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

**On 26th 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 14th July and 8th 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 14th July 2022 and 26th 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**