



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 Movember 2018 at 6.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Bendall, Dobie and Speakman

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Barke and Chapman.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Speakman and Dobie declared an interest as property owners/potential beneficiaries in respect of item 6, Broadband. No other Members declared any interests in matters on the agenda.

3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

Councillors Speakman and Dobie requested dispensations, which the Council granted, to enable them to speak and vote on item 6, Broadband. There were no other 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 16th October 2018

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2018 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 Receive a Report on the Availability of Hi-Speed Broadband throughout the Parish and Consider Submitting a Grant Application

The Council received a report on the availability of Hi-Speed Broadband in Lea Lane in particular and agreed that the Clerk should liaise further with County Broadband with a view to County Broadband submitting a Gigabyte Grant Application as well as the Parish Council submitting a grant application to increase broadband speeds in those parts of the Parish not covered by the Essex Superfast scheme.

7. To Note the Receipt of a Further Quotation for the Bridge Repairs/Repaint and Agree a Grant Submission to of the Essex Community Foundation

The Council noted that a further quotation for the bridge repairs/repaint had not yet been submitted, but agreed to make a grant submission to the Essex Community Foundation for the cost of the works. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in respect of this work were suspended as the County Council were the only organisation permitted to work on the bridge structure.

8. To Nominate a Representative to Attend a Meeting Being Called to Agree Future Organisational and Funding Issues in Respect of Remembrance Day Events

The Council nominated Councillor Chapman and the clerk as their representatives to attend a meeting being called to agree future organisational and funding issues in respect of Remembrance Day events.

9. To Review and Update Standing Orders

The Council reviewed and agreed to adopt the updated Standing Orders.

10. To Comment on the Draft Maldon District Homelessness and Housing Strategy 2018-2023

The Council agreed to delegate the compilation of their comments by the Clerk for submission to Maldon District Council.

11. To Note the Potential Opportunities of the Essex County Council Highways Devolution Project and Agree Further Action

The Council noted the potential opportunities of the Essex County Council Highways Devolution Project but agreed that no further action should be taken in respect of this pilot project.

12. To receive a financial statement as of 31st October 2018

13. The Council received and approved a financial statement as of 31st October 2018 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £6,561.31.

14. To Approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
536	Goodlife Countryside Services	Grass Cutting Village Green and Grounds Maintenance at War Memorial	£730.00
537	G N Mussett	Remembrance Day Wreath	£25.00
538	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary November	£122.80
539	H Bendall	Litterpicking November	£46.60

15. Clerks Report

a) Social Housing Scheme

The Council asked the Clerk to enquire of the Community Council of Essex whether there were any issues with the proposed scheme, as progress seemed to be slow.

16. Closure

The meeting was closed at 6.55 p.m.