

Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held in the pavilion on 11th May 2017.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Ms M Chapman (NHW)

2. Chairman's Annual Report. See Report attached to minutes..

3. Declarations of Interest. None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2017. Confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising.

5.1 Re 11.3. Bulbs/Plants. Defer until Autumn.

5.2 Re 11.2 Pump. The Clerk reported that the Conservation Officer Tim Howson suggested contacting Goldhanger PC who had restored their pump. Clerk would report back at next meeting.

6. Police Matters/ Neighbourhood Watch Report. It was noted that a camper van had been stolen from Little Braxted. At the meeting it was reported that a spare wheel had been taken off a truck in Tiptree Road. The NHW had alerted villagers about the travellers who had illegally parked on land near the A12.

7. Finance

7.1 Council agreed payment of £47.90p for Clerk's wages & expenses for April.

7.2 Council agreed payment of £34.60 to HMRC

7.3 Council agreed payment of £184.00p to Elliotts Printing for the March/April Braxted Bulletin.

7.4 Council agreed to reaffiliate to EALC at a cost of £98.29

7.5 Council noted the payment from Maldon DC of the precept £4,500.

7.6 Annual Audit. The Annual Audit for the Audit Commission was completed and signed. The Clerk tabled the accounts and thanked Susie Torino for her invaluable help as the Internal Auditor.

7.7 Council agreed payment of £167.44p to Zurich Municipal for Great Braxted's Insurance Premium. Mr Hornett reported that he had checked the policy and was happy with the cover.

8. Planning

No new applications.

9. Highways

9.1 Feedback from ad hoc group re Speeding Traffic.

Mr Elder updated members regarding his emails to Mr Simmons at Essex Highways. The Local Highways Committee had passed the intended work to erect 30mph repeater signs along Tiptree Road at an estimated cost of £5000. This work is scheduled for June. Mr Elder would now try to involve Cllr Durham who had replaced Cllr Keyes on the LHC. The Clerk agreed to contact Gt Braxted PC to ask about how they obtained their Speed Camera Signs.

10. Correspondence. None

11. AOB

11.1 Mr Grainger informed members of his correspondence with the Highways Dept regarding his concerns over the drainage and potential flooding along Tiptree Rd. It was decided to defer any action on this until the new development had been completed.

12, Date of Next Meeting. 6th July 2017.