

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online via Zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 8pm

## Present:

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

## 20/46 Apologies for Absence

None received.

## 20/47 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed as a correct record by the Chairman. The minutes will be physically signed as soon as practically possible.

## 20/48 Declarations of Interest

None.

## 20/49 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall discussed the following:

- Serious flooding, mainly affecting the Dengie area.
- Legislation allowing remote meetings ends in May 2021.
- First Local Highways Panel meeting attended in December.
- Maldon District Council's reception area is now a Covid vaccination centre.
- Maldon Town Hall is a Covid testing centre (collection, testing at home and returning).
- Promenade Park play equipment has been closed due to the volume of people visiting.
- Will be a new play garden at Promenade Park, accessible to all children.
- District Council income down on car parking fees, amongst others. Money is being spent on essential services.
- No longer have a 5-year land supply.

## 20/50 Public Participation Session

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

## 20/51 Planning

**51.1** 20/01316/COUPA – Change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 No. dwellinghouses at Barn A & Barn B at The Barn, Braxted Park Road, Great Braxted.  
NO OBJECTION.

**51.2** The Parish Council's NO OBJECTION response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 20/01157/HOUSE – Proposed car port to side of existing dwelling at Sunnymede, Braxted Park Road, Great Braxted.

**51.3** 21/00022/HOUSE – Convert and extend garage at Holly Tree Cottage, Bung Row, Great Braxted. NO OBJECTION

**It was decided that** the Parish Council would not submit comments in relation to the Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan.

## 20/52 Finance

**52.1 It was resolved that** the Parish Council to approve the budget for the financial year 2021/22.

**52.2 It was resolved that** the Parish Council to adopt a precept of £8,323 for the financial year 2021/22.

## 20/53 Policies

**It was resolved that** the Parish Council to adopt the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

## 20/54 Projects and Funding

**54.1** Following discussion, **it was decided that** the Parish Council to submit a Local Highways Panel application for a solution to the speeding issues in Tiptree Road, for example, by the installation of white gates, for consideration at the March panel.

**54.2** An update on the TRUCAM speed enforcement initiative was received: sites approved. The Service Level Agreement is pending. The purchase of warning signs was deferred until TRUCAM is up and running.

## 20/55 Highways Matters

**It was decided that** the Parish Council to submit a Local Highways Panel application for a solution to the inadequate verge by the bus stop opposite J Purdy and Sons, Maldon Road, as raised by a local resident, for consideration at the March panel.

## 20/56 Accounts for Payment

**It was resolved that** the accounts for payment between 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£423.60
HMRC	£106.00
Office expenses	£54.67
Councillor C Knapman (expenses)	£197.77
Guy Hammerton (grass cutting)	£420.00
London Hearts (defibrillator)	£1,729.20
Little Braxted Parish Council	£77.62

## 20/57 Meeting Dates

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The May meeting will include the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## 20/58 General Announcements

The Clerk reported that she is beginning the Level 4 Cert HE in Community Governance in February.

Councillor Collins raised the following:

- Submitting a planning application shortly.
- Grants for fibre are available for community groups. A community group consists of at least two households.

The meeting offered thanks to District Councillor Siddall for kindly setting up the Zoom meeting on the Parish Council's behalf.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm