

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANGFORD PARISH MEETING HELD AT  
LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2026 AT  
7.30PM

Those present: Cllr Irene Allen (Chair), Cllr Lester Magness, Cllr Colin Ashby and  
Theresa Trotzer Wilson (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Simon Morgan (Maldon District Council)

Members of the public: 0

Apologies: Cllr Jenny Clemo

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 22nd April 2025

The minutes were read out by the Chairman, agreed as a true record and signed by  
the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Irene Allen gave the following report:

Firstly, may I once again give a very hearty vote of thanks to everyone on the Parish  
Council for their sterling work in the past year. We all lead busy lives, and it's not  
always easy to be available for meetings, even though they are only once a month. I  
would also like to take this opportunity to give very grateful thanks to Theresa, our  
Clerk, who has done some quite amazing things this past year, and who keeps us on  
our toes.

We have been faced with challenging planning proposals, especially that of the  
enormous Maldon Salt building and all the associated noise and light pollution, and  
the loss of wild habitat which was home to many species of bird – the Nightingale  
being one of them; something that was wonderful to listen while lying in bed at night  
– for me at any rate.

I would also like to record grateful thanks to everyone who took part in the Litter Pick  
on 14th March. When I was delivering the last newsletter to neighbours in Ulting  
Lane, I was spotted by one of the small daughters, who exclaimed "Mum, Irene's at  
the door!" When I handed over the newsletter, the flier announcing this year's litter  
pick fell out, and the small daughter gave a whoop of delight, saying "Mum, a litter  
pick!" I can honestly say I have never had such a greeting to a proposed litter pick  
before and was delighted. It seems that little Amelia needed to undertake a litter pick  
to gain a Brownie badge – we certainly didn't have that one when I was a Brownie.  
Amelia and her sister and mother were there waiting for us at the start of the event,  
and managed to collect three bags of rubbish. Both girls asked if they could take part  
next year...! I took the Maldon Road end of the B1019 up to the bridge, which was  
quite scary at times, but it was rewarding to hear cyclists, and some car drivers say  
"Thank you." I am always appalled at the amount of litter we pick up – do parents not  
teach their children not to drop litter anymore? Mine certainly drummed that into us.  
Sadly, there was no Art Show this year, and it was such a shame that an event that  
had been going on for so many years had finally come to an end. However, there are  
moves afoot that the Museum of Power might host it with its contacts with the  
Maldon Art Club, but also one of the Village Hall Committee members has said she  
might be willing to take it on for the village hall, so we will wait and see what  
happens. It would be such a shame if this wonderful, and highly respected event,  
should be discontinued for ever.

Thanks are due once again, to Colin Ashby and his team for keeping the churchyard and cemetery of St. Giles' looking so good, and to Alan Marks and his sons for keeping the green in Ulting Lane well mown.

Finally, I would like to record my own thanks to those members of the public who attend and take an interest in what goes on in our communities. It can often be a lonely and rather thankless task being a Parish Councillor, especially when decisions of a contentious nature are taken at a higher level, ones that local people do not agree with, and we have to explain that we have no control over District Council actions and the public can sometimes over-estimate our powers. However, we aim to do our best for the communities that we serve, so thank you all for your support.

4. Items from parishioners.  
None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:38pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: