

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 12th January 2023 at 8pm

Present:

Councillor I Armstrong (Chairman), Councillor R Collins, Councillor K Hornett, Councillor C Knapman, Clerk and two members of the public

22/50 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lee Kane, Cllr Richard Siddal and Cllr Simon Morgan

22/51 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th November 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/52 Declarations of Interest

None received.

22/53 Sole Trustee Status for the Pavilion

Councillors discussed the merits of taking over the management of the pavilion by becoming the Sole Trustee.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed in principle and Cllr Ken Hornett will make further enquiries about the process required and bring to the next Council meeting.

22/54 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor R Siddall was not present but provided an update which was read out at the meeting, including:

- Maldon District Council have been selected to take part in a trial of food wrap and plastic kerb side collection and Great Braxted has been chosen to participate.
- Tree planting sites in Little Totham are being agreed to plant trees in commemoration of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- Maldon District Council is applying for levelling up and rural grants. Details of how the funds have been spent will be outlined later in the year.
- Bellway application for Broad Street Green was approved after developer revised plans.
- Changes to speed limit outside Great Totham Primary School and safety measures along the walkable footpath have been approved by MDC and now move to ECC for approval.
- The removal of local planning committees was voted down by MDC Members in December 2022.
- Work on the Local Plan will recommence in January 2023 with a completion date expected to be in 2024.

RESOLVED: Cllr Siddall's update was noted.

22/55 2023 Remembrance Day Service

Councillors received a written proposal from Cllr Simon Morgan regarding the 2023 Remembrance Day Service.

RESOLVED: Councillors confirmed they wish to continue holding the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

RESOLVED: A representative from Great Braxted Parish Council will participate in a committee, convened by Cllr Morgan, to seek to organise and implement the required traffic control measures to permit the Service to be held safely.

22/56 Great Braxted Village Clean Up 2023

Following the cancellation of the village clean up over the past two years Councillors are keen to recommence this activity.

RESOLVED: the 2023 Great Braxted Village Clean Up will take place on the 18th March 2023.

RESOLVED: Cllr Knapman will organise the event with the support of the Clerk.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will arrange litter pickers and rubbish bags from MDC.

RESOLVED: Cllr K Hornett will organise refreshments.

22/57 Great Braxted Pavilion

Cllr R Collins advised the Council there is grant funding available which, if granted, could be used to solve the issues of the Pavilion movement and subsidence problems.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed Cllr Collins could applying for grant funding.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed £3k to be transferred from the Playground Fund to be used to support the grant funding application. This sum will be returned to the Playground Fund once the Pavilion funding is obtained.

22/58 Public Participation Session

A member of the public noted the grass cutting throughout 2022 was excellent. However, advised it would benefit the cricketers if the grass was cut two days before a home match.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will obtain the cricket schedule and liaise with the grounds maintenance team to perform a cut as close to two days before a home match as possible.

A member of the public noticed large warning signs were displayed when the TRUCAM officer was in a local village and felt this defeated the object of catching speeding drivers.

Councillors discussed the effectiveness of using TRUCAM if drivers received a prominent warning and if money would be better spent on purchasing or installing speed camera signs to install in the village.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will liaise with MDC's Community Engagement Team to ascertain the reason for the warning signs and if they are obligatory.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will liaise with ECC Highways to ascertain the legalities of installing speed camera signs.

22/59 Finance

59.1 Councillors discussed the proposed budget and precept for 2023-24 and agreed a budget of £10,231 with a precept of £56.93, this being a 4.4% increase on the previous year.

RESOLVED: the Parish Council approved the budget for 2023/24.

RESOLVED: the Parish Council agreed the precept of £10,231 for the 2023/24 financial year.

22/60 Planning

60.1 The Parish Council's '**no objection**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 22/01161/HOUSE PP-11679517 – Proposed single storey side/rear extension, Oak View House Tiptree Road Great Braxted Essex.

22/61 Environment

61.1 Outdoor Fitness Sessions – Councillors advised outdoor fitness sessions could only take place if grant funding was found.

RESOLVED: Cllr Collins to research grants available to fund the outdoor fitness initiative in 2023.

61.2 Grant for Pavilion car park improvements – Cllr Collins confirmed funding for the car park improvements would be included in the grant funding noted above in Minute 22/57.

22/62 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment between 11th November 2022 and 12th January 2023 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£484.75
Office expenses	£24.00
DW Maintenance	£145.00
Little Braxted Parish Council	£231.05

22/63 General Announcements

The following matters were raised:

- A villager had sincerely thanked Cllr Knapman for changing the gate latch on the playground gate, which was now much easier to open.

- Cllr Knapman advised the Council the basketball back board was rotten and the insert of the bin at the playground has worn out. Both require replacing which Cllr Knapman offered to organise.
- The car park gate requires attention to re-level it. A member of the public and Cllrs Knapman and Armstrong offered to look into repairing this.
- Cllr Hornett advised he would be stepping down as a Councillor before the elections in May 2023.

Meeting closed at 9.29pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Cllr R Collins

Chairman