

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the pavilion on 5th March 2020

Present:

Cllr K Hornett (Chairman), Cllr C Knapman, Cllr I Armstrong, Cllr L Kane, Clerk

In Attendance:

1 member of the public

19/49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Collins.

19/50 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 9th January 2020 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

19/51 Declarations of Interest

None.

19/52 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Cllr Siddall sent a report which included:

- Wharf charges at the Hythe for barge operators and owners. Following discussion, it was agreed that fees will be increased by 10% for this year only.
- Great Totham Neighbourhood plan investigations identified the Dengie Dart bus service. There is the potential to introduce something similar in the north of the district. This would be useful in places like Braxted, Little Totham and Tolleshunt Major.
- Joint standards committee matter still being progressed.
- The push for more community police presence.
- Consultation process for the new Bradwell B Power Station.
- Public consultation on air pollution with Maldon:
https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20099/pollution/9148/air_quality.
- Next District Council Surgery on Saturday 14th March at 11am at the Forget Me Not Tea Room, Tom's Farm Shop.

19/53 Public Participation Session

One member of the public raised concerns over the ruts in the verge near the reservoir (Tiptree Road).

19/54 Finance

54.1 It was resolved that the Parish Council will not pursue the offer of Data Protection Officer support from Maldon District Council.

54.2 It was resolved that the Parish Council to appoint Nancy Powell-Davies as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2019/20. The appointment for the financial year 2020/21 will be made early in the financial year.

19/55 Council Policies

It was resolved that the Parish Council to adopt the Social Media Policy, Complaints Procedure and Training Policy previously circulated by the Clerk.

19/56 Speed Checks

The Clerk to obtain further information on the Maldon District Council's speed check service for the next meeting.

19/57 Planning

57.1 Application 19/01309/LBC was noted.

57.2 20/00157/FUL – application to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell on Sea. NO COMMENT

57.3 ESS/11/20/BTE – proposed erection and use of a ready-mix concrete plan on land at Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane. NO COMMENT

57.4 20/00183/FUL – conversion of farm buildings into a dwelling with single storey extension, detached cart lodge and associated external alterations at outbuildings, Shrub Hill Farm, Maldon Road, Great Braxted. NO COMMENT

19/58 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held prior to the next meeting, scheduled for 30th April at 7.30pm.

19/59 Accounts for Payment

59.1 It was resolved that the January and February accounts for payment be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£412.40
HMRC	£103.00
Maldon District Council	£69.15
Office expenses	£67.89
Guy Hammerton (Grass Cutting)	£840.00
Autela Payroll Services	£47.08

19/60 General Announcements

Cllr Hornett reported receipt of the new electoral register and gave a reminder that it is the annual litter pick on Saturday 14th March.

The Clerk reported on two free training opportunities: Every Contact Counts and Community J9 Training.

A discussion was held on the fete funds. There is a community meeting planned on 24th March at 7pm in the Pavilion.

CLlr Knapman reported on a charity cycle route that would be passing through the village.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

