

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 4th February 2018 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr A Fluker, Cllr R Moull & Cllr Mrs C Faulkner

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

Cllr Fluker welcomed everyone present to the meeting starting promptly at 7 p.m. and introduced the members of the public present to their new Parish Councillor Nick Kelly.

18-19/143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Snowdon who was unable to attend due to a recent surgical procedure.

18-19/144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members made the usual declaration that all members live and/or work in the District and declared a global declaration. . No other declarations in relation to items on the agenda were made at this point in the meeting.

18-19/145. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the 3rd December 2018 were approved & signed. Proposed: Cllr Moull and Seconded by Cllr Faulkner – AGREED.

18-19/146. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

Mr. Cooper on behalf of the members of ARG welcomed Mr. Kelly to the Parish Council.

ARG have had a quiet time due to Christmas and the New Year, however the underside of a the planter is now disintegrating and the group will be doing something to rectify this. The poor condition of the wooden notice board was raised and ARG are happy to do the work and the Parish Council will support with the supply of materials. Mr. Cooper to liaise with the Parish Clerk in this regard.

Various Give Way signs at the junction of Southminster Road and Green Lanes were in need of repair and the sign on the green triangle had also been knocked down. Chevron signs were also in need of replacement/repair opposite Bell House. Clerk to report.

It had been noted that the litter had increased over the Christmas and New Year and consideration is being given to having another litter pick before the Spring One.

Mr. Cooper made the correction of the last minutes and said that ARG had 44 members.

18-19/147. VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

A short meeting took place prior to the Parish Council meeting where members spoke with Nick Kelly about the position on the Parish Council. All members present were in favour of Mr. Kelly joining. Mr. Kelly joined the Parish Councillors, but was unable to make any decisions as this point until he had signed the Acceptance of Office form which would be signed prior to the March meeting so that he could then fully take part.

18-19/148.HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

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

Clerk to report issues reported in the public session and to chase current issues still outstanding.

18-19/149.PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application(s) received since the last meeting – none.

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

- i. List of planning applications 48/49/51/51/52/1/2/3/4 - noted
- ii. List of planning decisions and appeals 48/49/51/51/52/1/2/3/4 - noted

b) DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

i) FUL/MAL/18/01111 - Asheldham

Stationing of mobile home for rural workers for temporary period of 3 years. Rationalisation of existing livery business to form part livery and full livery. Erection of 5 stables with associated tack room and feed store
Land North Of Asheldham Farm Hall Road Asheldham Essex (UPRN - 010014003131) Mr & Mrs D Henson
APPROVE subject to various conditions as detailed in Wk 4
Planning decisions 2019 – noted

ii) FUL/MAL/18/00230 Asheldham

Erection of an education centre, tea room, 6x holiday log cabins, 1x staff/workers accommodation, 1x welfare cabin, 6x fish breeding ponds and associated hard-standing, parking and access point.

Asheldham Pit Southminster Road Asheldham Essex (UPRN - 200000918831) Mrs Lisa Brown

APPROVE subject to various conditions as detailed n Wk 5
Planning decisions 2019 – noted.

c) Planning enforcement updates

- i. Keelings Lane – Caravan -17/00149/CU
- ii. Caravans etc – Land east of bungalow – 16/00421/CU
- iii. Nature reserve – 16/00006/DEV has now been approved so can be removed from agenda.

18-19/150.FINANCE

- a) Members received the bank reconciliation to the end of January 2019 and signed the bank statements in agreement with the cash book and bank.
- b) Members agreed to change the clerks salary payments from quarterly to monthly as it would not incur any additional costs payment would be approved and made at the meeting following the end of month.
- c) . All payments were agreed.
 - ❖ Hall hire and electricity from April 2018 to March 2019 - £177.50
 - ❖ Clerks Salary & expenses – £ 243.21 month 10 (January 2019)

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| 1 | | | | £ | |
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| 4 | BANK | | | | |
| 5 | Community account no. 80925519 | | | £485.01 | |
| 6 | Business Premium account no. 80950459 | | | £5,250.90 | |
| 7 | | | | | |
| 8 | | | Bank Account Total | £5,735.91 | |
| 9 | Income 2018/19 | | | | |
| 10 | Balance carried forward 1st April 2018 | | | £3,081.35 | |
| 11 | Precept | | | £5,714.00 | |
| 12 | VAT refund | | | £108.83 | |
| 13 | Bank Interest | | | £7.53 | |
| 14 | William Ayletts | | William Ayletts money (Asheldham & Dengie) | £66.50 | |
| 15 | EALC | | Training Bursary 75% reimbursement | £277.50 | |
| 16 | | | Total income 2018/19 | £9,255.71 | |
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| 18 | Expenditure 2018/19 | | Payments cleared to date | -£3,519.80 | |
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| 21 | Bank Balance | | income less expenditure as at 30/01/19 | £5,735.91 | |
| 22 | | | unreconciled payments - £20 | -£20.00 | |
| 23 | | | | | |
| 24 | | | cash book balance | £6,962.72 | |
| 25 | | | Total of Jan/Feb Payments 2019 | -£420.71 | |
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| 27 | | | Actual cash book balance as at 04/2/19 | £6,542.01 | |
| 28 | LESS | RESERVES | Election expenses | -£1,000.00 | |
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| 31 | | | Remaining usable funds. | £5,542.01 | |
| 32 | Signed: | | Print Name: | Date: | 04/02/2019 |
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Balance of Ayletts Account as at 4/2/19 - £210.50

18-19/151 DEFIBRILLATOR

- i. It was agreed that a member of the council would attend the Annual Parish Meeting at Tillingham on 25th March 2019 at 8 p.m. to see at first hand the fire service demonstrate the use of a defibrillator. Cllr Moull and Cllr Faulkner volunteered.
- ii. Members discussed the need for a defibrillator in Asheldham and Dengie and it was decided to get quotes for equipment, research possibility of funding and actively seek donations from local businesses for this worthwhile piece of equipment. The Dengie Village Hall was suggested for the placement of one in Dengie and Clerk to write to the Village Hall to ask permission for this to happen.

SIGNED.....
 CHAIRMAN – CLLR ANDREW SNOWDON
 ASHELDHAM & DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
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Mr. Turner from Dengie Crops offered the use of theirs should the need arise prior to the village ones being installed. A vote of thanks was made for this gesture by the members.

18-19/152.REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Fluker informed those present that MDC were after making a £1.8 million saving and have invested £3m since October and know they can deliver the project. No changes will be made to waste management, planning, benefits or council tax.

A decision has been taken to close down the tourist information office in Maldon and Burnham as everyone uses these facilities less and less due to looking up on-line and their phones etc. This decision was not taken lightly but less than 5000 people per year actual enter these centres.

MDC not investing so much into Citizen Advice as only a very small percentage of people utilise this service, so help with housing, debt etc. will be covered but many of the other services may no longer be available.

The Bradwell B Power Station is reported to be 2 years into the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) and over some major hurdles, and in another two years could be complete. The geological survey was deemed to be completely safe. The Chinese are talking about units 2/4/6 and a survey is being carried out on the Thames Estuary for cooling. It is possible that they could be breaking ground in 4 years and will employ 3000 to build.

The extensive building in the area was mentioned and in particular the later life development estate that will offer care packages etc.

18-19/153.VILLAGE BEACON

The Clerk informed members that before the Insurance Company could give any costings the replacement value of the Village Beacon would have to be given to them. The Clerk has queried whether the existing Public Liability Insurance would cover any organised events as long as the necessary risk assessments i.e. "a reasonable duty of care" have been taken so that their claims department can review in the event of an incident occurring, if on Parish land it would be the responsibility of the PC to inspect and maintain the beacon in line with the risk assessment and records kept. The clerk raised the further question as to what is the procedure if the beacon was erected on a third parties' land and is awaiting a response from the insurance company.

18-19/154.CORRESPONDENCE – No decisions can be made under this heading

Members noted the correspondence list on the agenda.

18-19/155.SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

It was mentioned about the Farm Watch meeting and that the community police had managed to catch a hare coursing group and arrested 5 suspects, and they are no longer allowed to own dogs and their vehicle(s) were confiscated and crushed. The police have also managed to clamp down on the fly tipping.

Dengie Crops representative confirmed that the company has displayed the Royal Warrant which is very prestigious. Gerry Parker is the new Chief Constable and has made a good impression to date.

18-19/156.EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils will be held on 20th March in Southminster... John Anderson who is Chairman to Southminster Parish Council is now the newly appointed Chairman of the DHGPC.

18-19/157.INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

An opportunity for members to raise any items they wish to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

- i) To discuss the sludge/sewage spreading.
- ii) Elections – 2nd May 2019
- iii)Speed Reductions

18-19/158.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is still to be confirmed as either Monday 4th March 2019.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm and Cllr Fluker thanked everyone for attending.