

MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road, Dengie.

Present: - Cllr Lisa Brown, Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr Sally Russell, Cllr David Henson & Cllr Rebecca Griffiths.

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public:

Meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m.

158/21-22 ELECTION OF CHAIR TO RUN MEETING AND WELCOME

Cllr Dave Henson was proposed to Chair the meeting by Cllr Brown and Seconded by all members present.

Cllr Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

159/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Wendy Stamp.

160/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Cllr Dave Henson declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 166/21-22 a) i). Cllr Brown to chair that section. Members declared a global interest regarding Agenda item 166/21-22 b) i)
- b) Members noted it is their responsibility to check that their Register of Interests are up to date i.e. if any changes occur, then they are updated within 28 days, on the MDC website which is linked to the Asheldham and Dengie Parish council website.

161/21-22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(s)

- a) The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on 6th December 2021 were reviewed, approved and signed.
- b) The minutes from the Extra Ordinary meeting held on the 13th December 2021 were reviewed, approved and signed.

162/21-22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) No report was available from the District Councillor.
- b) Should any members or members of the public wish to ask County Cllr Wendy Stamp her any questions the Clerk will be happy to pass them on.

163/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

No questions raised at this time.

164/21-22 ASHELDHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- a) Mr. Cooper stated that he and Mr. Pond have installed the new posts by the post box and thanks was given to Mr. Lock for providing the posts and to G&B Finch for some ballast and cement and Mr. Collier for post-crete, this is a huge improvement and thanks was given and will help with deterring the parking. The salt bin had been refilled and gave thanks for that. Noise emanating from the Dengie Crop plant heard by a few residents. The bridle path sign is down again which Clerk has reported and will report again.

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The Queen's Green Canopy Project information has been circulated to ARG members and one response and stated that a tree may be suitable where the bridle path comes out into Green Lanes where it is perceived to have enough room in the throat of that bridle-path. A discussion took place regarding letting more people know on the website or facebook. A collection of small saplings or one tree is available. It was mentioned that a single tree would have more impact. A dedication plaque in the form of an app and whatever is planted is logged on the internet so people can visit all the trees planted as part of this scheme. It was stated that a tree planted down Manor Road would be nice and perhaps that one in each Village would be possible. It was further stated that reasonable size trees are not too expensive and could be obtained with donations.

165/21-22 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) Essex Highways Devolution Pilot - Clerk unable to progress as no response from the Contractor. Will ask for scheme to be rolled over. It was suggested of another way of using the money. It was stated that Althorne use for grass cutting. Purchase of "Do Not Park on the Grass" was discussed and to be dealt with at the Agenda item
- ii) No updates Asheldham Bends Project being reviewed by ECC Highways and the LHP Panel minutes for December have not yet been printed.
- iii) The report is not available as they have had issues with the investigation work required and to do with utility services and a flood risk assessment.
- iv) Clerk did a detailed review of all highways issues and all state the same on each issue that it is not priority etc and therefore no news 30mph signs (Ref: 2752071)and give way sign (Ref: 2752040) facing the incorrect way.
- v) No News available FP 10 and FP 12 (Ref: 2752089)
- vi) The tree is further back than it was and Clerk to report again asking them to move further back and it was stated that there is a possibility of cutting the tree up (Ref: 2752104) It was also reported that the new reflector posts was covered in mud and not serving the purpose they were put there for.

166/21-22 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Cllr Lisa Brown took over chairing this part of the meeting as Cllr Henson had already declared an interest.

i) Application No: 22/00014/FUL PP-10503163

Proposal: Erection of a new workshop and storage building (following demolition of the existing workshop/store building)

Location: G And B Finch Limited Asheldham Quarry Tillingham Road Asheldham

Members supported this application.

b) Planning or Planning Appeal Decision(s) NOTED

i) FUL/MAL/21/01134 Asheldham

Proposed detached annexe for home working/leisure facilities, including games room, tv room and outside dining. Asheldham Grange Rushes Lane Asheldham Essex (UPRN - 100091260373)

Clerk mentioned that Mr. Bhatt had requested a response to his email. Clerk stated that correspondence had been sent saying that you can only make a decision on the information that was put in front of you. Cllr Henson stated that the information that was sent with the email had been included in his supporting statement of the actual application. A discussion took place regarding the response form and the confusion over the support/no objections.

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Also it was stated that the condition the Parish Council noted was not included in MDC reason for refusal and it was reiterated that the Parish Council are only consultees.

c) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:

List of planning applications – 48 - 4 noted

List of planning decisions and appeals – **48 - 4 noted**

d) Enforcement Cases

Reference No. ENF381976857 - adj Endway Farmhouse - new build fence interfering with line of sight on the carriageway. No news as MDC will revert back in due course. Clerk to check if there is a timeline. It was mentioned that it is not the 6ft fence that is causing the problem with the line of sight that it is the white post and rail fence that is the problem. Resident stated that he has had two or three near misses on that corner as traffic is suddenly on top of you as you can not see anything coming in advance. Another resident suggested that some sort of safety net is put in and it was stated that something should happen as part of the Asheldham Bends Project. A reflective mirror was taken down and Highways took it down.

e) Review of Local Development Plan - Maldon District Council

A consultation on how the District could be planning for future development has been launched and everyone is encouraged to have their say. The consultation will start on 17 January and will run until 14 March 2022. Members to discuss and decide on a response at the meeting on 7th March 2022.

167/21-22 Scheme of Delegation of Power to the Parish Clerk/RFO

a) Members agreed to delegate power to the Parish Clerk as detailed in the draft Scheme of Delegation of Power already circulated. Prop. Cllr Henson and Seconded by all members.

168/21-22 FINANCE

- a) Members agreed and approved payments for January and February 2022 as per list provided.
- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 31st January 2022
Both items a) and B) were approved by all members and Cllr Henson signed the bank statement to the bank reconciliation.
- c) Clerk still having trouble getting mandate changed.

169/21-22 TRAINING

- a) Clerk is sorting out a date to fit in with every member.
- b) Cllr Griffiths stated that the Climate Conference was very interesting and there are a lot actions that can be taken to help (see attached)

170/21-22 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

a) Clerk updated everyone on the Dengie Village sign and that due to covid the original date of commencing the making of the sign has been put back a couple of months. Correspondence has been received from Mrs Moull in regard to the positioning of the sign - feel that Keelings Rd is too far off the beaten track and Manor Rd would be a better position, opposite the triangle but the two sided sign will be lost. It was suggested that it goes outside the Village Hall and make a nice area at the base, permission would not be need as the Village Hall Committee has already given permission and with the money that is left over place a bench.

It was mentioned about it being situated on Mr. Proctors land and there are services of one or another which is why it was abandoned and was also one of the difficulties on the triangle.

171/21-22 ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ABOUT ADDRESSING THE GROWING DEMAND FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN MALDON.

Members noted but no response was made as plans for a primary school in Maldon are already visible.

The consultation is open until 5 p.m. on 6/3/22. Virtual drop-in sessions on 14 February 2022, which interested parties are invited to attend. Details on how to book a slot are given on page 7 of the consultation document which can be accessed via:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/school-organisation-and-place-planning/consultations-and-statutory-proposals>

172/21-22 HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

- a) Mrs Griffiths has kindly come forward to co-ordinate this project once suggestions have been made.
- b) Email from Mrs Moull detailing the Children's Tea Party and various other celebrations (see attached) Members agreed to carry over the decision for making the £250.00 contribution that was agreed for the 75 years anniversary of the war. Monies to be used for the Children's party but if funds not needed to help with the dance.

173/21-22 PARKING ON THE GRASS VERGE IN ASHELDHAM

- a) Members discussed the problems with parking on the grass verge. It was agreed to purchase Parking Signs from the devolution fund - and apply to highways for the licence. It is always going to be a problem due to the number of houses with no parking. A suggestion to park in Dengie Crops was made but it is likely that people would find the distance too far. Another resident had been approached and stated that it would be a problem as her dogs would be set off each time. Clerk to write to Essex Highways informing them of the problem.

174-21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

Noise emanating from Dengie Crops first noticed in December 2021. Like a droning humming noise that starts/stops and it really does affect the residents.

ARG Chair has been sending emails to Dengie Crops with Mr. Rose and they are getting a specialist in. Other residents have heard it too. It was described as torturous. Clerk can apply to MDC Environment Dept for a noise pollution survey. It was suggested that they may have problems with a fan unit or phasing with all the fans.

Ian Hassard the MD of Dengie Crops was written to by ARG in December and a reply was sent in January thinks that the possible cause has been identified and a specialist has been appointed to do a report and remedy the situation.

Clerk to write to Dengie Crops asking them to give an update before the next Parish Council meeting on 7th March 2022. Requesting also that the doors are kept shut in the bagging shed.

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175/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) Monday 7th March 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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