**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion**

**on 13th January 2022 at 8pm**

# **Present:**

Councillor I Armstrong (Chairman), Councillor C Knapman, Councillor L Kane, District Councillor R Siddall, Clerk, 1 member of the public.

# **21/61 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Collins and Hornett.

# **21/62 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were agreed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

# **21/63 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

# **21/64 Maldon District Councillor Update**

## District Councillor Siddall raised the following matters:

* Currently ‘Leader Designate’. There will be an emergency meeting at Maldon District Council to cover statutory matters, including the election of Leader.
* Local Development Plan launch – consultation to begin shortly.
* Redevelopment of the Maldon Splash Park.
* Climate Action Plan.
* Joint Standards Committee – currently no Parish Council representative.
* Highways - policy change for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Parish Councils can now purchase their own.

# **21/65 Public Participation Session**

No matters were raised:

# **21/66 Planning**

**66.1** The Parish Council’s ‘**no** **comment**’ response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: ESS/26/21/OTE – Continued use of the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant facility at Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End.

**66.2** The Parish Council’s ‘**no** **comment**’ response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01092/FUL – Construction of a new day room to replace the existing day room and the replacement of the existing twin mobile home unit with a single mobile home unit at 2 The Orchards, Lea Lane, Great Braxted.

**66.3** The Parish Council’s ‘**no objection**’ response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01264/HOUSE – Replace conservatory with single storey extension at Clark House, Tiptree Road, Great Braxted.

**66.4** The Parish Council’s ‘**no objection**’ response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01218/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 20/00183/FUL at Shrub Hill Farm, Maldon Road, Great Braxted.

The following applications were considered at the meeting:

**66.5** ECC/98/21/BTE – Continuation of mineral extraction at Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End. **Rivenhall Parish Council’s submission supported.**

**66.6** 21/01338/FUL – Demolition of existing barns and the erection of four 3-bedroom new build dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for two 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom dwellings, subject of application COUPA/MAL/20/01316) at The Barn, Braxted Park Road, Tiptree. **Objection on grounds of overdevelopment and design incongruous to surroundings.**

# **21/67 Finance**

**67.1** **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to approve the budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

**67.2 It was resolved that** the Parish Council to agree the precept of £9,550 for the 2022/23 financial year.

**67.3 It was resolved that** the Parish Council to pre-approve the purchase of slate donation plaques at £440 with £100 deposit initially.

# **21/68 Environment**

**68.1** The discussion of having a village Christmas tree in 2022 was deferred until the next meeting.

**68.2** Unofficial playground opening will be after the remedial issues are rectified (expected to be late February). Official opening estimated for April/May. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**68.3** The grass cutting tender documents will be amended following a site assessment. Agreement on the final specification will be confirmed via email.

# **21/69 Accounts for Payment**

**It was resolved that** the accounts for payment between 12th November 2021 and 13th January 2022 be approved as follows:

Staff costs £423.60

HMRC £106.00

Office expenses £30.85

Little Braxted Parish Council £157.80

Handmade by Jo £100.00\*

Walton’s Tree Services £3,943.80

Playsafe Playgrounds £828.00\*

Councillor Knapman (expenses) £1,450.82\*

\* Indicates playground project funds

# **21/70 General Announcements**

The following matters were raised:

* Little Braxted Parish Council is seeking a contribution from Brice Aggregates community payback scheme towards a new bridge at Appleford Bridge. Will be considered by Great Braxted Parish Council at the next meeting once further information obtained.
* Councillor Knapman expressed his thanks at the Parish Council’s support of the playground project.

## **Meeting closed at 9.40pm**