

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online via Zoom on 12th November 2020

Present:

Councillor K Hornett (Chairman), Councillor C Knapman, Councillor R Collins, Councillor I Armstrong, District Councillor R Siddall, Clerk

20/34 Apologies for Absence

None received.

20/35 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020 were agreed as a correct record by the Chairman. The minutes will be physically signed as soon as practically possible.

20/36 Declarations of Interest

None.

20/37 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall discussed the following:

- Left Conservative group and now working with the Independent group.
- Appointed as Strategy and Resources Committee Chairman.
- Now sitting on the Local Highways Panel.
- Maldon District Council – difficult financial situation due to Covid.
- Questions relating to the plans to pedestrianise the High Street.
- Feasibility study of the Five Corners junction.
- Plans for 20mph speed limits near schools moving forwards.

20/38 Public Participation Session

No members of the public were in attendance and the Clerk had not received any comments.

20/39 Planning

39.1 20/01053/HOUSE – Convert and extend existing garage; single storey rear extension; front door canopy; bin store; new chimney; alterations to fenestration and internal alterations at Holly Tree Cottage, Bung Row, Great Braxted. NO OBJECTION.

39.2 20/01083/HOUSE – Rear two storey extension at Fir Trees, Maldon Road, Tiptree. NO OBJECTION

39.3 The Parish Council's NO OBJECTION response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 20/00948/HOUSE.

20/40 Finance

The withdrawal of the Parish Council's insurance claim for the damage to the village pump was noted. Local residents have offered to repair the damage.

20/41 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment between 2nd October and 12th November 2020 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£423.60
HMRC	£106.00
Office expenses	£37.80
Hatfield Peverel Parish Council	£22.00
Royal British Legion	£25.00
Information Commissioners Office	£40.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£333.60
Fast Signs	£106.04

20/42 Highways Matters

It was decided that no further action would be taken by the Parish Council in light of the Local Highways Panel's decision regarding speeding restrictions on the B1022.

20/43 Projects and Funding

43.1 The successful application for a Locality Fund grant of £1,600 to fund a community defibrillator was noted. **It was resolved that** an external, locked cabinet and defibrillator unit would be ordered from the London Hearts charity.

43.2 The following projects were identified to benefit from the Small Business Rate Relief Grant received: Playground project; white gates; Braxted in Bloom; wheelie bin 30mph stickers; additional artificial poppies for the base of the soldier silhouette (for 2021 Remembrance Day); 'speed check area' signs.

- **It was resolved that** Councillor Knapman to order 300 x 30mph wheelie bin stickers for distribution to residents living in 30mph zones.
- The Braxted in Bloom initiative was postponed until Autumn 2021.
- The Clerk to contact Highways regarding white gate specification, conditions and procedure, and advise Councillors at the January meeting.
- Councillor Armstrong reported that Trucam services would commence in December – two hours per month initially (minute reference 20/18.1) to be funded from general reserves. The meeting agreed for Councillor Armstrong to research 'speed check area' signs once Trucam is up and running. The Clerk reported that a Highways licence would be needed to install these signs on street furniture. The Clerk will research this and report to the January meeting, when a decision to purchase can be made.

20/44 General Announcements

Councillor Collins raised the following:

- Child Protection Policy needed – Clerk to write and submit to January meeting for approval.
- Currently researching funds for the play area.
- A 'learn to cycle' path as part of the play area project.
- Grants available through Energy Savings Trust – might be suitable for the Pavilion, for example, for solar panels and insulation.

20/45 Meeting Dates

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 14th January 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm