

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 9th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7:30PM AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Those Present:

Chair: Cllr. Lester Magness

Councillors: Cllr. Jenny Clemo, Cllr. Colin Ashby, Cllr. Katherine Palmer

Officers: Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson

Public present: 0

MINUTES

25/174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Allen

25/175. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 18th November meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

25/176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

25/177. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No reports received.

25/178. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (limited to 15 minutes if required)

No public present

25/179. CLERKS REPORT

- a.) Village Hall Rent – was requested and received.
- b.) Maldon District Council Planning Committee – Reference 25/00578/OUTM – Outline application with all matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of up to 275 residential units, including affordable housing, land for a children's nursery (Class E), 1.8ha of land for an extension to Maldon Cemetery, draining works, landscaping, vehicular access to the A414, pedestrian/cycle access to Spital Road and London Road, and associated infrastructure works. Land West of the Cemetery, London Road, Maldon. Comments submitted will be considered at District Planning Committee Meeting on 16 December 2025 at Council Offices at 7.30pm.

25/180. CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) ECC – Temporary Closure of Footpath 39, Heybridge from 307 meters west of Wharf Road west to its junction with Osea Road. Closure in effect from 10 December to 5 April.
- b.) CONNEXIN – In partnership with ECC, Connexin are rolling out a new LoRaWAN network to support smart services like air-quality monitoring and public asset management. Small gateways may be installed in some homes to avoid new telegraph poles with participating households receiving £250/year. Installation and maintenance are managed by Connexin.
<https://www.connexin.co.uk/forms/private-property-gateway>
- c.) MDC – Review of allotment provision in the district to establish if it is adequate. Responded that Council owns no allotments.
- d.) MDC – Received Parish Letter 2026/27 for the Council Tax Base and precept demand information. Council will approve final Tax base on 11th December and ask for return of

precept form by 7th January 2026.

25/181. PLANNING MATTERS

a.) Planning applications received:

None

b.) Planning decisions received:

None

c.) For Information:

Application No: 25/00965/TCA PP-14437253

Proposal: T1, T2 - Ash Trees - Fell

Location: Hoe Mill Lock The Causeway Ulting Maldon

Application Withdrawn

25/182. TREE WORKS – LANGFORD CLOSED CHURCH YARD

Only one quote has been returned. Unfortunately, two other contractors have been unable to provide a quote for the work. Clerk to seek more quotes.

ACTION: Clerk

25/183. TRAINING NEEDS

Councillors considered their training needs for the year ahead to March 2026. It was **resolved** for Cllr. Clemo and Cllr. Magness to attend Chair Training's Day on February 18th and 25th 2026.

25/184. 2026 MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2026 were discussed. It was **resolved** to accept the following dates:

January 13 th (second Tues)	July 21 st
February 17 th (third Tues)	August 18 th
March 17 th	September 15 th
April 21 st	October 20 th
May 19 th	November 17 th
June 16 th	December 8 th (second Tues)

25/185. BUDGET 26/27, PRECEPT AND RESERVES

a.) The level of the general reserves and the ear marked reserves were considered and it was **resolved** to accept them at £20,000, with £10,000 for a general reserve and £10,000 in earmarked specific reserves.

b.) The budget for 2026/27 was considered and it was **resolved** to agree the budget for 2026/27.

c.) The Precept requirement for 2026/27 was considered and it was **resolved** to agree a precept of £16770 overall which when separated out is £9539 for Langford and £7231 for Ulting. The Band D element for this precept is £106.70 for Langford and £87.01 for Ulting.

25/186. FINANCE

a) The payment of £162.00 to Maldon District Council for Grounds Maintenance which was approved and paid at the previous meeting but was not included on that meeting's agenda was ratified.

b) The following payments were authorised:-

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Description
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£432.51	£1.48	£433.99	Staff Wages
Mrs. J Clemo	£19.95	£0.00	£19.95	Reimbursement for Annual Volunteer Gift

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	£67.06	£3.35	£70.41	Streetlight power

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

25/187. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCILLORS (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Tree Works

25/188. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th January at 7:30pm in Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

Close Meeting at 20:33

Signed:

(Chairman) Date: