## **Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th. August	ACT
2025 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	

**ACTION** 

Present: Cllrs R. Griffiths, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kelly Andrews (Parish Clerk).

7 members of the public were also present.

122/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. L Brown

123/2025 Declaration of Interest

None.

124/2025 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 7th. July 2025 Agreed. Unanimous decision.

## 125/2025 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.

- Rik Pond, ARG representative and Asheldham resident apologised to the council members
  for providing the incorrect What3Words for the intended location of the dog waste bin,
  however also thanked the Clerk for correcting this and instructing Maldon District Council to
  relocate the waste bin.
- The applicant of planning application 25/00586/FUL wished to explain that the application is
  to enable her adult grandchildren to own and live in their own homes. The site is not within
  public view and is in a private secluded area based at the back of Homelands site, which is
  a brownfields site and is within a residential settlement. Access to the property was
  previously approved and is currently still being used.
  - The applicant further explained that, if permission is granted, this will tidy up the site and the caravans that are currently present will be removed.
- Colin Cooper, ARG representative, reported that the flag outside of the village hall has been
  replaced by the Dengie Village Hall Committee for a more robust flag.
   Colin continued to report that he had also had a discussion with Asheldham resident, Trevor
  Anderson regarding tidying up the entrance to Rushes Lane and the signage displayed
  there. Colin is now awaiting a response from Mr Anderson.

#### 126/2025 Locality Funding

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that both projects for locality funding had been accepted and that purchases for the brush cutter and the replacement noticeboard for Asheldham can proceed.

## 127/2025 British Solar Renewables - Dengie Solar Park

- 1) RESOLVED: Cllr A. Snowdon has composed a letter regarding the proposed BSR Community Benefit Fund in relation to the Dengie Solar Park. This letter will be reviewed by councillors in agenda item 127/2025 2).
- 2) RESOLVED: Cllr A. Snowdon explained that he felt that if action is not taken firmly and rapidly, with regards to attempting to obtain more funds from BSR, then the council will be ignored. The deadline is fast approaching, and no response has been received previously despite acknowledging queries of the amount of grant funding offered that were brought to BSR's attention.

The industry standard for grant funding is £1000/MW/annum and that the government is looking at making obligatory next year. Cllr A. Snowdon feels that the parish are being short changed if the £19,000 is all that is offered.

Cllr R. Griffiths felt that, as there is no requirement for BSR to offer grant funding and therefore the letter should be written in a collaborative way and less confrontational format.

Cllrs Griffith, Brown, Snowdon & Russell Cllr A. Snowdon explained that if more money was achieved then the parish has more to gain.

Councillors will work together to draft a letter and send to BSR by the end of the week. **Agreed. Unanimous decision.** 

## 128/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

 25/00586/FUL – Land Rear of Homelands, Southminster Road, Asheldham Construction of three detached bungalows with garages and associated access, parking and landscaping.

RESOLVED: Asheldham & Dengie Parish Councillors did not support this planning application. Unanimous decision.

# 129/2025 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie 25/00406/VARM

Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 15 (visibility splays), 16 (construction traffic management plan,17 (route mitigation plan) and 18 (arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan) from approved 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) - Revisions to the surface material of the access track.

Land To The South Of Keelings Road Dengie Essex (UPRN - 010094635456)
BSR Energy Limited

\*\*APPROVED\*\*

### 130/2025 Items for Next Agenda

- Village Gateway Signs
- Maldon District Council planning officer meeting
- Asheldham Brook bridge

## 131/2025 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 1st. September 2025 at 6.30pm

#### 132/2025 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business. The Chairperson then closed the meeting at 6.53pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed 1st. September 2025

Lisa Brown Chairperson