

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th. May 2026 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
Present: Cllrs R. Griffiths, L. Brown, A. Snowdon, G. Chandler and Kelly Andrews (Parish Clerk). Four members of the public were also present.	
<b>076/2026 Election of Chairman for the 2026/2027 year</b> The Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form	
<b>077/2026 Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2026/2027 year</b> The Vice-Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form	
<b>078/2026 Apologies for Absence</b> None.	
<b>079/2026 Declaration of Interest</b> None.	
<b>080/2026 Dispensations</b> None received.	
<b>081/2026 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham &amp; Dengie PC</b> RESOLVED: To receive and agree the minutes of the last A&DPC meeting held on 8th. April 2026. Cllr R. Griffiths proposed to agree the minutes received. Cllr G. Chandler seconded this motion. Agreed. Unanimous decision.	
<b>082/2026 Questions from the Press and Public –</b> <b>(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)</b> An opportunity for members of the public and press to speak about items on the agenda and to raise other issues. - There were no matters raised by the public.	
<b>083/2026 Councillor Vacancy</b> RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had not received any applications, despite placing a publication in the Parish Paper and on social media. The Clerk will repeat the publication in the Parish Paper again for the June edition. Cllr R. Griffiths proposed that the ARG Chair, Colin, could circulate an email to the members of the ARG community. Colin agreed that he would email the members. Cllr L. Brown suggested that some leaflets are produced and left in the village hall and a poster is displayed in the lobby area. Agreed. Unanimous decision.	
<b>084/2026 District Councillor Report - Matthew Neall</b> District Councillor, Matthew Neall was not in attendance at this meeting.	
<b>084/2026 ARG Report – Colin Cooper</b> The chair of the Asheldham Resident's Group, Colin Cooper, had read his report during the agenda item 4 of the Annual Parish Assembly.	
<b>085/2026 Village Hall Report – Lyn Moull</b> Dengie Village Hall representative, Lyn Moull, had sent her report to the Clerk prior to this meeting, which was read at the Annual Parish Assembly, agenda item 4.	
<b>009/2026 Locality Funding</b> RESOLVED: The Clerk was pleased to report that the funds had been received in the bank for both the brush cutter and the noticeboard in Asheldham. Considering that this project is now complete, the Clerk will remove this item from the agenda. Agreed. Unanimous decision.	

**010/2026 Village Gateway Signs**

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had submitted the application to Essex County Council Highways and that they had asked which type of 30mph sign will be displayed on the gateways. The Clerk will circulate some ideas of 30 mph signs that can be displayed on the village gateway signs for councillors to review for the next meeting.

Agreed. Unanimous decision.

**036/2026 British Solar Renewables - Dengie Solar Park**

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had sent an email to Katie Whitty and Peter Berwick of BSR Renewables, copying in the local MP John Whittingdale but as yet had not received a response.

The Clerk will follow this up with a follow up email if she continues to have not received a response.

Agreed. Unanimous decision.

**012/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response.**

- 1) 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

RESOLVED: Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council did not support this application. Agreed.

Unanimous decision.

**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) RESOLVED: The Clerk will continue to work with Cllr Wendy Stamp to resolve the issues raised with Asheldham Brook Bridge and obtaining the structural report from Essex County Council Highways.
- 2) RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that there were no updates regarding this matter. The Clerk will continue to chase.

Clerk

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Clerk & Cllrs.

**040/2026 Biodiversity duty**

RESOLVED: Asheldham & Dengie will create a list of actions and formally agree them at the next meeting. Agreed. Unanimous decision.

**041/2026 095/2026 Fly tipping**

RESOLVED: Cllr A. Snowdon reported that a large amount of waste had been fly tipped in Rushes Lane. Cllr A. Snowdon added that the fly tipping had been reported to the local authorities. The Clerk reported that prior to the meeting the waste had been cleared. This was believed to have been cleared by the landowner.

Clerk

**096/2026 Parish Gulley Pipes and Drains**

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had raised the issue of a suspected leak outside the property of Towerhill Stables with Essex and Suffolk Water. Essex and Suffolk will investigate the suspected leak.

**097/2026 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk).

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

a) RESOLVED: Cllr A. Snowdon suggested that, due to how dangerous the junction of Hall Road and Southminster Road have become, that it is suggested to Essex County Highways that an alternative, such as a bollard, replaces the grass triangle to make the junction safer.

Cllr R. Griffiths suggested that this item is kept on the agenda for further discussion and ask ECC Highways for an investigation of the junction. This motion was seconded by Cllr A. Snowdon.

Clerk

**098/2026 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.

- A resident reported that he had noticed that the white lines on the junction of Hall Road and Southminster Road had faded.
  - Cllr R. Griffiths suggested that this is addressed more urgently before considering the Highways assessment as discussed in agenda item 097/2026 a)
- Proposed: Cllr R. Griffiths Seconded by: Cllr G. Chandler

**099/2026 Finance**

- 1) RESOLVED: To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. April 2026. Agreed. Unanimous decision.
- 2) RESOLVED: To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2026/27 Agreed. Unanimous decision.
- 3) RESOLVED: To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. Agreed. Unanimous decision.

**100/2026 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 Climate Action Partnership – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Tillingham Village Hall – 7pm**

**101/2026 Items for the Next Agenda**

- **Speed Indicator Devices (SID)**

**102/2026 Date of Next Full Council Meeting – Monday 1st. June 2026 at 6.30pm .**

**103/2026 Closure of the Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37 pm and refreshments were served.

**Kelly Andrews Clerk to the Council**

**Signed: Chairperson.....Date.....**