



Little Braxted Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting of Little Braxted will be held in the Braxted Bakery, Witham Lane, Little Braxted on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Kit Speakman
Parish Council Chairman
15th May 2017

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
To receive apologies for absence
- 2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 17th May 2016**
To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2016 as a true record
- 3. Chairman's Report**
To receive 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 in The Braxted Bakery, Witham Lane, Little Braxted on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Kit Speakman, Parish Council Chairman (in the Chair) and three members of the public.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Councillors Barke and Chapman,

2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 14th April 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2015 were agreed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the past year, as follows:-

This year has been an exciting one for the Parish Council. The village was awarded a prize in its category of village of the year organised by the Rural Community Council of Essex, the Council was awarded Foundation status in the new Parish Council Awards Scheme, and has been successful in obtaining grants towards new I.T. equipment, the production of a Parish Plan, and a Village Fete to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. In addition the village coffee mornings have been launched thanks to Mandy Chapman's enthusiasm and the support of the Braxted Bakery.

Despite these successes, the familiar issues of potholes, speeding vehicles, lorries attempting to access the A12 via Witham Road, and litter remain. We continue to press the County Council on the first three and are seeking funding to employ a litter-picker to deal with the last.

Despite a robust response from the Parish Council, supported by the Stop the Quarry campaign co-ordinated and led by Clare Dobie, the County Council approved the creation of the quarry at Colemans Farm. Jointly we have been successful in obtaining some key concessions which we hope will mitigate some of the impact of these workings.

From 1st April 2016 the Council is required to publish key information on our website; we have however already met the new criteria for the past three years and remain committed to publishing as much as possible so our decisions are understood by our residents.

For those who don't know, the Little Braxted Community and Educational Trust has continued to make generous funding awards, most notably towards the extension/refurbishment of the Cricket Pavilion at Great Braxted which will be opened by the Right Honourable Pritti Patel MP before the village party on 11th June.

Thanks to all the parishioners who helped with the annual litter pick, to John Aldis and family for keeping the churchyard, village green and war memorial looking neat and tidy, to Mandy Chapman for her co-ordination of Neighbourhood Watch and to District

Councillor Henry Bass for his support and continued updates on Maldon District Council matters.

I'd like to conclude by thanking my fellow Councillors for their help and support and our Clerk for his professionalism and tireless enthusiasm and for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

4. Public Forum

The public had no other matters to consider.

5. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.04 p.m.