

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barke, French and Speakman

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Yeates and District Councillor Morgan.

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 24th January 2023

The Council agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2023.

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 financial statement as of 28th February 2023

The Council received a financial statement as of 28th February 2023 including detailed income and expenditure, budget comparisons and a bank reconciliation supported by a bank statement, showing total funds as £3,669.55.

7. To Receive A Verbal Report on the Second Meeting of the A12 Enquiry

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the second meeting of the A12 enquiry where the main issues had centred around Hatfield Peveral/Boreham and Inworth/Messing.

8. To Consider Joining the “20’s Plenty” Campaign

The Council agreed to join the “20’s Plenty” Campaign and call on Essex County Council to implement 20mph in Little Braxted and to write to Essex County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout the county where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit. In addition the Council agreed to seek funding from the Essex Community Foundation for two speed indicator devices to be sited in Kelvedon Road.

9. To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council

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

10. To Review the Council's Risks

The Council reviewed the Council's risks and agreed that no additional risk reduction measures were required.

11. To Consider the Proposals to Move the Quarry Processing Plant

The Council reviewed the proposals to move the Quarry Processing Plant and agreed to seek some form of community benefit consideration to enable the extension of the existing Whetmead nature reserve into the new habitat formed after backfilling. The Clerk indicated that he had sought clarification as to whether the existing quarry entrance off Little Braxted Lane would remain open for importation of fill whilst the A12 was being built but had not yet received a reply.

12. To Approve the following payments made between meetings

The Council noted and approved the following payments made between meetings:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
786	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£43.13
787	ICO	Data Protection Registration	£40.00
788	H Bendall	Litterpicking February	£48.93
789	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary February	£146.12
790	Comunicorp	Coronation Mugs	£295.20

13. To Approve the Following Payments

The Council approved the following payments

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
791	H Bendall	Litterpicking March	£61.22
792	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary March	£146.12
793	HMRC	Tax/NI	£148.60
794	The Braxted Bakery	Room Hire for meetings	£125.00
795	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£64.69
796	Microsoft	Microsoft Basic Online Storage	£19.99

14. Clerks Report – for Information

a. To note the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting as Tuesday 16th May

The Clerk reported that the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council and Annual Parish Meeting would be Tuesday 16th May following the election.

b. Barclays Bank

The Clerk reported that he had made a formal complaint to Barclays Bank following the lack of service during the “Know Your Customer” enquiry and his complaint had been upheld. The Clerk had then requested a token compensation payment to be given to the Essex Community Foundation by way of recompense and Barclays had made a £100 payment to the Council. The Council agreed to donate this sum to the Essex Community Foundation who fund many projects in the Parish.

c. Litterpicking

The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Council’s litterpicker would be willing to increase her hours to include Little Braxted Lane to the A12 slip road.

d. Coronation Event

The Chairman reported that a Coronation Picnic would be held at Great Braxted Playing Field on Sunday 7th May.

15. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.