

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
16th OCTOBER 2018 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer, Colin Ashby and John Clemo.
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Henry Bass (arrived late) and three members of the public

18/166. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff who was recovering from an operation.

18/167. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 18th September 2018 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18/168. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Allen declared a pecuniary interest in item 18/172a) - HOUSE/MAL/18/01187.

18/169. Matters for information from previous meetings

18/69. Request for tree preservation order at Oak Trees, Ulting. Clerk to follow up.

18/160. Ulting Village sign had been collected by KGS Signs.

18/163. Mower – Clerk had spoken to Mr. Marks.

18/170. District Councillor's report

This item was deferred until Cllr. Bass' arrival.

18/171. Public Question Time

- A resident had notified police about hare coursing in Ulting
- Fly tipping in Ulting Lane had been reported to Maldon District Council

18/172. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

HOUSE/MAL/18/01012 – Installation of 2 dormer windows to attic on rear elevation of property and installation of Velux modular roof system. 8, John Thresh Way, Langford. The Parish Council agreed that no comment would be submitted.

At this point Cllr. Allen left the room and those remaining elected Cllr. Ashby to chair the following planning application.

HOUSE/MAL/18/01187 - Single storey extension to the rear. 11, Ulting Lane, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

Cllr. Allen returned to the meeting and took the chair.

District Cllr. Bass arrived and apologised for his late arrival.

HOUSE/MAL/18/01012 - 1.2-1.8m fence around boundary. Oak Trees. Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed to recommend refusal because the fence is not in keeping with the rural aspect of the property and is visually intrusive in the street scene. It has a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the street scene as it conflicts with the form of boundary treatment within the surrounding area. In addition, it is adjacent to the Chelmer & Blackwater Conservation Area and opposite Ulting School which is a listed building. Councillors suggested that if the fence is allowed to remain, conditions requiring the fence to be painted green and native hedging to be planted on the road side of the fence, existing hedge to remain should be included.

b) Planning decisions received:

AGR/MAL/18/01044 – Track access. Home Farm, Maypole Road, Langford. Prior approval required and granted.

18/170. District Councillor's Report (Councillors agreed to take Item deferred from above)

Cllr. Bass reported the following:

- The reorganisation at Maldon District Council is continuing

- Refuse collections had been missed in some parts of the District but no one present had experienced problems
- Chairman's Business Breakfasts launched
- Battle's Over Commemoration – 11th November at the Promenade Park, Maldon from 6pm – 7.30pm
- Verbal update on enforcement issues in Langford and Ulting

18/173. Correspondence

- a) Hoe Mill Bridge - Scour protection scheme – It was noted that the works have experienced a further delay due to ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency and the onset of winter. Work has been postponed until the next financial year.
- b) Maldon District Conservation and Design Awards – It was noted that 2, Elm View was the winner in the Conservation category. The Parish Council congratulated Mr. Cullen. Cllrs. Allen and Ashby agreed to attend the Awards Ceremony on 6th November from 2pm at The Friend's Meeting House, Butt Lane, Maldon.
- c) Highways Briefing – To be held 7th November at Foakes Hall was noted.
- d) Ace Weight Management Drop-in venues required – Noted.
- e) Solitary soldiers – Notification that parishes can keep the soldiers for future Remembrance Day events had been received. Cllr. Allen thanked District Cllr. Bass. Clerk to contact Maldon District Council and ask for another soldier for Ulting.
- f) Heybridge Parish Council – Invitation to Christmas Drinks Reception, 14th December from 8pm at Plantation Hall had been received. Cllr. Allen to attend.
- g) Essex Air Ambulance grant request – Unfortunately the Parish Council does not budget for grants and was therefore unable to provide a donation.
- h) **15/00419/OUT** - North Heybridge Garden Suburb - Amended Planning Application submitted to the Council for Full Re-Consultation: The effect of the removal of the flood alleviation scheme was discussed but Cllr. Bass assured councillors that other schemes were included to prevent flooding in Heybridge. In addition, this application increases the number of affordable homes. The Parish Council agreed that no comment would be submitted.

18/174. Finance

- a) The following payments were authorised:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| Mr A Marks | £17.88 | £3.58 | £21.46 | Mower petrol |
| The Lavenham Press | £315.00 | | £315.00 | Winter newsletter |

- b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--|
| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £17.12 | £3.42 | £20.54 | Streetlight maintenance (October 2018) |
| SSE | £4.09 | £0.20 | £4.29 | Streetlight electricity (September 2018) |
| SSE | £28.51 | £1.42 | £29.93 | Streetlight electricity (September 2018) |

- c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal controls to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of September 2018.
- d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th September 2018 was noted.
- e) The revised Financial Regulations based on the NALC Model Financial Regulations updated January 2016 were adopted.

18/175. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors were reminded that meetings with landowners and the RCCE are to be held on Monday 29th October from 2pm - 4pm. Venue to be confirmed.

18/176. Langford Churchyard Fence

The quotations received were discussed. Unfortunately, all were in excess of the funds the Parish Council has accumulated. It was agreed that Cllr. Ashby would contact Danbury Fencing to seek a revised quotation up to the funds available and then if necessary, it was agreed that grants should be sought.

18/177. Horse Warning Signs

Correspondence from Essex County Council Highways suggesting that an existing Horse and Rider sign is moved to the north of White Lodge was discussed. Councillors agreed that this made sense.

18/178. Orchards East Heritage Lottery Fund Project

Councillors agreed that a small parcel of land for a community orchard at the village hall should be put forward. Cllr. Anfilogoff had reported that the Village Hall Management Committee is in agreement.

18/179. Ulting Lane Speed Limit

Receipt of the speed/volume traffic data was noted.

18/180. Broadband

a) Update from Openreach not received.

b) Maldon District Council Finance Committee – The Chairman read out a letter from Woodham Walter Parish Council regarding the Council's proposal to withdraw broadband funding across the District and the response from District Cllr. Sismey, the chairman of the Finance Committee. Councillors agreed to write to Cllr. Sismey explaining the situation in Langford and Ulting.

18/181. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Defibrillator

18/182. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: