

Little Braxted Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Little Braxted Parish Council to be held at the Braxted Bakery, Witham Road, on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Gordon Mussett Parish Clerk 20th March 2023

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
 To receive apologies for absence
- **2. Declarations of Interest**For Members to declare any interests in matters on the agenda
- 3. To Consider any requests from Members for Dispensations

 To consider any requests from Members with pecuniary interests for dispensations
 to enable them to participate on the item in which they have a pecuniary interest
- **4.** To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 24th January 2023

 To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2023 as a true record
- 5. To Invite Members of the Public to speak on Matters Regarding and Affecting the Parish
- 6. To receive a financial statement as of 28th February 2023 attached *To receive a financial statement as of 28th February 2023*
- 7. To Receive A Verbal Report on the Second Meeting of the A12 Enquiry
- 8. To Consider Joining the "20's Plenty" Campaign Attached To consider joining the "20's Plenty" Campaign
- 9. To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council attached To review the corporate risks to the Council

10. To Review the Council's Risks - circulated separately

To review the Council's risks

11. To Consider the Proposals to Move the Quarry Processing Plant

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12. To Approve the following payments made between meetings

To note following payments made between meetings:-

Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
786	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£43.13
787	ICO	Data Protection Registration	£40.00
788	H Bendall	Litterpicking February	£48.93
789	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary February	£146.12
790	Comunicorp	Coronation Mugs	£295.20

13. To Approve the Following Payments

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Document Reference	Payable To	In Respect of	£
791	H Bendall	Litterpicking March	£61.22
792	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary March	£146.12
793	HMRC	Tax/NI	£148.60
794	The Braxted Bakery	Room Hire for meetings	£125.00
795	Maldon District Council	Speedchecks	£64.69

14. Clerks Report – for Information

a. To note the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting as Tuesday 16th May

15. Closure

ITEM 6
To receive a financial statement as of 28th February 2023

INCOME

	Document			General	War			
Date	reference	From	In Respect of	Administration £	Memorial £	Other £	VAT £	Total £
12/04/2022		HMRC	VAT Refund				251.64	£ 251.64
		Maldon District						
25/04/2022		Council	Precept			£ 4,500.00		£ 4,500.00
06/05/2022		G N Mussett	Fete Income			£ 944.00		£ 944.00
		Essex Community	Grant for					
26/09/2022		Foundation	Defibrillator			£ 1,500.00		£ 1,500.00
		Wickham Bishops	War Memorial					
05/01/2023		Parish Council	Recharge		£ 347.11			£ 347.11
		Wickham Bishops	Remembrance					
05/01/2023		Parish Council	Day Recharge			£ 933.48		£ 933.48
		Great Braxted Parish	War Memorial					
09/01/2023		Council	Recharge		£ 62.63			£ 62.63
		Great Braxted Parish	Remembrance					
09/01/2023		Council	Day Recharge			£ 168.42		£ 168.42
Total for Year				£ -	£ 409.74	£ 8,045.90	£ 251.64	£ 8,707.28

EXPENDITURE

	Cheque	Invoice			Clerk's		Subscriptions						Litter			tal Net of				
Date	No		Payable To	In Respect of	Salary £	Elections £	£	£	£	£	er£	Fete	Picking £	Other £	VA		VAT	ī £	Tota	
03/05/2022			H Bendall	Litterpicking									£ 44.58		£	44.58	-		£	44.58
03/05/2022	720)	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 99.19										£	99.19	-		£	99.19
02/05/2022	724		5416	Annual			6 60 03									60.00				60.00
03/05/2022			EALC BHIB	Subscription			£ 69.03		£ 354.24						£	69.03 354.24	-		£	69.03 354.24
03/05/2022	122	2	внів	Insurance Hog Roast (£ 354.24						£	354.24	-		E	354.24
03/05/2022	723	3	A G Smith & Sons	Cheque Returned)										£ -	£	_	f	_	£	_
			Mighty Oak												1				_	
16/05/2022	724	1	Brewing Co	Beer								£ 296.44	1		£	296.44	£	59.29	£	355.73
16/05/2022			Waitrose	Wine								£ 579.40			£	579.40	_	115.88	_	695.28
16/05/2022			McAfee	Antivirus										£ 83.32	-	83.32	_	16.67		99.99
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16/05/2022	727	7	A G Smith	(cheque lost)										£ -	£	_	£	_	£	_
				Fete										_	1				_	
30/05/2022	728	3	Ellis Amusements									£ 925.00)		£	925.00	£	_	£	925.00
30/05/2022				Megaphone								£ 28.30			£	28.30	_	5.66	_	33.96
30/05/2022			Cancelled	дар											£	-			£	-
30/05/2022			Suffolk	Internal Audit													£	32.20	£	193.20
			Association of	Fee																
			Local Councils					£ 161.00							£	161.00				
30/05/2022	732	2	Zoozee Trading	Paper Plates								£ 7.48	3		£	7.48	£	1.50	£	8.98
				Fencing, posts																
30/05/2022	733	3	Screwfix	and bags								£ 152.84	ı		£	152.84		30.58		183.42
30/05/2022	734	1	Richard Collins	Bar glasses								£ 93.90)		£	93.90			£	93.90
30/05/2022	735	5	Richard Collins	Bunting								£ 40.29)		£	40.29			£	40.29
30/05/2022	736	5	H Bendall	Litterpicking									£ 55.67		£	55.67			£	55.67
30/05/2022	737	7	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 99.19										£	99.19			£	99.19
30/05/2022	738	3	Screwfix	Line Paint								£ 4.99			£	4.99	£	1.00	£	5.99
30/05/2022	739	9	G N Mussett	Fete Prizes								£ 40.00)		£	40.00			£	40.00
30/05/2022	740)	G N Mussett	Fete Cakes								£ 203.00)		£	203.00			£	203.00
30/05/2022	741	L	S Goodey	Fete Ice								£ 24.00)		£	24.00			£	24.00
26/07/2022	742	2	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 132.19										£	132.19			£	132.19
26/07/2022	743	3	H Bendall	Litterpicking									£ 44.58		£	44.58			£	44.58
26/07/2022	744	1	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 198.00								£ 35.80		£	233.80			£	233.80
26/07/2022	745	5	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 99.19										£	99.19			£	99.19
26/07/2022	746	5	H Bendall	Litterpicking									£ 44.58		£	44.58			£	44.58
26/07/2022	747	7	Make It Pp	Fete Balloons								£ 250.00)		£	250.00			£	250.00
26/07/2022	748	3	G N Mussett	Fete Sundries								£ 26.73	3		£	26.73			£	26.73
26/07/2022	749	9	Cancelled	Singer Deposit								£ -			£	-			£	-
26/07/2022	750	ו	Mrs H C Hogan	Singer Balance								£ 250.00)		£	250.00			£	250.00
			Great Braxted																	
26/07/2021	751	l	Pavilion	Hire of Grounds								£ 400.00)		£	400.00			£	400.00
26/07/2022	752	2	A G Smith	Hogroast								£ 1,950.00)		£	1,950.00	£	390.00	£	2,340.00
			Maldon District																	
26/07/2022	753	3	Council	Speedcheck										£ 35.94	£	35.94	£	7.19	£	43.13

		Maldon District																
26/07/2022	753	Council	Speedcheck								£	35.94	£	35.94	£	7.19		43.13
13/09/2022	754	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 132.19									£	132.19			£	132.19
13/09/2022	755	H Bendall	Litterpicking						£	55.67			£	55.67			£	55.67
			Replacement															
		Maldon District	for cheque no.															
13/09/2022	756	Council	100730								£	35.94	£	35.94	£	7.19	£	43.13
13/09/2022	757	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 132.19									£	132.19			£	132.19
13/09/2022	758	H Bendall	Litterpicking						£	44.58			£	44.58			£	44.58
			Batteries for															
13/09/2022	759	ShenZhenShi	Defibrillator								£	27.49	£	27.49	£	5.50	£	32.99
13/09/2022	760	Road Signs UK	Road Signs								£	112.74	£	112.74	£	22.55	£	135.29
13/09/2022	761	BCW Road Signs	Road Signs								£	112.74	£	112.74	£	22.55	£	135.29
			Delivery															
13/09/2022	762	BCW Road Signs	Charges								£	35.00	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
13/09/2022	763	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 99.00					£	35.80			£	134.80			£	134.80
13/09/2022	764	Wessex Medical	Defibrillator								£	1,085.00	£	1,085.00	£	217.00	£	1,302.00
		St John	Defibrillator															
13/09/2022	765	Ambulance	Cabinet								£	505.00	£	505.00	£	101.00	£	606.00
15/11/2022	766	Screwfix	Rubbish Sacks						£	17.47			£	17.47	£	3.50	£	20.97
15/11/2022	767	H Bendall	Litterpicking						£	44.58			£	44.58			£	44.58
15/11/2022	768	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 132.19									£	132.19			£	132.19
		Community Action																
15/11/2022	769	Suffolk	Hosting								£	50.00	£	50.00	£	10.00	£	60.00
		Maldon District	Ü															
15/11/2022	770	Council	Speedcheck								£	17.97	£	17.97	£	3.59	£	21.56
15/11/2022	771		Printer Ink								£	62.89		62.89		12.59		75.48
15/11/2022	772	H Bendall	Litterpicking						£	82.41			£	82.41			£	82.41
15/11/2022	773	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 243.23									£	243.23			£	243.23
		Maldon District	,															
15/11/2022	774	Council	Speedcheck								f	26.96	f	26.96	f	5.39	f	32.35
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		Countryside																
24/01/2023	776	Services	Grasscutting								£	430.00	f	430.00			£	430.00
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		Countryside																
24/01/2023	777	Services	Grasscutting				£ 360.00						£	360.00			£	360.00
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24/01/2024	778	Council	Notice								£	148.67	£.	148.67	£	29.73	E.	178.40
24/01/2024	110	Council	INULICE					<u> </u>			L	140.07	L	140.07	L	25.73	L	1/0.40

24/01/2023	779	H Bendall	Litterpicking										£ 61.22		£	61.22		£	61.22
24/01/2023	780	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 146.12											£	146.12		£	146.12
24/01/2023	781	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 130.00									£ 46.60		£	176.60		£	176.60
24/01/2023	782	H Bendall	Litterpicking										£ 48.93		£	48.93		£	48.93
24/01/2023	783	G N Mussett	Clerk's Salary	£ 146.12											£	146.12		£	146.12
			Replacement																
			for cheque no.																
24/01/2023	784	Great Braxted PC	100749									£ 100.00			£	100.00		£	100.00
			Installation and																
		The Braxted	hosting																
24/01/2023	785	Bakery	defibrillator											£ 300.00	£	300.00		£	300.00
Total for Year				£1,788.80	£ -	£ 6	9.03	£ 161.00	£ 354.24	£ 360.00	£ -	£5,372.37	£ 662.47	£ 4,109.66	£ 12	2,877.57	£ 1,315.56	£ 1	4,193.13

BUDGET ANALYSIS										
2022/23		Budget		Fig	ures are net	of \	/AT			
Item		£	Income £	Exp	enditure £	Inc	ome	%age Budget Spe	Notes	
Clerk's Salary	£	2,350.00		£	1,788.80			76.1%		
Subscriptions	£	75.00		£	69.03			92.0%		
Audit Fees	£	125.00		£	161.00			128.8%		
Insurance	£	325.00		£	354.24			109.0%		
War Memorial	£	600.00	£ 400.00	£	360.00	£	409.74			
Information Commissioner	£	40.00						0.0%		
Grass Cutting	£	410.00		£	430.00			104.9%		
Hall Hire	£	150.00								
Transparency Fund									Restricted	l funds
Other	£	400.00		£	323.37					
Election Fees	£	15.00						0.0%		
Remembrance Day Parade	£	130.00		£	1,188.67	£	1,101.90	21.2%		
Parish Plan									Restricted	l funds
Village Fete	£	4,865.00	£ 5,809.00	£	5,372.37	£	944.00	92.5%	Restricted	l funds
Litterpicking	£	800.00	£ 800.00	£	662.47			82.8%	Restricted	l funds
Housing Needs Survey									Restricted	l funds
Defibrillator				£	1,917.49	£	1,500.00		Restricted	l funds
Precept			£ 4,500.00			£	4,500.00			
Neighbourhood Watch Meetings									Restricted	l funds
McAfee Subscription	£	80.00		£	83.32					
Website Hosting	£	50.00	£ -	£	50.00					
Speed Checks	£	200.00		£	116.81					
VAT Refund			£ 120.00					0.0%		
Totals net of VAT	<u>£</u>	10,615.00	£11,629.00	£	12,877.57	<u>£</u>	8,455.64			
VAT			£ -			£				
			£11,629.00	r.c	14 102 12	_				
Totals inc VAT			£11,029.00	<u>t</u>	14,193.13	£	8,455.64			

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LITTLE BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL.

