambulance Service that it is registered on their system..

The Clerk reported that the funding application to extend the litterpicking scheme has been considered and a favourable outcome is expected. Once confirmation is received a new contract, fixed term for three years at 1.25 hours/week, will be issued to the litterpicker. One of the warning signs was “misappropriated” and a replacement has been ordered – the remaining funds in the project will cover this.

The Clerk reported that the enhanced speed check has been booked for the autumn (the Enforcement Team are currently being trained and are then heavily booked).

Councillor Dobie reported on the inaugural meeting of the Quarry Liaison Group, which would henceforth meet twice annually. The Environment Agency although invited did not attend, despite much of the ongoing monitoring being of environmental issues. Production had started and 15,000 tonnes had been sold, with all traffic using the Great Braxted Road entrance – on one day involving 48 lorry movements.

The Clerk reported that there was no further news as to when Colemans Bridge would re-open to two-way traffic.

The Clerk reported that the Green Man Public House was being advertised for sale. As an asset of community value the Parish Council (or any other community group) had until 7th August to indicate their interest in acquiring the property, which then triggered a six month moratorium on its sale to give the Council (or group) time to raise the funding, although the owners did not have to sell to the Council (or group). It was agreed to seek further information and call a special meeting of the Council to consider whether to indicate an interest.

The Clerk reported that there was no update on the Housing Needs Survey.

The Clerk reported that the County Council Highways Department had been notified regarding the dangerous pothole in Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall.

10. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.56 p.m.