**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**