

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online via Zoom on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 8pm

## Present:

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

## 20/59 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor I Armstrong.

## 20/60 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed as a correct record by the Chairman. The minutes will be physically signed as soon as practically possible.

## 20/61 Declarations of Interest

None.

## 20/62 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall discussed the following:

- Bradwell B project on hold.
- Climate Change Sustainability policy.
- Corporate Plan being presented to full Council.
- Budget agreed last month. Precept increase of £5 per annum Band D.
- High Street proposals scrapped.
- 'Shop Local' policy.
- Splash Park re-opening in June.
- Further concessions will be in place on the prom.
- Barge wharfage fee – 50% discount next financial year.
- Essex County Council has doubled funding for roads. £400k available for Maldon district.

## 20/63 Public Participation Session

One member of the public raised the following:

- Blocked ditches causing flooding; taking days to go down.
- Volume of water from fields.

## 20/64 Planning

**64.1** 21/00141/HOUSE – Proposed removal and relocation of ground floor windows at Blackwater Barn, Lea Lane, Great Braxted. NO OBJECTION.

**64.2** The Parish Council's SUPPORTED response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/00079/HOUSE – Proposed single storey rear extension at Sunnymede, Braxted Park Road, Great Braxted.

**64.3** The Parish Council's SUPPORTED response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/00072/HOUSE – Replacement garage with first floor home office, single storey rear extension and new carport in grounds at Lea Lane Wood, Lea Lane, Great Braxted.

## 20/65 Finance

**It was resolved that** the Parish Council to change banking provider from the Co-operative Bank to Unity Trust Bank.

## 20/66 Grass Cutting

**It was resolved that** the Parish Council to appoint Maldon District Council to carry out grass cutting for a period of 12 months at £120 per cut.

## 20/67 Projects and Funding

**67.1** An update on the playground project funding was received.

**67.2 It was resolved that** the Parish Council to allocate up to £5,000 from the Small Business Rate Relief Grant towards the new playground project.

## 20/68 Trucam

**It was resolved that** the Parish Council to request 2 hours per month for the Trucam service for a period of 6 months (April 2021 to October 2021), at an hourly rate of £35.06, on weekdays only.

## 20/69 Meeting Dates

**69.1** The possible return to face-to-face meetings was discussed.

**69.2 It was agreed that** the Parish Council will not convene an Annual Parish Meeting in 2021.

**69.3 It was agreed that** the Parish Council to reschedule the May Annual Parish Council Meeting and ordinary meeting from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> May so that it can be legally convened 'virtually'.

## 20/70 Accounts for Payment

**It was resolved that** the accounts for payment between 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£423.80
HMRC	£105.80
Office expenses	£59.11
Hatfield Peverel Parish Council	£9.00
BKL Minor Works (Defib fitting)	£257.70

## 20/71 General Announcements

The Clerk raised the following:

- Ormiston Rivers Academy consultation.
- Parish Service Form on village services completed.

- Maldon District Council outdoor gym usage survey.

Councillor Collins raised the following:

- Resident concerns about lorries in Sextons Lane.
- Resident concerns about number of pitches, walls and gates in Lea Lane.

Councillor Hornett expressed his thanks to fellow Councillors for all their recent efforts and support of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm