

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on
Monday 5th July 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road,
Dengie.**

Present: - Cllr Carole Faulkner, Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr David Henson

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 5

058/21-22 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair welcomed everyone present and it was announced about the sad passing Alfie Burton who was a Chair of the Parish Council and did so much for the Community and Dengie Village Hall, he will be very much missed.

059/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lisa Brown due to Covid-19 in two classrooms in the school where she is employed.

060/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Cllr Faulkner declared a NP interest in 070/21-22
Cllr Henson declared a NP interest in 070/21-22
Cllr Henson declared a Pecuniary interest in 064/21-22 (d)
- (b) All members noted their responsibility to make any changes to their register of interest within 28 days.

061/21-22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th June 2021

The minutes from the meeting on 14th June 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr and Seconded: Cllr . AGREED.

062/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- Asheldham Bridge the report has been seen by all councillors and Clerk has asked for some sort of timescale as to when the repairs might be effected and various other questions about the whole project. Resident will await with interest. Clerk also chasing for reflector signs. Another resident pointed out that the require different people at the site for different aspects, therefore the previous suspicions mentioned were negated.
- Clerk has been delving further into and received a helpful reply from superfast Essex that suggests various ways that various residents can investigate further and also contacting the ECC rep and Maldon rep as to what they can help with.
- Meeting on 9th August is for discuss matters that were not covered at the on-line highways meeting

063/21-22 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) Clerk read out the reason that the 40mph limit was refused...a discussion was had with the engineering and policy teams with regards to the possibility of reducing the speed limit through this section. Unfortunately it is not felt that at this time that this section of road would comply with Essex Speed Management Strategy for a

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reduction in speed. The environment is them or determining factor in speed choice, so drivers should expect to see the same limits in similar environments.

Signing alone in environments of this nature is unlikely to achieve compliance. They provided an extract from the strategy which states the criteria that a 40mph speed limit would be considered. Item to be taken off the agenda.

- ii) Clerk stated that a meeting has been set for Friday 9th July 10.30 to 11.30in Dengie Village Hall to meeting Cllr Scott to discuss highways matters and everyone is welcome to attend. Please let Clerk know if you are attending so numbers can be watched.
- iii) Clerk has sent in the project to the Local Highways Panel and copied to Cllr Wendy Stamp and this is expected to be reviewed at the next LHP meeting on 10th September. This is to request the Engineers to look at the Asheldham Bends project first started in 2014 and asked to look at the 3 bends, but stopping just after.
- iv) A resident had read the report and said the report was fairly comprehensive. Reflectors have been requested and a temporary weight restriction, the white road markings indicating a narrowing, but did not meet the criteria. Cllr Russell raised the concern about the huge crack under the bridge and the level of the water would be higher in Oct/Nov when it is presumed that the water level would be high. Clerk to make a note.

064/21-22 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)- No planning applications to review, one was received but was withdrawn.
- b) Planning Appeal for 19/00920/OUT (Appeal
- c) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - List of planning applications – 24-26 NOTED
 - List of planning decisions and appeals – 24 – 26 NOTED
- d) Enforcement Cases
 - i. Enforcement notice ENF/16/00421/02 breach of planning control under section 171A(1)(a) -Members noted the correspondence and had no further comments to make.
 - ii. No news received regarding the non-adherence pertaining to the entrance on FUL/MAL/20/00766.
- (e) Maldon District Council – Revised Statement of Community Involvement.

The Clerk gave a brief description of what the document detailed and members decided not o make any comments

065/21-22 FINANCE

- a) Clerk detailed the list of payments for the month of July 2021 totalling £ which were agreed.

FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
016/21-22	05/07/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 4	£268.28		268.28
017/21-22	05/07/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 4	£41.82		41.82
018/21-22	05/07/2021	Bill Payment	HMRC	Tax Mth 4	£5.00		5.00
019/21-22	05/07/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Zoom July	£4.00	0.79	4.79
20/21-22	05/07/2021	Bill Payment	SLCC	Annual membership / by 3 £48.00 each. Steeple/Stow maries to be invoiced.	£144.00	0.00	144.00
					£463.10	0.79	463.89

- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2021 and signed the bank statements and initialled the bank reconciliation.
- (c) Members agreed in line with NALC that the Clerks hourly rate of pay would increase from £10.65 to £10.86 back dated to 1st April 2020.
- (d) Members agreed the SLCC membership for the Clerk. Invoices have been sent to the other Parish Councils so the cost is divided.

066/21-22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

067/21-22 TRAINING

Chair mentioned that she had undertaken the Mental Health Well-being training and has lots of information if anyone would like to look through it. Chair stated that she felt it was very worth doing.

- a) Members discussed engage EALC for a Planning course to be given to all Councillors and it was agreed to request a Saturday morning at the cost of £350.00. Clerk to arrange. Proposed: Cllr Faulkner Sec Cllr Henson.

068/21-22 SUPER FAST BROADBAND

Clerk received a comprehensive and helpful reply which has been passed onto residents experiencing problems and will put on the website.

069/21-22 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Moull was present and handed a picture of the Dengie Village sign which everyone was very pleased with. A discussion took place regarding where the sign would be installed. The grounds of the Village Hall which the VH Committee are happy to happen, on the green outside the church in Keelings Road was a strong contender, but depended on permissions and public consensus on grass verge opposite the triangle at the top of Manor Road, Hall Road and Feelings Road. Clerk to look into what needs to be done to acquire permission from ECC Highways and the Church. It was also mentioned that if it went at the top of Manor Road only one side of the double sided sign would be seen. Other spots were mentioned but reasons came as to why it would not be possible. Planning permission will be required whatever site it is installed. Clerk to research all possibilities and bring back for discussion and decision. Clerk confirmed that a ECC Licence was obtained for the Asheldham sign.

070/21-22 CLAY SHOOTING -HALL ROAD

Clerk stated that there was no further update .

071/21-22 REVIEW OF VARIOUS PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- a) Members reviewed and approved the Standings Orders - 5/7/25021
Prop: Cllr Faulkner Sec: Cllr Russell
- b) Members reviewed and approved the Financial Regulations - 5/7/2021
Prop: Cllr Faulkner Sec: Cllr Kelly
- c) Members reviewed and approved the Asset Register -5/7/2021
Prop: Cllr Faulkner Sec: Cllr Henson.

072/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

- The question was raised as to why the District Councillor never attends or we get a report. Clerk does request attendance or a report and will chase.

073/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

074/21-22 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED – THE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING CLOSED AT 19.13 PM &THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING.