

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the pavilion on
6th September 2018**

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

1. Apologies for Absence. Mrs B Spensley, Cllr J Keyes.

2. Declarations of Interest. None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018. Confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1 Pavilion Noticeboard. The Clerk had obtained quotes for a small noticeboard to attach to the pavilion wall. After discussion it was decided to accept Mr Armstrong's offer to undertake the work himself.

5. Police Matters/ Neighbourhood Watch report.

5.1 Very quiet in the village. Reports have been published in the Braxted Bulletin. A stolen Fork lift from Lt Braxted had been found in Criers Wood.

6. Finance.

6.1 Council agreed payment of £98.76p for Clerk's wages & expenses for July/August.

6.2 Council agreed payment of £45.00 +£9.00p VAT to Wicksteeds for playground safety inspection.

6.3 Council agreed payment of £71.59p to Mr Lee Kane for printing Braxted Bulletin.

6.4 Council agreed payment of £25.00 to Miss S Mann for garden voucher agreed at May meeting.

6.5 Council agreed payment of £100.00p to Mr G Bendall for pest control on cricket field.

6.6 It was noted that the Braxted Bulletin bank account had now been set up and monies received for adverts would be transferred.

7. Planning. FUL/MAL/18/00954/HOUSE. Council had no objections to the application of a garage and woodstore at Brickhouse, Braxted Road, Kelvedon.

8. Highways. Concerns were expressed about the forthcoming road closures caused by the new water main in Tiptree Road. Diversion signs were needed to avoid traffic using the narrow Sextons Lane and Bung Row. The Chairman & Clerk agreed to keep members informed once work had started. Mr Kear would let members have the contact details of the contractors- Essex & Suffolk Water.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 World War 1 Commemoration. Tommy the figure of the World War 1 soldier had been put up at the entrance of the children's playground. The figure would be returned to

Maldon DC to be displayed at Maldon Prom at the event on November 11th. The Tourist Information Centre were co-ordinating all the events in the district. It was noted that the usual service at the War Memorial would be held at 2.30pm.

9.2 An invitation to the EALC AGM had been received but unfortunately no one was available.

10. Village Improvements

10.1 Playground Inspection. Wicksteeds had carried out their safety inspection and recommended a noticeboard for the new fitness equipment. Council would liaise with the Pavilion Management Committee.

10.2 Cricket Field Maintenance. The Chairman reported that the Cricket Club would finish cutting the grass and in the future it would be the responsibility of the Council. Interest in using the field had been received from Gt Totham Cricket Club and Maldon Croquet Club. The Council after a long discussion agreed in principle that the field should be used and both clubs should be encouraged. The Chairman reported that the clubs intended to inspect the field and consult their members. Councillors would be kept informed and further discussions would be held with the Pavilion Management Committee.

The Chairman had received an email from a resident regarding the state of the wire surrounding the field following an incident where a dog escaped. It was pointed out that the wire was to keep rabbits out. It had already been agreed to cut back the vegetation along the Tiptree Road boundary and after that it would be easier to see what repairs were necessary. It was felt that work should be done professionally as it was a public area.

11. AOB

11.1. Residents of High Ridge were having to park their cars on the grass and it was beginning to look a mess. Moat Housing would be contacted.

12. Date of Next Meeting. 8th November 2018