**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online via Zoom on 14th 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 12th 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 Sunnymeade, 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 13th November 2020 and 14th 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 11th March and Thursday 20th 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**