

LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – Theresa Trotzer Wilson
13 Cross Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 2NA

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
13th January 2026 AT 7:30PM AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Those Present:

Chair: Cllr. Allen

Councillors: Cllr. Jenny Clemo, Cllr. Lester Magness

Officers: Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson

Public present: 1

MINUTES

25/189. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Ashby and Cllr. Katherine Palmer.

25/190. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 9th December 2025 meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

25/191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Allen declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item relating to the Churchyard and Trees.

25/192. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No reports received.

25/193. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (limited to 15 minutes if required)

A member of the public asked for an update on a planning application and enforcement notice. The Clerk advised she would ask Maldon District Council for an update but that it was unlikely the response would be any different than the individual asking.

Cllr. Magness raised concerns about the Oval Park lighting up at night causing light pollution, the excessive tree felling and work being carried out on the weekend. Cllr. Allen also raised concerns about the excessive height of the building. Clerk will raise a formal complaint, distribute to councillors via email and then send onto Enforcement and Planning.

ACTION: Clerk

25/194. CLERKS REPORT

- a) Recycling sacks were requested from a resident. Contact details on MDC are still the old email address with sacks available from Cllr. Clemo's house.

25/195. CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) NALC - The government has published its [Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27 to 2028/29](#) before parliament rises for its Christmas break. The settlement and consultation include core proposals from the previously published written ministerial [policy statement](#) that parish and town councils should be exempt (this time over a whole three-year period) from referendum principles on excessive council tax increases.
- b.) Transport Made Simple – Deadline to apply for Love your Bus funding is 31 January 2026. Love Your Bus allows parishes to apply for up to £50k in grant funding to support enhancements to local bus services (this does NOT cover capital projects such as improving bus shelters or stops). As an operator we are keen to work with parishes to take advantage of this funding to deliver improved services for our passengers. If you or any

members of your parish council have ideas for improvements for any of our bus services that run through your parish please reach out to me and I would be more than happy to arrange a virtual meeting or phone call to chat through your thoughts and how we can pursue any service enhancements.

- c.) Connexin – Two briefing sessions are being held on 21st January from 5:30pm-6:30 and 6:45pm to 7:45pm. This is to provide detailed information about the rollout of the connected digital network, anticipated timelines and what residents can expect. No need to RSVP.
- d.) RCCE – Government has launched a Connectivity Tool which has a lite version that is free to use. This has divided the country into 100m squares showing the ease of using the different forms of transport to access a destination within an hour's travel time. It gives a score out of 100. This can help with Neighbourhood planning and illustrate the issues that rural communities may face.
- e.) Maldon and District CVS Trustees Network – Next meeting takes place in Oak House, 35 High Street on Monday 19th January from 5-6:30pm. Booking is essential.
<https://mdcvs.aidecrm.co.uk/booking/trustee-forum>
- f.) RCCE – Community Engagement Team webinar for 2026 is on Thursday 12th February from 7:30pm to 9pm. Free event for RCCE members. To book a place email enquiries@essexrcc.org.uk

25/196. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a.) Planning applications received:
25/01122/HOUSE - The Old Vicarage Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon Essex
Removal of the existing conservatory and construction of a smaller orangery. Internal and external alterations to the pool room including a new staircase, the replacement of an existing four-panel window with double doors and a two-panel window, and the replacement of an existing stable door with a window.
No Comments
- b.) Planning decisions received:
25/05119/DET - Southern Plot Oval Park Hatfield Road Langford Essex
Compliance with conditions notification 22/00858/FULM (Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with new estate road, car parking, service areas and landscaping.) Condition 6 - Tree Protection Method Statement.
CONDITIONS DISCHARGED
- c.) For Information:
None

25/197. **TREE WORKS – LANGFORD CLOSED CHURCH YARD**

- a.) It was **resolved** to approve the quote from South Hanningfield Tree surgeons to carry out the work in St. Giles closed churchyard on the Lime Trees and Elder as specified within the tree survey.
- b.) An update on the Ash Tree in Ulting closed Churchyard and the bat emergence surveys was received. The Clerk is continuing to look for quotes for 3 bat emergence surveys.

ACTION: Clerk

25/198. **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

It was **resolved** to approve the grass cutting contract quote from Maldon District Council for 2026/27.

ACTION: Clerk

25/199. **FINANCE**

- a) The summary finance report up to 31 December 2025 was received and noted.
- b) The following payments were authorised:-

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
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Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£430.60	£1.00	£431.60	Staff Wages
Mrs. J Clemo*	£19.95	£0.00	£19.95	Reimbursement for Annual Volunteer Gift

**Cheque to be rewritten as name incorrect on previous cheque which has since been cancelled.*

c.) The following direct debits were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance
SSE Energy Supply	£70.53	£3.71	£74.24	Streetlight power

c) Bank Reconciliation - It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr. Clemo to confirm they have undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of December 2025. Cllr. Clemo completed and signed the bank reconciliation.

25/200. **ITEMS FROM THE COUNCILLORS** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

30mph for Langford

Update on complaint about noise and light works from Oval Park.

25/201. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **17th February 2026** at **7:30pm** in Langford and Ulting Village Hall.

Close Meeting at 20:31

Signed:

(Chairman) Date: