LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7:30PM AT LANGFORD AND ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Those Present:

Chair: Cllr. Allen
Vice Chair: Cllr. Magness
Councillors: Cllr. Clemo, Cllr. Palmer, Cllr. Ashby
Officers: Mrs. Theresa Trotzer Wilson
District Councillors: Cllr. Simon Morgan
Public present: 0

MINUTES

26/65. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr. Allen welcomed those present and opened the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Stuart Clarke.

26/66. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of 21st July 2026 meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

26/67. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr. Clemo for the Planning Application from Bumble Bee cottage.

26/68. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Cllr. Simon Morgan provided a report on the following matters:

a.) Local Government Reorganisation – Has been paused by Government due to lack of confidence in defeating Essex County Council's Judicial Review.
b.) District Council Elections – Will take place in May 2027.
c.) New National Planning Framework – Alters the local housing supply position.
d.) Concerns regarding speeding and a requested speed limit change were discussed with Cllr. Morgan. He reported writing to the leader of Essex County Council (ECC) to advocate for the reinstatement of the Local Highway Panel (LHP) and Highway Rangers. He also noted that Adam Pipe, Head of Essex Roads Policing, is scheduled to attend the upcoming Crime & Disorder Committee meeting in October.

26/69. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (limited to 15 minutes if required)
No members of the public present.

26/70. **CLERKS REPORT**

a.) Speeding concerns – Receipt of correspondence and a historical timeline from resident M. Stoddart regarding ongoing speed limit, footway width, and safety concerns on the B1019 in Langford. Printed copies of the timeline were distributed to Councillors for review. As the item was received after the publication of the agenda, no formal resolutions could be passed. It was agreed that a formal item will be placed on the October agenda to consider direct escalation to the MP, Essex County Councillor, and Essex Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

26/71. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a.) CouncilWise – Chair & Councillor Coffee Morning on Tuesday 22nd September from 10am to 12pm at 42B High Street, Great Dunmow, CM6 1AH

b.) RCCE – Discovery Days at Wildfell 24/09/2026 from 9.30 to 12.30 and Brightlingsea on 17/10/2026 from 10 to 13:00.

c.) Essex Waterways – Letter sent to Essex Waterways regarding a request to update their public navigation guidance to state that Church Lane/Ulting Church has no public river access or craft launching.

d.) Essex Police – Request sent to Sergeant Dalby to add Church Lane and Ulting Church to patrol plan. Already included and will endeavor to visit when able.

e.) Maldon Community Safety Team – Letter sent requesting to add a Community Protection Officer to patrol Church Lane and Hoe Mill Lock during warm weather and weekends. CPO's are able to patrol the Causeway for parking contraventions and can check the Church Lane and feedback concerns to Police, however are unable to undertake patrols of the Riverbank as this is outside of their resources to manage.

f.) Essex Parking Partnership – Requests sent to Enforcement to patrol Hoe Mill Lock during the height of the hot weather due to continuous and repeated illegal parking on double yellows. Confirmation received that officers are patrolling and checking and have issued 78 PCN's along North Hill since 1st April, with 27 of those being in July 2026.

26/72. **PLANNING MATTERS**

No application were received between the date of the agenda and the date of the meeting.

a.) Planning applications received:

26/00537/HOUSE - Bumble Bee Cottage Hatfield Road Langford Maldon CM9 6QA Alterations to Existing Single Storey Rear Extension (Incomplete Structure), Front Porch Replacement with Oak Structure, Alterations to Fenestration & Removal of Chimney Stack

The council resolved no comment.

b.) Planning decisions received:

26/00528/TCA - Church of St Giles Hatfield Road Langford Maldon
1 - Ash Tree - Fell.
Allowed to Proceed *10th September 2026*

26/00461/HOUSE – The Homestead, Maldon Road, Langford, Maldon, CM9 4SS Construct a new car port with pitched roof over with solar panes installed, install new window to rear elevation and install new boundary 1.8m timber fence.
Application Approved *7th September 2026*

c.) For Information:

This item is a Discharge of Conditions (DET) notification and is provided for council information only. Maldon District Council does not invite formal parish consultation on condition compliance technicalities, and no response or decision is required by the Parish Council.

26/05083/DET – The Homestead, Maldon Road, Langford, Maldon, CM9 4SS Compliance with conditions notification application number 23/01147/LBC (Single storey side/ rear extension. Alterations to fenestration. Internal alterations. Repair to roof. Repair to brick and render. New vehicular access with driveway.) Condition 5 - structural engineer report.
Conditions Cleared

26/73. **TREE WORKS**

a.) An update on the Section 211 Conservation Area application for the T1 Ash tree adjacent to Mill House was received. Permission to fell the tree was granted with works to be carried out within two years from 30 July 2026. Council are still waiting on the Diocesan request which Cllr. Allen is looking into.

b.) An update on the TPO application for the T1 Ash tree in Ulting was received. Place Services' recommendation to approve coppicing to 1.5m for safety/habitat reasons was noted however Maldon District Council are still reviewing the application with the determination deadline day of 24th September 2026. It was **resolved** that should the council approve the request, the clerk will inform the contractor to complete the works. Clerk also to email the Church Warden to inform the Angling Society.

ACTION: CLERK

26/74. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

An update on the Unity Trust application was received. The Clerk spoke with Unity Trust Tuesday morning who advised that the application was pre-agreed but was under review as per standard. Unity Trust have recently changed their application process to make it more secure and therefore a slight backlog has formed. An email was sent by the representative from Unity Trust to the application team to see if they can expedite the application.

26/75. **SSE ENERGY STREETLIGHT RENEWAL CONTRACT**

a.) The renewal options for the Parish Council's unmetered street lighting electricity supply contract commencing 1st November 2026 (MPAN: 1013095264136) was discussed.

b.) It was **resolved** to approve the fixed-term renewal contract with SSE Energy Solutions for two years and authorise the Clerk/RFO to sign the agreement and continue payment via Direct Debit.

ACTION: CLERK

26/76. **FINANCE**

a) The updated NALC/NJC Local Government Services Pay Agreement was noted and it was **resolved** to authorise implementation of salary adjustments and backpay to April 2026.

b) The following payments made in August between meetings were noted.

Payee	**Net**	**VAT**	**Gross**	**Description**
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£359.91	£1.00	£360.91	Staff Wages
Hybrid Ecology	£550.00	£110.00	£660.00	3rd final Bat Survey
Hybrid Ecology	£1650.00	£330.00	£1980.00	Tree Works
Barclays	£0.74	0	£0.74	Interest Charged
EALC	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00	Training
EALC	£129.48	0	£129.48	Membership Affiliation
SSE	£57.25	£2.86	£60.11	Streetlights Electricity
A&J Lighting	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance
TOTAL	**£3264.50**	**£547.28**	**£3811.78**	

c) The income received from Essex Association of Local Councils of £375.00 on 14th August as part of the Councillor Bursary Fund for training undertaken was noted.

d) Authorisation of payments to: -

Payee	**Net**	**VAT**	**Gross**	**Description**
Theresa Trotzer Wilson	£436.56	£1.00	£437.56	Staff Wages
Maldon District Council	£140.10	£28.02	£168.12	Grass Cutting July – Sept
TOTAL	**£576.66**	**£29.02**	**£605.68**	

e) 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	£59.96	£3.00	£62.96	Streetlight Power
Barclays	£1.61	-	£1.61	Interest Charged
TOTAL	**£78.69**	**£6.42**	**£85.11**	

f) 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 July and August 2026. Cllr. Palmer completed and signed the bank reconciliations.

26/77. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)
Speeding Concerns along Langford Road and request for 30mph speed limit.
Tree works at Langford and Ulting Church.

26/78. **Date of next meeting**
20th October – 7.30pm

Close Meeting 20:24

Signed: **(Chairman)** **Date:**