

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd. June 2025 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs R. Griffiths, L. Brown, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kelly Andrews (Parish Clerk). District Councillor Matthew Neall and 3 members of the public were also present.</p> <p>082/2025 Apologies for Absence Cllr D. Henson (Prior engagement) – Agreed. Unanimous decision.</p> <p>083/2025 Declaration of Interest None.</p> <p>084/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham & Dengie PC To receive and agree the minutes of the last A&DPC meeting held on 5th. May 2025 Agreed. Unanimous decision.</p> <p>085/2025 Questions from the Press and Public – (This session will not exceed 15 minutes – unless otherwise directed by the Chair - no individual to speak for longer than 3 minutes on any one issue) An opportunity for members of the public and press to speak about items on the agenda and to raise other issues. A resident questioned if the parish council had been granted an extension on the response time regarding planning application ESS/36/25/MAL/SPO. Cllr R. Griffiths advised that unfortunately, Maldon District Council had sent a response to our request and had said that a decision has already been made and as the proposal was an environmental impact assessment for the site the parish council do not need to be consulted anyway. Maldon District Council did not allow the extension to respond to the proposal. The resident commented that Cllr Wendy Stamp had sent a response to Maldon District Council and had raised residents' concerns. Cllr R. Griffiths advised that the parish council anticipates that there will be a forthcoming full planning application submitted. Cllr A. Snowdon commented that it is noticeable that Maldon District Council planning officers dislike impact assessments and on numerous occasions that the comment 'not required' is often the response made. Further to the planning application ESS/36/25/MAL/SPO, Cllr L. Brown updated those present that Asheldham & Dengie Parish Councillors had received an email inviting members to a quarry liaison meeting on 8th July 2025 at 2pm. District Councillor Matthew Neall apologised to the councillors for not attending the past meetings for a while. Cllr M. Neall then continued to explain that he had received an email from the Clerk, Kelly Andrews, with regards to Dengie Manor application MDC Ref. 25/00012. Cllr M. Neall has forwarded the details to the relevant department at Maldon District Council, and he will keep the Clerk updated. Cllr M. Neall reminded everyone that he is the District Councillor and can be contacted about matters that residents would like to be raised or if they have any matters of concern. Following Cllr W. Stamp's comment, at the May parish council meeting that enforcement is not part of Maldon District Council's Town and Country planning department, Cllr A. Snowdon asked Cllr M. Neall if it was possible that he could receive a copy of Maldon District Council's planning enforcement policy. A resident raised a query regarding the progress of the tree debris that has been left by the UK Power Network compound. Cllr R. Griffiths believes that the trees may be on land belonging to UK Power Network. The Clerk will send an email to UK Power Network. Lyn Moull, Dengie Village Hall Chairperson, requested that the council considers the purchase of a new strimmer through the community funding for the groundsman, Andrew Burnett. This item will be considered at the July meeting. Cllr S. Russell reported that the contractors had not cut back the grass around the tree stumps and trees opposite Sandlings.</p>	<p>Cllr R. Griffiths & Clerk</p>

<p>Cllr A. Snowdon suggested that the machinery they use may not allow them to cut right up to the trees but to contact the contractors and confirm this.</p> <p>Cllr L. Brown recommended that the council firstly look at if the community group could maintain the area first and remove the stumps before approaching the contractor.</p> <p>Cllr R. Griffiths will visit the area to take some pictures and consult with the tree warden.</p> <p>St. James' church wished to thank the parish council for the recently donated plaque. Cllr R. Griffiths will inform Cllr A. Snowdon of the date of the removal of the war memorial from Asheldham Youth Church to St. James'</p>	<p>Councillors/ Tree Warden</p> <p>Cllr R. Griffiths</p>
<p>086/2025 ARG Report – Colin Cooper</p> <p>Colin had sent his apologies. He was feeling unwell and therefore was unable to attend the meeting and deliver a report. The council wished him well.</p>	
<p>087/2025 Village Hall Report – Lyn Moull</p> <p>Lyn Moull reported that the cream tea, which was held to honour the VE Day celebrations, was a success and was very well attended. Donations made on the day were made to the British Legion. Lyn Moull has received the plans for the village hall extension.</p>	
<p>088/2025 Locality Funding – Cllr S. Russell</p> <p>Cllr S. Russell had obtained feedback from residents who felt that the installation of village gateway signs, to act as a traffic calming measure, would be a good suggestion for the locality funding. Cllr S. Russell will find out costs and details of the gateway signs prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr R. Griffiths suggested that the costings and details of the strimmer and village gateway signs be circulated prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr S. Russell/Lyn Moull</p>
<p>089/2025 Councillor and Clerk Training</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr R. Griffiths would like to attend the 3-day Chairperson's training days, being held at the EALC in September.</p> <p>The Clerk wishes to commence her CiLCA training in February.</p> <p>The Clerk will book the training courses for Cllr R. Griffiths and the Clerk.</p> <p>Agreed. Unanimous decision.</p>	
<p>090/2025 Dengie Marshes Wind Farm Project</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr A. Snowdon reported that he had not received any further information regarding the project.</p> <p>Cllr R. Griffiths suggested that the date of the consultation evening was proposed for a separate date to the Dengie Group of Parish Council meeting, where the Dengie Marshes Wind Farm would also be in attendance. This would then allow a wider number of residents to attend.</p> <p>Thursday 10th July was agreed to prevent clashing with the quarry liaison meeting.</p> <p>Agreed. Unanimous decision.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>091/2025 British Solar Renewables - Dengie Solar Park</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that BSR had written to the Clerk regarding the community benefit funding and asked if Asheldham & Dengie Parish councillors would like to lead the decision-making process for the expenditure of the available funds. 2) RESOLVED: Cllr R. Griffiths advised that she felt very strongly that the councillors should be on the panel of the decision making board. Agreed. Unanimous decision. The Clerk will write back to BSR with the councillor's decision. Agreed. Unanimous decision. 3) Cllr A. Snowdon asked if additional signage had been requested. The Clerk confirmed that the additional signage had been requested and was waiting for a time frame for delivery and installation of signs. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>092/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dengie Manor application MDC Ref. 25/00012. The Parish Council to raise concerns with MDC Planning as to how this application was past when it seems to the Parish Council that it did not satisfy section Q. RESOLVED: The Clerk had written to Cllr M. Neall requesting a Teams meeting between members of Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council and Maldon District Councils Planning officers. Cllr M. Neall advised that he has forwarded the details to the relevant department at Maldon District Council. Cllr M. Neall will chase for the response and will keep the Clerk updated. 	<p>District Cllr M. Neall/Clerk</p>

- 2) **25/05070/DET** – Land To The South of Keelings Road, Dengie
 Compliance with conditions notification 23/01236/FULM (Erection of a 19 MW Solar PV Array, comprising ground mounted solar PV panels, with co-located 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS), vehicular access from Keelings Road, internal access tracks, landscaping and associated infrastructure including security fencing, CCTV cameras, and grid connection infrastructure including transformers, substation compound buildings and cabling route to the point of connection) Condition 12- Lighting design scheme Condition 23 - Site security measures
 RESOLVED: This planning application had been approved by Maldon District Council prior to this meeting.

093/2025 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie

25/00163/HOUSE

Erection of single storey detached garage.
 Three Oaks Southminster Road Asheldham Southminster

APPROVED

25/00416/NMA

Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission 23/01236/FULM
 (Erection of a 19 MW Solar PV Array, comprising ground mounted solar PV panels, with co-located 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS), vehicular access from Keelings Road, internal access tracks, landscaping and associated infrastructure including security fencing, CCTV cameras, and grid connection infrastructure including transformers, substation Compound buildings and cabling route to the point of connection) Amendment sought: Alter the wording of condition 3 to reference an updated Soft Landscape Works Plan and Landscape General Arrangement Plan.
 Land To The South Of Keelings Road Dengie

APPROVED

25/00003/FUL

Installation of a 167metre long underground cable providing a point of connection to the National Grid, for the previously granted adjoining Solar Array development (ref.23/01236/FULM) at

Land at Dengie, Keelings Road, Southminster.

Land To The South Of Keelings Road Dengie

APPROVED

094/2025 HIGHWAYS

Road Closure - To temporarily close the length of Southminster Road, Asheldham in the District of Maldon, from its junction with Hall Road for a distance of approximately 60m in a north westerly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 16th June 2025 for 2 nights (20:00-05:00) (EN013329493 - Essex and Suffolk Water). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on one.network
 Cllr R. Griffiths will update residents of the closure via the parish Facebook page.

**Cllr R.
Griffiths**

095/2025 Questions from the Press and Public – Second Session

(This session should not exceed 15 minutes – unless otherwise directed by the Chairperson - no individual to speak for longer than 3 minutes on any one issue)

A resident requested the installation of a dog waste bin within Brook Lane. The Clerk will contact Maldon District Council requesting costings and suitable installation of a dog waste bin and add the item to the July agenda for the consideration of the council.
 The resident will send the clerk the What3Words of the suggested location.

**Clerk/R.
Pond**

096/2025 Finance

- 1) RESOLVED: To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. May 2025
 - 2) RESOLVED: To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/26
 - 3) RESOLVED: To approve the payment of Accounts for June 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements.
- Agreed. Unanimous decision.**

097/2025 To receive reports from External meetings, outside bodies and future meetings

Asheldham & Dengie parish Council will host the next Dengie Group of Parish Councils meeting, to be held at the Dengie Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July at 7pm.

098/2025 Items for Next Agenda

- Locality funding
- Dog waste bin installation
- Cleaning of the exterior of the Village Hall.

099/2025 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 7th. July 2025 at 6.30pm**100/2025 Closure of the Meeting**

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairperson then closed the meeting at 7.23pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

7th. July 2025

Rebecca Giffiths
Chairperson