

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend the forthcoming meeting of Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council to be held on

2nd. March 2026 at 6.30pm in the village Hall

for the purpose of transacting the business ONLY shown on the agenda

K. Andrews – Parish Clerk to the Council – 24th. February 2026

The Press and Public are welcome to attend

FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

026/2026 Apologies for Absence

027/2026 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or Non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda

028/2026 Dispensations

To consider member's applications for dispensations.

029/2026 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham & Dengie PC

To receive and agree the minutes of the extraordinary A&DPC meeting held on 2nd. February 2026

030/2026 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.

031/2026 District Councillor Report - Matthew Neall

032/2026 ARG Report – Colin Cooper

033/2026 Village Hall Report – Lyn Moull

034/2026 Locality Funding

To resolve to receive an update regarding the locality funding projects and purchases.

035/2026 Village Gateway Signs

To resolve to receive an update regarding the installation of Village Gateway Signs in Asheldham.

036/2026 British Solar Renewables - Dengie Solar Park

To resolve to receive an update from the Clerk regarding the Community Benefit Fund set up with the Essex Community Foundation for Dengie Solar Park and the response received from the letter sent by councillors. To resolve to discuss sending a further letter to BSR regarding the community fund value.

037/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

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.

To resolve to receive an update regarding the Teams meeting requested with Maldon District Council Planning Officers.

2) Applications received from Maldon District Council. To respond as a consultee.

OUTM/MAL/24/00941 PP-13550306

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for primary means of access from Scotts Hill, for the development of up to 249 dwellings, public open space, together with associated landscaping, highways, drainage and other infrastructure works.

Land West Of David Fisher Way David Fisher Way, Southminster

Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie

Decisions

25/00911/FUL

Reinstatement of a subservient pitched roof extension on a like for like basis following damage from subsidence

The Osprey Badnocks Chase Asheldham

APPROVED.

25/00976/VARM

Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 15 (visibility splays), 16 (construction traffic management plan and 17 (route mitigation plan) of approved planning permission 25/00406/VARM (Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 15 (visibility splays), 16 (construction traffic management plan and 17 (route mitigation 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

British Solar Renewables

APPROVED

Appeals

None.

038/2026 Asheldham Brook Bridge

- 1) To resolve to receive an update on the Asheldham Brook Bridge report from Essex County Council Highways
- 2) To resolve to receive an update regarding the necessary actions agreed at the 1st September Council meeting to maintain and make Asheldham Brook Bridge safer.

039/2026 Asheldham Quarry Concerns

Residents have raised concerns regarding the proposed continuation of mineral extract and operations carried out from the Asheldham Quarry.

To resolve to receive an update regarding the concerns raised.

040/2026 Biodiversity duty

Under the Environment Act 2021, parish councils have a legal biodiversity duty to actively conserve and enhance local biodiversity. As part of this duty the parish council must adopt a Biodiversity Duty Policy.

The Clerk has circulated a draft Biodiversity Duty Policy prior to this meeting.

To resolve to consider the adoption of the proposed policy.

To resolve to discuss the actions that Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council will take to conserve and enhance the local biodiversity.

041/2026 Council Trees

- 1) To resolve to discuss the council trees and any actions required.
- 2) To resolve to discuss the roots and stumps on the green in Asheldham and any actions required.

042/2026 Parish Gulley Pipes and Drains

To resolve to discuss the concerns regarding the parish gulleys, pipes and drains and discuss any actions required.

043/2026 HIGHWAYS

- 1) **Reporting matters to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways.**

Members of the public and Asheldham & Dengie Parish councillors are encouraged to report highway defects online at www.essex.gov.uk.

For up-to-date local road closures see www.roadworks.org or [Causeway one.network](http://Causeway.one.network)

044/2026 Questions from the Press and Public – Second Session

(This session should 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 to speak and raise issues. Code of Conduct consistent with “Nolan Principles” set out in Appendix 1 and the provisions of S29(1) Localism Act 2011.

045/2026 Finance

- 1) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 28th. February 2026.
- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/26
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for March 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements.

046/2026 TO REVIEW THE ADEQUACY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF:

- INTERNAL CONTROL
- INTERNAL AUDIT
- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Documents detailing the procedures undertaken in respect of the above have been circulated to members. To resolve to review the documents and consider accepting the procedures.

047/2026 REVIEW OF ASHELDHAM & DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The NALC model financial regulations were adapted and adopted in March 2025. The Clerk has reviewed the financial regulations. These remain up to date.

To resolve to accept the review of the financial regulations.

048/2026 NOTICES, MEETINGS AND TRAINING COURSES.

Reminder - EALC Training courses booked for Councillors and Clerk. The EALC training calendar has been circulated to councillors and can be found by visiting <https://ealc.gov.uk/training-calendar/>

To receive reports from external meetings, outside bodies and future meetings.

Dengie Group of Parish Councils – Tuesday 17th February – Cllr A. Snowdon to report

Councillor Training Days 1 & 2 – Tuesday 3rd & 10th March – Cllr G. Chandler to attend

Dengie Climate Action Partnership – Thursday 26th March – Tillingham Village Hall

049/2026 Items for the Next Agenda**050/2026 Date of Next Full Council Meeting – Monday 6th. April 2026 at 6.30pm****051/2026 Closure of the Meeting**

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