

LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – Theresa Trotzer Wilson
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 AT 7:30PM AT LANGFORD AND ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Those Present:

Chair: Cllr. Allen
Vice Chair: Cllr. Magness
Councillors: Cllr. Clemo, Cllr. Palmer
Officers: Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson
District Councillors: Cllr. Simon Morgan
Public present: 2

MINUTES

26/39. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Allen welcomed those present and opened the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ashby and County Cllr. Stuart Clarke.

26/40. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 20th May 2026 meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

26/41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared.

26/42. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Simon Morgan provided a report on the following:

- a.) Cllr. Morgan was elected Leader of the Council at the Maldon District Council Statutory Annual Meeting. Regarding local government reorganisation, a meeting concluded that in May of next year, 71 members of the new shadow unitary authority will convene at Hylands House to establish the new Mid Essex Unitary Council.
- b.) The Local Development Plan is currently on track for adoption around April 2028. The five-year housing land supply remains a concern, currently sitting at 4.1 years. Consequently, the Council will need to review applications that are currently under appeal. Furthermore, MDC is under threat of being placed into special measures; to counter this and prove a robust five-year housing land supply, the Council will need to approve certain pending planning applications.

26/43. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (limited to 15 minutes if required)

Two residents were present at the meeting and enquired about the following:

- a.) Stock Hall Farm – There was some confusion around a 'new' notice on a post around planning application 26/00088/FUL. It was determined that this was not a new notice but that the date had been washed off due to time. As far as the Parish Council is aware there are no further updates at the time on the planning application.

26/44. CLERKS REPORT

- a.) Insurance – Cheque that was sent in April has been lost in the post as it has still not been received. New cheque has been written to be signed at this meeting.
- b.) Village Hall – Bumble bee nets near the slabs at the main entrance. Bees will naturally disperse by August.
- c.) Savills Letter – Letter received from Savills on behalf of Northumbrian Water. To be discussed below at appropriate agenda item.

- d.) Arboriculture Team at Essex – Follow up email was sent to the Arboriculture team at Essex County Council questioning them about the trees that were cut down near Crouchmans Farm, however no further response has been received.
- e.) External Audit – Notice of Exempt status was received from PKF and public rights posted in the noticeboard on 31 May 2026.

26/45. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a.) MDC – UFest is returning to Maldon Promenade Park for 14 August 2026. Celebrates life, health and wellbeing.
- b.) EALC – Community Cares Fund is open to support projects that strengthen community cohesion and integration.
- c.) Essex Highways – Salt Bag Partnership is open and each participating Council will receive a one tonne wrapped pallet made up of individual 25kg bags for use by the community on the local highway. This is free of charge.
- d.) Pot Holes – ECC Justin Jay for Maldon Rural South Division has asked for the worst hit roads for potholes in the parish. Ulting Lane and Hatfield Road were suggested.
- e.) RCCE – NEB Film Screenings. 18th June at 7pm. Focuses on extreme weather, food security, biodiversity loss, health and the cost of living.

26/46. **PLANNING MATTERS**

To consider any applications received between the date of the agenda and the date of the meeting, should they not be listed on the agenda.

- a.) Planning applications received:
None

- b.) Planning decisions received:
26/00192/WTPO – (TPO 16/24) T1-T6 – Ash Trees – Reduce by 5m
Hoe Mill Lock, The Causeway, Ulting, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6RA
Decision: **REFUSED**

25/00472/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of a replacement dwelling (revised application following appeal decision)
Rosemead
Decision: **APPROVED**

- c.) For Information:
None

26/47. **TREE WORKS**

An update on the Ash Tree in Ulting closed Churchyard and the bat emergence survey was received. The second survey was carried out on the 15th June 2026. No bats were seen emerging last night, but they are yet to review the footage. They will confirm by sending a video clip if anything changes following the review. A barn owl did swoop in low around the Ash tree and Tawny Owls were also heard.

26/48. **LAND ACCESS TO ILLFORD AND DISTRICT PISCATORIAL SOCIETY**

A letter was received from Savills Property Management on behalf of Northumbrian Water limited regarding access to the fishing rights over its water to Illford and Distract Piscatorial Society. It was **RESOLVED** that they wish to provide permission for the continuation of this historic access arrangement in connection with the proposed renewal of the fishing rights.

ACTION: CLERK

26/49. **FINANCE**

- a) Authorisation of payments to: -

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£384.12	1.00	£385.12	Staff Wages
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£19.27	-	£19.27	Stamps and Stationery
Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance	£185.00	-	£185.00	Newsletter
Hybrid Ecology	£1,100	£220.00	£1320.00	1 st and 2 nd Bat Survey
TOTAL	£1,688.39	£221.00	£1909.39	

b) Confirmation of direct debit payments to: -

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight Maintenance
SSE Energy Supply	£58.22	£2.91	£61.13	Streetlight Power
TOTAL	£75.34	£6.33	£81.67	

- c) Bank Reconciliation – It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Magness to confirm they have undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of May 2026. Cllr. Magness completed the review and signed the bank reconciliation

26/50. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Chairman Training was attended by Cllr. Magness and Cllr. Clemo.

Bat Survey update

Clerks Appraisal

Online Banking

Laptop replacement ahead of October 2026

26/51. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7:30pm.

Close Meeting 20:17