Sort Code 20-97-40 Account No 20189405

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IBAN G853 BUKB 2097 4020 1894 05

Issued on 01 March 2023



Your Community Account

Date	130	scription	Money out E	Money in £	Balance E
1 Feb	Sta	art Balance			6,366.48
6 Feb	1	Cheque Issued Ref: 100749	100.00	2.	6,266.48
21 Feb	1	Cheque Issued Ref: 100782	48.93		6,217.55
23 Feb	1	Cheque Issued Ref: 100775	1,248.00		4,969.55
28 Feb	1	Cheque Issued Ref: 100785	300.00		4,669.55
28 Feb	Balance carried forward			7:-	4,669.55
	То	tal Payments/Receipts	1,696.93	0,00	
					See No.

Anything wrong? If you notice any incorrect or unusual transactions, see the next page for how to get in touch with us.

At a glance

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Start balance	£6,366.48				
Money out	£1,696.93				
 Commission charg 	es £0.00				
Money in	£0.00				
 Gross Interest eam 	ed £0.00				
End balance	£4,669.55				

Your deposit is eligible for protection by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme,

BANK RECONCILIATION		
As at 31/03/21		
Barclays Bank	£	10,590.55
<u>Total</u>	£	10,590.55
Less Uncashed Cheques	- <u>£</u>	435.15
Total	£	10,155.40
Add Income for year	£	8,707.28
Less Expenditure for year	- <u>£</u>	14,193.13
<u>Total</u>	<u>£</u>	4,669.55
<u>Total</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>4,669.55</u>
<u>Total</u> As at 28/2/23	£	4,669.55
	<u>£</u>	4,669.55
As at 28/2/23	<u>£</u>	4,669.55
As at 28/2/23	£	4,669.55 4,669.55
As at 28/2/23 Represented by		
As at 28/2/23 Represented by Barclays Bank	£	4,669.55
As at 28/2/23 Represented by Barclays Bank Total	£ £	4,669.55

ITEM 8

To Consider Joining the "20's Plenty" Campaign

20'S PLENTY FOR ESSEX CAMPAIGN

The objective of the campaign is to make 20 mph the default speed limit where people and motor vehicles mix, with 30 mph being an exception.

The campaign has drawn on the research of "20's Plenty for Us", a not-for-profit organisation which campaigns to make cities, towns and villages better places to be, and the shared ideas and suggestions of over 120 Essex Parish Councillors.

The benefits of achieving our objective are

- to improve the quality of life in the communities of Essex which are currently blighted by fast moving traffic.
- to make communities safer by minimising the risk of road accidents.
- to contribute to climate change goals by reducing pollution.
- to ensure that the safety and comfort of people in communities takes precedence over the (often insignificant) time saved for people driving through them.

Proposed Actions for Parish Councils

The plan is to approach the challenge as groups of collaborating Parish Councils and individual councils are therefore requested to:

- agree and adopt a Parish Council motion based on the template in Appendix 1 below, also available at: https://www.20splenty.org/parish_council_motion
- communicate benefits of 20mph to parishioners:
 - quality of life
 - o link between speed and harm
- email Essex County Council (see email template in Appendix 2 below)
 - Address to Lead Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport at Essex County Council (Cllr Lee Scott)
 - Local representatives in ECC district and county councillors
- identify a resident (councillor or non-councillor) to register a "20's Plenty" Campaign in your parish. Do this online here: https://www.20splenty.org/form a campaign

Proposals for the implementation of the plan

• Base programme on the low-cost, whole-community "wide-area" approach as adopted in Scottish Borders, Oxfordshire, Cornwall.

(see https://www.20splenty.org/universal_demand_for_20 and https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/news/article/4202/permanent_20mph_plans_approved).

- 20mph speed limit everywhere where people mix with cars and not linked to road status in "roads hierarchy", PR1, PR2 etc.
- Adopt 20mph throughout Essex instead of 30mph as the default speed limit where people and motor vehicles mix, with higher limits the exception not the rule.
- Create a uniform and consistent speed-limit practice across Essex so that it is simple and consistent for drivers.

- Cluster communities together to seek implementation in groups, such as contiguous communities in an area bounded by main roads.
- Road signs only, low-cost installation.
 - Starting assumption that no civil engineering required; possibly small amount if it proved appropriate but not part of the main programme.
 - There is no need to delay the process or introduce the cost of additional data collection: adequate data is available from existing programmes elsewhere in UK.

Appendix 1: Template Motion for PCs to agree

[Your Parish or Town council name]:

- supports the 20's Plenty for Essex campaign,
- calls on Essex County Council to implement 20mph in [your place] and
- will write to Essex County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout the county where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

Appendix 2: Template email that can be used to write to Essex County Council.

FAO: Cllr Lee Scott, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport CC: Our local representative on ECC, our local District, Borough or City Councillor.

Address: Members' Suite, Essex County Council, PO Box 11, CM1 1LX

Email: cllr.lee.scott@essex.gov.uk

Setting 20mph as the default speed limit in towns and villages in Essex

[xxxx] Parish Council requests Essex County Council to adopt 20mph as the default speed limit for urban and village roads in the county. A higher limit can be set as an exception, where there is evidence that it will be safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Regarded as global best practice, the UK government committed itself to 20mph speed limits by signing the 2020 Stockholm Declaration.

Vehicle size has been slowly increasing as carmakers build in more safety and comfort for occupants, so people drive faster without realising.

Stopping distance at 20mph is about half compared to 30mph. Road accidents lead to fewer serious injuries for occupants but not pedestrians. Harm from being hit by a car is proportional to square of speed, so speed has bigger impact than even size of car.

The benefits of 20mph are clear: better for children, better for the elderly, better for pedestrians, better for cyclists and better for disabled. 20mph reduces road casualties and emissions, makes it more likely that people will walk or cycle and has almost no effect on journey times for those in motor vehicles.

20mph is popular. In survey after survey, around 7 in 10 people say they support 20mph speed limits. 28m people in the UK live in local authorities that have committed to a 20mph speed limit on most urban and village roads. Essex is rapidly becoming an outlier among Highways Authorities by endorsing speeds of 50% higher on most built-up roads.

Even where Essex County Council considers a 20mph scheme, its recommendation of high-cost engineering solutions effectively prevents many Parish Councils from implementing 20mph. A signed-only wide-area scheme combined with education is easier and better for everyone: cheaper for ECC and for communities, is more effective and doesn't impact emergency services.

We ask that you work with other decision makers and officers in Essex to set an authority-wide default 20mph limit for urban and rural community roads and make it easier for communities like ours to secure a speed limit of 20mph.

We also ask Essex County Council to write to the UK National Government and request that 20mph be made the national default speed on restricted roads, with 30mph as the exception where warranted. Please keep me informed of your progress. Signed:

For xxx Parish Council

Appendix 2: Template Motion for PCs to agree

[Your Parish or Town council name]:

- Supports the 20's Plenty for Essex campaign;
- Calls on Essex County Council to implement 20mph in [your place]; and
- Will write to Essex County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout the county where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

Appendix 3: Existing regulatory policies

Policy	Status	Action
ECC Vision Zero	Awaiting Road Hierarchy review;	Request ECC to prioritise Vision
https://bit.ly/3N9WKPI"	speed reduction commentary	Zero
https://bit.ly/3N9WKPI	excludes specific mention of 20mph	
ECC Speed Management	, ,	Propose to ECC to adopt the
review	hierarchy review	principle of wide area 20mph ahead
		of the ECC Road Hierarchy review
ECC Roads Hierarchy	Currently a bottleneck to progress,	Request ECC to prioritise but
review	but also arguably not relevant	emphasise that not needed for
		20mph (see above)
Dept for Transport	Reference to 24mph threshold by	Emphasise that plenty of Local
guidance on setting local	ECC precludes / makes 20mph	Authorities are implementing 20mph
speed limits	expensive	without referring to pre-existing
https://bit.ly/3sBZ0WK		speeds
Stockholm Declaration	UK National Government supports	Ask ECC to lobby UK Government
https://bit.ly/3SG0gCG	declaration of 20mph / 30kph as the	
	maximum speed limit where people	20mph on restricted roads
	and motor vehicles mix	

ITEM 9

To Review the Corporate Risks to the Council

The council's audit and governance regime requires that it reviews its risk management procedures on a yearly basis.

