

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Pavilion on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Present.** Mr K Hornett (Chairman), Mr I Armstrong & Mrs B Spensley.

**1. Apologies.** Mr G Elder; Mrs W Roderick.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** None

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2017.** Confirmed and signed as a true record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

**4.1 Village Pump.** Nearing completion. The surrounding area has been tidied and cobbles cleaned.

**4.2 Village sign.** Awaiting final coat but delayed following his wife's death.

### **Item 10. Braxted Bulletin was taken.**

**5. Police/Neighbourhood Watch Report.** No incidents reported.

### **6. Finance.**

**6.1.** Council agreed payment of £95.40p for Clerk's salary & expenses for Nov/Dec.

**6.2** Council agreed payment of £109.00p to Elliotts Printing for November Bulletin

**6.3** Council agreed payment of £86.00p to Ms J Green for December Bulletin.

**6.4** Council agreed payment of £50.58p to Lt Braxted PC for War Memorial.

**6.5** Council agreed payment of £33.60p to Autela for payroll services

**6.6** Council agreed payment of £35 60p to HMRC for Clerk's PAYE.

**6.7** 2018-2019 Precept. The Clerk tabled accounts of the Council's spending and outlined the current commitments for the field, pump & village sign. Members discussed future expenditure and concerns were raised about the maintenance of the cricket field and the costs of the Braxted Bulletin. The Clerk informed members that the current bank balance was £5,141.66. It was proposed by Mr Armstrong that the Precept for 2018-19 be raised to £6,000 an increase of £1500. This was unanimously agreed.

### **7. Planning.**

**7.1 Extension to 1 Granville Close.** Members supported this application.

**7.2** The Clerk informed members that Maldon DC were changing the planning process from May 2018 and parish council's will no longer receive paper copies of applications.

### **8. Highways.**

**8.1** The Clerk informed members that Tiptree PC and Lt Totham were working with Highways to improve Tiptree Heath junction.

**8.2** It was reported that Wickham Bishops had traffic officers operating but they never came to Gt Braxted. Mr Hornett informed members that with limited resources larger villages with huge problems were a priority. The Maldon Community Officers were now undergoing training with the new speed guns to support the Police.

**9. Correspondence.** None.

**10. Braxted Bulletin.** The Chairman reported that Julie Green was unable to continue as editor of the Bulletin and a shortened version for January was only available on line. Mr Hornett wanted to thank her for the magnificent job she had done and suggested a group get together to meet with her to find out what skills were needed and how it was compiled. In the meantime, a notice would be circulated to the villagers explaining the situation and asking for any volunteers to come forward and get involved as members all agreed that the Bulletin should continue.

**11. AOB.** From the floor Mr Grainger raised the following concerns which were noted.

- Drainage in Bung Row. Ditches need clearing.
- Dog Mess. Increase in mess in playground and on cricket field.
- Road works in village. Dates still to be confirmed.
- Gravel lorries from Quarry turning up Braxted Park Road. Details of company and registration numbers needed.
- Cars parking on verge near entrance of playground and lorries churning up the junction.

**12. Date of Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**