

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 10th March 2022 at 8pm

Present:

Councillor I Armstrong (Chairman), Councillor R Collins, Councillor K Hornett, Councillor C Knapman, Councillor L Kane, District Councillor R Siddall, Clerk, 13 members of the public.

21/71 Apologies for Absence

None received.

21/72 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/73 Declarations of Interest

None received.

21/74 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall responded to queries in relation to the Local Plan consultation.

21/75 Public Participation Session

The following matters were raised:

- Maldon District Council Local Plan consultation concerns.
- Enforcement matters.
- Recent spate of crime.

21/76 Planning

76.1 The Parish Council's '**no objection**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following applications was noted: 22/00009/HOUSE and 22/00010/LBC – External and internal alterations at Brickhouse, Braxted Road, Kelvedon.

76.2 The Parish Council's '**no objection**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 22/00251/HOUSE – Proposed replacement of existing conservatory with two-storey rear extension, single storey side extension and front porch at Rosemary Cottage, Bung Row, Great Braxted.

76.3 The Parish Council's '**no comment**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01347/VAR – Variation of conditions notification ENF/16/00255 at Rosedale Cottages, Maldon Road, Great Braxted.

76.4 It was resolved that the Parish Council to endorse the resident group's representation in its submission to Maldon District Council's Local Plan consultation.

21/77 Finance

77.1 It was resolved that the Parish Council to continue with the Maldon District Council Trucam service from April 2022 for two hours per month at a cost of £35.94 per hour, for a 6-month period after which it will be reviewed.

77.2 It was resolved that the Parish Council to transfer the account holder name and direct debit for the Parish Council's mobile phone from the Clerk over to the Council.

77.3 It was resolved that the Parish Council to subscribe to a PO Box service as an alternative to using the Clerk's home address on correspondence, for an initial 12-month period, at a cost of £360 inclusive of VAT.

77.4 It was resolved that the Parish Council to pre-approve the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk's use in April, up to the budgeted amount of £700.

77.5 The National Joint Council new rates of pay for 2021-22 were noted.

21/78 Environment

78.1 The Pavilion Management Committee has liaised with the Cricket Club and a new area has been allocated for grass cutting disposal.

78.2 The Parish Council are content to continue with the current arrangements for the annual Remembrance Day commemorations.

78.3 The official playground opening day is on Saturday 30th April 2022.

78.4 It was noted that two 'Playground-Caution' signs are already in place in the village.

78.5 The Parish Council is in support of Little Braxted Parish Council's intention to approach Brice Aggregates for some form of 'community payback', but would like to discuss the project further or suggest an alternative project.

21/79 Platinum Jubilee Event

79.1 It was resolved that the Parish Council to allocate up to £1,000 from general reserves towards the Platinum Jubilee event on 3rd June.

79.2 The Clerk to organise for the letters of invitation to be printed. A group of residents and councillors will be asked to deliver to all residents.

21/80 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment between 14th January 2022 and 10th March 2022 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£529.60
Office expenses	£58.34
Handmade by Jo	£10.00*
Play Inspection Company	£456.00*
Playsafe Playgrounds	£69,517.20*
Councillor Knapman (expenses)	£344.39*
Maldon District Council	£540.43
Zurich Insurance	£50.85*
Wicks Manor	£100.00*

Mrs Hogan	£100.00
Braxted Pavilion	£60.00
Hatfield Peverel Parish Council	£9.00

* Indicates playground project funds

21/81 General Announcements

The following matters were raised:

- Next meeting dates set as 12th May and 14th July.
- Resident complaint about persons unknown picking daffodils on Council land.
- Pavilion Management Committee seeking quotes to extend on site car parking.
- Grant funding being sought on behalf of the Pavilion Management Committee to improve insulation.

21/82 Grass Cutting Contract

It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S.1(2), the Parish Council to exclude members of the public for the duration of this item to consider tenders received for the Grass Cutting Contract 2022.

It was resolved that the Parish Council to award the Grass Cutting Contract to DW Maintenance, for an initial 12-month contract. This will be reviewed after 6 months with a view to extend the contract to a 3-year term.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm