

MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on Monday 1st November 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road, Dengie.

Present: - Cllr Lisa Brown, Cllr Sally Russell, Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr David Henson & newly appointed Cllr Rebecca Griffiths joined the meeting from Item 113/21-22.

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 6

Meeting commenced at 6.31 p.m.

108/21-22 ELECTION OF CHAIR & WELCOME

Cllr Lisa Brown was proposed by Cllr Henson and Seconded by Cllr Russell to Chair the meeting.

109/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received

110/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Cllr Henson declared a NP interest on item 112/21-22 (a) and a Pecuniary interest on item 112/21-22 (b).
Cllr Brown, Cllr Russell and Cllr Kelly all declared a non-pecuniary interest in that they know the applicants in 112/21-22.
- (b) All members noted their responsibility to make any changes to their register of interest within 28 days.

111/21-22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(s)

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 were proposed by Cllr Russell and Seconded by Cllr Henson as a true and accurate record.
AGREED.
- (b) Members noted that the meeting scheduled for September 2021 had to be cancelled due to being inquorate.
- (c) The minutes of the meeting of 4th October 2021 were approved and proposed by Cllr Brown and Seconded by Cllr Henson - AGREED

112/21-22 CO-OPTION PROCESS

- (a) Members discussed the re-running of the December co-option process and voted in view of the advice received from the EALC and MDC not to re-run the process. Cllr Brown on behalf of the Parish Council gave formal apologies to Mr. Snowden for any previous misunderstanding.
- (b) Members interviewed three applicants, one having dropped out prior to the holding of the meeting. The applicants were Mr. Andrew Snowden, Mrs Karen Anderson and Miss Rebecca Griffiths. A signed ballot was held and Miss Rebecca Griffiths was successful and signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the other members as Asheldham and Dengie's newly co-opted Parish Councillor. Thanks was given to the all the candidates for taking the time and interest in the Parish.

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113/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- A resident requested an update regarding what ECC Highways are doing regarding the Bund. The Clerk read out an email as per attached. Email was circulated among attendees. A question was raised as to whether there is a break-down of the £9500. Clerk to go back and request a break-down of this amount as it was felt that the information obtained and put into plans in 2014 was very detailed.
- Question raised from a resident regarding Broadband - Clerk also mentioned that Openreach have a road closure on 24th November and it was raised that this might have something positive to do with better internet in the area. A discussion regarding the internet ensued and it was stated again that some people are not able to take advantage of the subsidised scheme because BT have commercial plans and this would cost £30,000.
- Asheldham Bridge - notices in paper recently closing the bridge and then an email was circulated from the Clerk that the bridge will be closed on 20th November and they may be installing the reflector posts at the same time.
- Request to replenish the salt in the bin.
- Litter pick to take place on Saturday 11th December and further information will be available closer to the event. 9.30 a.m. meet, 10 a.m. start and warm food and drinks will be provided.
- ARG to try and get the notice board doors working and mention of the posts up by the post box are rotted and this will be one of the next jobs to reset new posts. These may be supplied by a resident or Finches.
- Blocked drains - outside the animal sanctuary and further up and Clerk to chase again concerning the blocked drains/gullies and outside Endway.
- Ayletts & Sympson Charities - regarding how they operate and a while ago the Charity agreed that the money can be utilised to benefit the community. £393 available to be used for Asheldham as Thomas Sympson run by Mrs Burnett and was Mr. Burton, but Clerk awaiting response from Mrs Burnett for the bank details and who will be taking over as Trustee. If anyone wants funds towards a Parish project.
- A resident mentioned that he was disappointed the public footpaths had been taken off the Agenda as there are still problems with FP 8 and FP 10. Clerk asked what the issues. FP 10 regarding the re-routing - what is the news and the FP by Endway no waymarkers.
- Also raised the parking on the verge where the Asheldham notice board is as it has become a problem again.

114/21-22 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

To receive updates on outstanding highways issues *and* an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.

- i) Devolution pilot - Clerk stated that the agreement has been signed and the £1000 grant is in the bank. Small jobs i.e signage and any jobs that roads will not have to be closed. A discussion of what project to carry out took place. If bollards were to be installed on the verge where the Asheldham notice board is would require a licence. Members to think about a project bollards and/or planters. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Barnard for carrying out the planting and to Mr. Cooper for putting up the poppies.
- ii) No further news - Clerk to request break-down of the £9500.
- iii) A mention of flooding at the bridge but it was thought to be due to surface water rather than coming from the brook. Clerk to report to ECC Highways drains/gullies.

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115/21-22 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Application(s)- Members discussed and decided on the following application(s):-

- i) 21/01011/FUL PP-10259638
Detached Garage
Land Adj Endway Farm Southminster Road, Asheldham, Essex. D/L 17/11/2021.
SUPPORTED

b) Planning Application or Planning Appeal Decision(s)

- i) None at the time of writing.

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

- List of planning applications – 40-43 **NOTED**
- List of planning decisions and appeals – 40-43 **NOTED**

d) Enforcement Cases

- i. FUL/MAL/20/00766 Asheldham and the non-adherence pertaining to the entrance has been nullified and can now be taken off the Agenda.

116/21-22 FINANCE

a) Clerk detailed the list of payments for the month of November as per list previously circulated via email were agreed. (see below)

FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
35/21-22	01/11/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 8	£237.03		£237.03
36/21-22	01/11/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 8	£50.77	£0.00	£50.77
37/21-22	01/11/2021	Bill Payment	HMRC	Tax Mth 8	£0.00		£0.00
38/21-22	01/11/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Zoom Nov 21	£4.00	£0.79	£4.79
39/21-22	01/11/2021	Bill Payment	Wave	Keelings Cemetery Water	£21.94	£0.00	£21.94
40/21-22	01/11/2021	CHQ No. 100416	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath & donation	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
					£353.74	£0.79	£354.53

b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 30th October 2021 and signed the bank statements and initialled the bank reconciliation. Items a & b Prop: Cllr Brown Sec: Cllr Henson.

(c) Bank mandate item deferred until next meeting.

117/21-22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- (a) No report from District Councillor.
- (b) No report available from County Councillor.

118/21-22 TRAINING

Clerk updated members regarding training for Councillor and Chairman modules which will be carried out over zoom when booked. EALC has requested Saturday dates after Christmas. Members to supply Clerk for convenient dates.

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119/21-22 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

Clerk stated no news regarding a response from ECC but will chase again.

120/21-22 CLAY SHOOTING -HALL ROAD

Clerk stated no news. Clerk to chase.

121/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

Clerk to send copy of email relating to the bund to resident.

The Asheldham bends will be chased by Cllr Wendy Stamp and the PC.

A discussion took place regarding the route that the construction traffic for Bradwell B would be taking and it would be preferential to use the Latchingdon/Steeple/Mayland route, but it was further mentioned that until the road is classified for this, the satnav etc would direct traffic around the Asheldham Bends.

Highways devolution pilot- question was raised about the tendering process. Clerk stated that a request had been made to ECC Highways for a list of contractors. It was stated that it would be an onerous process and that it came up tentatively before and a previous councillor was adamant that these type of devolution projects should be avoided. Clerk stated that the money can always be handed back if this proved to be the case, but hopefully some smaller projects could be carried out.

122/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th December 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall.

123/21-22 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED – THE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING CLOSED AT 19.32 PM &THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MEETING ON 6TH DECEMBER 2021 TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON.