



Little Braxted Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting of Little Braxted will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.00 p.m. at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road

Nick Jepson
Parish Council Chairman
29th April 2026

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
To receive apologies for absence
- 2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 6th May 2025**
To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2025 as a true record
- 3. Chairman's Report**
The Chairman read a report on the past year in the Parish
- 4. Public Forum**
For members of the public to speak on matters related to the Parish
- 5. Closure**



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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Braxted held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor James Barke, Chair of Parish Council, District Councillor Morgan and five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 7th May 2024

The meeting agreed and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report on the past year in the Parish:-

I welcome you all to this, now my second Parish Meeting as Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council continues to monitor planning applications, of which there have been few this past year. Essex County Council have at last acknowledged the issues with HGV's attempting to use Witham Road to access the A12, and we hope to see positive measures to restrict HGV access in place this summer. However both this minor scheme, and the upgraded A12 may yet be affected by Government finances.

The pending re-organisation of local government affecting both County and District Councils will impact upon planning. The Essex-wide Minerals Plan is likely to be delayed if devolution results in a number of unitary authorities across Essex, and the Local Plan review similarly, depending on which Councils Maldon District may be amalgamated with in a new unitary.

We remain grateful to the Essex Community Foundation grant funding to enable us to continue to employ a part-time litter picker. In just a few hours each month, Heather makes a real difference to the volume of litter in the verges and hedgerows, and we hope this will continue.

We have applied to the Little Braxted Community & Education Trust, via Essex Community Foundation, to fund the cleaning and relettering of the War Memorial, which was last undertaken 20 years ago. Included in the funding bid is monies to install anti-runover measures at two corners of the War Memorial grounds to reduce damage by vehicles running over the grass.

As a Parish Council we rely on many residents who put so much of themselves into helping us. I would particularly like to thank John Aldis for maintaining the War Memorial and the grounds of St Nicholas' Church, and Sarah Howard for use of the Bakery for our meetings. Thank you also to those involved in the Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph which was extremely well supported. It was great to see so many young people involved in the scouting community in attendance too. For 2025 we will have a new Minister leading the service which will be an opportunity for them to meet many of you.

Finally, I am deeply indebted to my fellow Councillors for the time they willingly give and also thank Gordon, our Parish Clerk, who goes above and beyond to help us drive the Parish forward. His knowledge, enthusiasm and attention to detail are invaluable."

4. Public Forum

No members of the public had any matters to raise.

5. Closure

The meeting closed at 7.05p.m.