

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the pavilion on 1st November 2018

Present:

Mr K Hornett (Chairman), Mr G Elder, Mrs W Roderick, Mr I Armstrong, Mrs B Spensley

1. Apologies for Absence

All present

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September

Confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 World War 1 Commemoration

The Clerk informed members that the 'Tommy' figure would stay in the village. Mr Armstrong had made a replica for future years. Mr Hornett was nominated to represent the village at the War Memorial service at 2.30pm on November 11th. The wreath had been delivered. The beacon at Beacon Hill would be lit at 7pm and all were invited to attend.

4.2 Cricket Field

Mr Elder asked for clarification regarding Item 10.2 Cricket Field Maintenance as he was unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman outlined the correspondence he had received from Maldon Croquet Club and Gt Totham CC. He updated members of the decision by Maldon Croquet Club to stay at Forrester Park. Mr Elder expressed concerns that the Pavilion Management Committee was making all the decisions regarding the use of the field. He and other members felt that as owners of the field the Parish Council should be involved in all decision making. It was also felt that the fees being charged were far too low and that the Parish Council who were funding the grass cutting should have some of the revenue in the future. Mr Hornett said the agreement with Gt Totham was for 12 months after which there would be a review.

5. Police Matters/ Neighbourhood Watch report

5.1 All quiet in the village but members reported a number of burglaries in the surrounding villages. All reminded to keep vigilant.

6. Finance

6.1 Council agreed payment of £98.76p for Clerk's wages & expenses for July/August.

6.2 Council agreed payment of £50.58p to Lt Braxted PC for War Memorial Expenses.

6.3 Council agreed payment of £46.80p to Autela Group for payroll services.

6.4 Council agreed payment of £229.41p to the Braxted Bulletin a/c. Repayment of advertising fees.

6.5 Council discussed the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. With the World War 1 commemorations it was decided to raise the donation for this year to £100.

7. Planning

7.1 18/01185/HOUSE

Council had no objections to the application for the extension and alterations at Clare House, Tiptree Road.

7.2 18/01136/HOUSE

Council supported the extension to Stavelark, Maldon Rd.

7.3 18/01268

Council were unable to comment on the application for a Lawful development certificate for the existing timber and forestry yard.

8. Highways

Waterworks had now been completed and repairs had been carried out. Members had noticed a deterioration to the surface in Tiptree Road caused by the heavy lorries. Members also expressed concern about the condition of Braxted Park Rd particularly near Punditts Wood. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways as they felt matters were getting dangerous particularly for the cyclists using Route 1.

9. Correspondence

9.1. Homeless Survey. Maldon DC had asked if any homeless people were sleeping rough in the village for a survey. Apart from the odd camper in the summer none were reported.

10. AOB

10.1. Defibrillator

Mrs Spensley had noted that Lt Braxted had a defibrillator at the Green Man and thought Gt Braxted needed one. Members supported this suggestion but there were a number of schemes other than purchasing i.e.- renting & leasing All villages had different schemes and the Clerk would make enquiries to bring to the next meeting.

10.2. Sign

Mr Armstrong would provide the wood and the Clerk would contact Mr Peck about the construction.

10.3. Children's Playground

The playground exit on to Tiptree Road did not have a gate and was very dangerous. Mr Hornett would discuss this at the Pavilion Management Meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

10th January 2019.