Areas where we use insurance to help us manage risks

Examples of Risk

- The protection of physical assets
- The risk of damage to third party property or individuals as a consequence of the council providing services or amenities to the public
- · Loss of cash through theft or dishonesty
- · Legal liability as a consequence of asset ownership

Internal controls	Action by the Council		
Maintaining an up to date asset register	Asset register being reviewed and updated		
Fidelity guarantee	Insurance reviewed annually		
Regular maintenance arrangements for physical assets	Appropriate budget		
Annual review of risk and adequacy of insurance cover by RFO	Bring risk assessment to council and review insurance in June		
Ensure robustness of insurance provider	Monitor and take advice from EALC		
Internal audit assurance			
Review internal controls by internal auditor	IA to cover		
Review management arrangements for insurance	IA to cover		
Spot test specific internal controls	IA to cover		

Areas where we can work with others to manage risk

Examples of Risk

- · Security of vulnerable amenities or equipment
- Maintenance of vulnerable amenities or equipment
- Banking arrangements
- Ad hoc provision of amenities
- Quality assurance of Professional services

Internal Controls	Action by the Council		
Standing orders and financial regulations	Standing orders and Financial		
dealing with award of contracts and	Regulations adopted specifying		
purchase of capital	equipment process		
Regular reporting on performance by	Identify suppliers and bring to council		

suppliers/providers/contractors	where necessary		
Annual review of contracts	Council to schedule in meetings		
Regular scrutiny of performance against	RFO to consider on agenda		
targets			
Adoption of and adherence to codes of	Financial regs adopted and reviewed		
practice for procurement and investment	annually to ensure they match current		
	best practice		
Arrangements to detect and deter fraud	IA to comment on process		
and corruption			
Regular bank reconciliation,	Council to oversee. IA to comment on		
independently viewed	process		
Internal audit assurance			
Review of internal controls in place and	IA to report to Council		
their documentation	·		

Areas where we can self-manage risk

Internal Controls	Action by the Council		
Regular scrutiny of financial records and	Improved review of budget control and		
proper arrangements for the approval of	expenditure by Council		
expenditure			
Recording in minutes the precise powers	Clerk to implement for all new		
under which expenditure is being	expenditure as part of budget process		
approved	All councillors to note		
Regular returns to HMRC	Council to check monthly payroll report		
Contracts for all staff, annually reviewed	Clerk to review and complete		
by the council			
Systems for recording any relevant	Clerk to review		
changes in legislation			
Regular VAT analysis	Clerk to review		
Regular budget monitoring statements	Clerk has reviewed way information is		
	presented to Council		
Procedures for monitoring grants or	Council receive financial reports		
loans made or received			
Minutes properly numbered and	Numbering adopted from 2015. Master		
paginated with a master copy in safe	copy held securely and deposited with		
keeping	Essex Record Office after two years.		
Adoption of code of conduct for members	Council has adopted Code		
Safe operating practices of staff	Clerk to ensure proper risk management		
	and training for all staff		
Internal Audit Assurance			
Review of internal controls in place and	IA to note and include in report to council		
their documentation			
Review of minutes to ensure legal	IA to note and include in report to council		

powers in place, recorded and correctly applied	
Testing of income and expenditure from minutes to cashbook, from bank	IA to note and include in report to council
statements to cash book, from minutes to	
statements etc	
Review and testing of arrangements to	IA to note and include in report to council
prevent and detect fraud and corruption	
Testing of disclosures	IA to note and include in report to council
Testing of specific internal controls and	IA to note and include in report to council
reporting findings to management	

Members are required to note and amend these governance arrangements as necessary.