

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 9th September 2021 at 8pm

Present:

Councillor R Collins (Chairman), Councillor K Hornett, Councillor C Knapman, Councillor L Kane, District Councillor Siddall, Clerk, 1 member of the public.

21/39 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor I Armstrong.

21/40 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/41 Declarations of Interest

None.

21/42 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall raised the following:

- Refuse collection issue (mainly due to the 'pingdemic'). New drivers now recruited.
- Splash Park closed a month early.
- Citizens Advice Bureau in Maldon – 6-year contract including funding.
- Local Development Plan consultation document finished, now moving to defining proposals for how district is developed.
- Conservation Awards will be given out at the end of September.
- Council meetings back in chamber; live streaming to continue.
- Keeping regional planning committees.
- Asking for representation from Parish and Town Councils to become non-voting members of the Joint Standards Committee.
- Councillor Siddall is on the equality, inclusivity and diversity working group.
- Two new planning enforcement officers recruited.

21/43 Public Participation Session

No matters raised.

21/44 Planning

44.1 The Parish Council's 'no objection' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/00741/HOUSE – Car port at Sunnymead, Braxted Park Road, Great Braxted.

44.2 The Parish Council's 'no objection' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/00759/FUL – Demolition of garage and

construction of single storey one bedroom dwelling with associated car parking at 1 Village Farm Cottages, Tiptree Road, Great Braxted.

The following applications were considered by the meeting:

44.3 21/00820/HOUSE – Detached double garage at Shrub Hill Farm, Maldon Road, Great Braxted. **No objection.**

44.4 21/00765/FUL – Extension to link barn, install windows, change of use of agricultural barn to light industrial and storage purposes at Old Orchard Barn, Lea Lane, Great Braxted. **Objection.**

21/45 Finance

45.1 The following payments made outside of the meeting schedule were noted:

(a) To Councillor Kane as reimbursement of the Braxted Bulletin printing costs of £165.50 (July and August) from the microgrant fund – minute reference 21/25.1.

(b) To Councillor Knapman as reimbursement for printing costs of the fundraising flyer of £24.00 + VAT (from the playground project funds), approved under Financial Regulation 4.1.

(c) To Councillor Knapman as reimbursement for the cost of additional playground/field signs of £82.50 + VAT, approved under Financial Regulation 4.1.

45.2 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to allocate a further £1,000 to the playground project (in addition to the £5,000 previously agreed) from the £10,000 rate relief grant received.

45.3 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to pay the VAT element for the playground project out of general reserves.

21/46 Environment

46.1 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would not introduce charges for the commercial use of the Pavilion field at this time. The Council will review grass cutting costs at the end of the cutting season. Costs may need to be incorporated into the precept, but will be considered at budget review.

46.2 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to grant permission for a fundraising event to be held on 13th November 2021 with partial use of the field.

46.3 An update on the Braxted in Bloom project was given. Alternative areas for bulb planting were identified.

46.4 No application for trees will be made to the Woodland Trust this year.

46.5 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to extend the Trucam service from October 2021 to March 2022, with a review after this time.

46.6 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to appoint Walton Tree Services to undertake hedge cutting at the pavilion/field at a cost of £3,085.00 + VAT (minus a 10% discount for all works to be completed at the same time). £785 (minus 10%) of this will be requested from the Pavilion Committee.

46.7 The consideration of the purchase of a mower and storage facility was deferred until 2022.

46.8 It was resolved that the Parish Council to submit an application to the Local Highways Panel for traffic calming measures in Tiptree Road.

21/47 Queen's Jubilee 2022

Little Braxted Parish Council are leading on the Braxted commemorations for the Jubilee in 2022. An event will be held at the Pavilion. Purchase of a commemorative tree to be discussed.

21/48 Accounts for Payment

48.1 It was resolved that the accounts for payment between 28th July and 9th September 2021 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£211.80
HMRC	£53.00
Office expenses	£51.49
Councillor Kane (expenses)	See minute reference 45.1
Councillor Knapman (expenses)	See minute reference 45.1
Playsafe Playgrounds Ltd	£22,800.00

21/49 General Announcements

The following matters were raised:

- Clarification requested on playground project funds from previous financial years.
- Livewell grant of £1,000 approved. This will fund an instructor to offer free outdoor gym classes: 10 sessions for juniors; 10 sessions for adults; 10 sessions for seniors.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm