

GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the pavilion on 2nd March 2017.

Present: Mr K Hornett (Chairman) Mr G Elder, Mr I Armstrong.

1. Apologies for absence. Mrs W Roderick, Mrs B Spensley. Ms Chapman (NHW)

2. Declarations of Interest. None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2016. Confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1 Oak Trees. Work would commence on March 9th. It was agreed to ask the tree surgeon to leave some of the cord wood and Mr Armstrong volunteered to store and distribute it.

5. Police Matters. In Ms Chapman's absence, the Chairman read out her report. From the report it was noted that some of the responsibilities of the Police including Community Speed watch would be taken over by Essex Fire & Rescue. There is now closer cooperation between the Police and the NHW. The new Community Protection Officers from MDC are currently being trained in the use of the TruCam speed camera.

6. Planning. No applications to consider. The proposed house at Broadfields Farm, Braxted Park Rd had been referred to the planning committee.

7. Finance.

7.1 Council agreed payment of £92.60p for Clerk's wages and expenses.

7.2 Council agreed payment to Elliotts Printing of £174.00p for the January & February Braxted Bulletin.

7.3 Council agreed payment of £70 to the Pavilion Management Committee for pavilion hire.

7.4 Council agreed payment of £110 to the Clerk for work and expenses setting up the new computer and website.

8. Highways.

8.1 Discussion took place regarding how the results of the traffic survey at High Ridge were interpreted. The Chairman reported that since the veto of the VAS sign on Braxted Park Road there had been an accident outside the entrance to Braxted Park Estate. It was agreed to form an Ad hoc working party of Messrs Elder, Armstrong and Olley to discuss a way forward regarding speeding and this would report back at the next meeting.

8.2 A12 Improvements Consultation. The Chairman reported on the meeting held at Rivenhall outlining the different plans. The neighbouring parish councils were concerned about Junction 22 and how local traffic would access the A12. It was noted that a new Rivenhall By Pass with 6 lanes would cut across the new reservoir and impinge on Gt Braxted residents and the River Blackwater.

9. Correspondence.

MDC had written asking the Council if they could store the election furniture/booths. It was agreed that we didn't have any storage space. The Chairman informed members that MDC would not distribute recycling sacks and residents needed to collect them from Wickham Bishops Library or Gt Totham Post Office.

10. Village Clean Up.

Arrangements were discussed for March 11th. MDC had offered to loan their litter pickers.

11. AOB.

11.1 Village Sign. Mr Hewitt had agreed to refurbish the sign and Mr Armstrong agreed to repaint the surrounding iron work.

11.2 Pump. The Clerk had not heard back from Bakers of Danbury. MDC had advised the Council that the pump was Grade 2 listed.

11.3 Plants/Bulbs/Shrubs. Mr Elder would consult with the garden club regarding the proposed purchase of plants/bulbs for the village.

12. Date of Next Meetings.

**11th May 2017, 6th July 2017, 7th September 2017, 2nd November 2017, January 11th 2018
March 8th 2018.**