

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 13th January 2022 at 8pm

Present:

Councillor I Armstrong (Chairman), Councillor C Knapman, Councillor L Kane, District Councillor R Siddall, Clerk, 1 member of the public.

21/61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Collins and Hornett.

21/62 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were agreed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

21/63 Declarations of Interest

None received.

21/64 Maldon District Councillor Update

District Councillor Siddall raised the following matters:

- Currently 'Leader Designate'. There will be an emergency meeting at Maldon District Council to cover statutory matters, including the election of Leader.
- Local Development Plan launch – consultation to begin shortly.
- Redevelopment of the Maldon Splash Park.
- Climate Action Plan.
- Joint Standards Committee – currently no Parish Council representative.
- Highways - policy change for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Parish Councils can now purchase their own.

21/65 Public Participation Session

No matters were raised:

21/66 Planning

66.1 The Parish Council's '**no comment**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: ESS/26/21/OTE – Continued use of the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant facility at Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End.

66.2 The Parish Council's '**no comment**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01092/FUL – Construction of a new day room to replace the existing day room and the replacement of the existing twin mobile home unit with a single mobile home unit at 2 The Orchards, Lea Lane, Great Braxted.

66.3 The Parish Council's '**no objection**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01264/HOUSE – Replace conservatory with single storey extension at Clark House, Tiptree Road, Great Braxted.

66.4 The Parish Council's '**no objection**' response (made outside of a meeting) to the following application was noted: 21/01218/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 20/00183/FUL at Shrub Hill Farm, Maldon Road, Great Braxted.

The following applications were considered at the meeting:

66.5 ECC/98/21/BTE – Continuation of mineral extraction at Colemans Farm Quarry, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End. **Rivenhall Parish Council's submission supported.**

66.6 21/01338/FUL – Demolition of existing barns and the erection of four 3-bedroom new build dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for two 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom dwellings, subject of application COUPA/MAL/20/01316) at The Barn, Braxted Park Road, Tiptree. **Objection on grounds of overdevelopment and design incongruous to surroundings.**

21/67 Finance

67.1 It was resolved that the Parish Council to approve the budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

67.2 It was resolved that the Parish Council to agree the precept of £9,550 for the 2022/23 financial year.

67.3 It was resolved that the Parish Council to pre-approve the purchase of slate donation plaques at £440 with £100 deposit initially.

21/68 Environment

68.1 The discussion of having a village Christmas tree in 2022 was deferred until the next meeting.

68.2 Unofficial playground opening will be after the remedial issues are rectified (expected to be late February). Official opening estimated for April/May. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

68.3 The grass cutting tender documents will be amended following a site assessment. Agreement on the final specification will be confirmed via email.

21/69 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment between 12th November 2021 and 13th January 2022 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£423.60
HMRC	£106.00
Office expenses	£30.85
Little Braxted Parish Council	£157.80
Handmade by Jo	£100.00*
Walton's Tree Services	£3,943.80

Playsafe Playgrounds	£828.00*
Councillor Knapman (expenses)	£1,450.82*

* Indicates playground project funds

21/70 General Announcements

The following matters were raised:

- Little Braxted Parish Council is seeking a contribution from Brice Aggregates community payback scheme towards a new bridge at Appleford Bridge. Will be considered by Great Braxted Parish Council at the next meeting once further information obtained.
- Councillor Knapman expressed his thanks at the Parish Council's support of the playground project.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm