

Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held in the pavilion on May 9th 2019

1. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

2. Elections May 2nd 2019

The Parish Council Election was uncontested and the three nominations were duly elected. They were Mr Ken Hornett, Mr Iain Armstrong & Mr Craig Knapman.

3. Election of Chairman & Vice- Chairman

Mr Hornett was reappointed Chairman and Mr Armstrong was elected Vice-Chairman. Members all agreed that 2 new members should be co-opted. The Clerk would put a notice out asking for volunteers.

4. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All signed their declarations witnessed by the Clerk.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2019

Confirmed and signed as a true record.

7. Matters Arising

7.1 Defib

There had been little progress as the procedure for obtaining grants had been changed in April and is now administered by EALC. It was agreed to defer the matter until a new clerk was in post.

7.2 Branches over Tiptree Road

A high sided lorry had knocked down the damaged branch.

8. Police Matters

Nothing to report.

9. Finance

9.1. Council agreed payment of £100.64p for Clerk's wages and expenses March/April

9.2 Council agreed to re-affiliate to EALC for £105.24p

9.3 Council agreed payment of £750.00 to Mr Guy Hammerton for Grass Cutting of field.

9.4 Council agreed the quarterly payment of £37.00p to HMRC.

9.5 Annual Audit. The Annual Audit for the Audit Commission was completed and signed. The public rights to inspect the accounts would be published. Miss Torino was thanked for completing the internal audit. The Chairman signed the certificate of exemption as the Gt Braxted turnover was less than £25,000.00p

9.6 Council agreed payment of £150.00 to the Braxted Bulletin for an advertisement paid into our account in error.

10. Planning

10.1. Council agreed to support the application for the change of use of agricultural barn to B1 storage at Broomfields Farm.

11. Highways

Sextons Lane now open after water mains work. No new works planned.

12. Correspondence

Lt Braxted PC had written regarding the costs and organisation of the Remembrance Day service at the War memorial. A volunteer was requested to replace Ms Mandy Chapman who had organised the event for several years and had now resigned from the Council. Mr Armstrong agreed to make enquiries and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Appointment of new clerk

Members agreed that the vacancy should be put in the noticeboard and an article placed in the Braxted Bulletin. The Clerk would also make enquiries with locals who might be interested.

14. AOB

Mr Hornett briefly explained the interconnection between the Parish Council and the Pavilion Management Committee.

15. Date of Next Meeting

4th July 2019.