

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8pm

## Present:

Councillor I Armstrong (Chairman), Councillor R Collins, Councillor K Hornett, District Councillor Richard Siddall, Clerk, three members of the public.

## 22/29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Knapman and Kane.

## 22/30 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 22/31 Declarations of Interest

None received.

## 22/32 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall sent his apologies, but provided the following update:

- Local Plan progress has slowed. It will probably not be completed until the end of 2025.
- Appleford Bridge repairs.
- Barclays banking hub at the District Council offices is for advice only.

## 22/33 Public Participation Session

Two members of the public raised the following:

- Trucam service – the timings of visits are not always ideal (ie mid-morning).
- Braxted Bulletin local event advert says funds going to a footpath on the playing field. This was confirmed as incorrect.

## 22/34 Planning

**34.1** 22/00505/HOUSE – Single-storey side extension at Lea Lane Cottage, Lea Lane, Great Braxted. **No objection.**

## 22/35 Finance

**35.1** The conclusion of the external audit for financial year 2021/22 was noted.

**35.2 It was resolved that** the Parish Council would remain opted into the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

## 22/36 Environment

**36.1 It was resolved that** the Trucam service will be extended for a further six months from October 2022 at a cost of £35.94 per hour.

**36.2** The quote from Caloo for outdoor gym repairs was not agreed.

**36.3 It was resolved that** DW Maintenance would be offered a three-year grass cutting contract from March 2022 to March 2025, with years 2 and 3 at a rate of £185 per cut.

The following agenda items were deferred until the November meeting:

- Outdoor fitness sessions for next year.
- Grant towards the Pavilion car park extension.
- Grass cutting versus land ownership regarding the playing field.
- Field pedestrian gate.

## 22/37 Accounts for Payment

**It was resolved that** the accounts for payment between 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£539.20
Office expenses	£37.99
DW Maintenance	£145.00
Walton's Tree Services	£348.00
Master J Knight	£630.00
PKF Littlejohn	£480.00
ID Mobile	£12.00
Cloud Next	£68.36
Unity Trust Bank	£18.00
Councillor Knapman (expenses)	£85.56

## 22/38 Early 2023 meeting dates

Set as: Thursday 12th January and Thursday 9th March.

## 22/39 General Announcements

The following matters were raised:

- National Highways correspondence received regarding the A12 widening project.
- Councillor Hornett intends to resign as councillor by March 2023.
- Clerk's resignation noted.
- Issue relating to the Remembrance Day service is now resolved.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm