

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on
Monday 11th May 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr C Faulkner, Cllr A Fluker, Cllr Lisa Brown (left meeting at 7.40 p.m. due to internet failure), Cllr Sally Russell (did not join the meeting until just before Agenda item 20-21/008 Planning)& Cllr Nick Kelly

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 3

Please note that the number has changed from the Agenda numbering as being the first meeting of the 2020/21 year, the minutes should go back to zero.

20-21/001 - WELCOME

Cllr Faulkner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20-21/002 – APOLOGIES

- Mr. Colin Cooper.

20-21/003 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declaration of interest were made at this point in the meeting, other than the usual global declaration that all councillors live and/or work in the Parish.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to register any changes in their Register of Interests on the Maldon District Council website.

20-21-004– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2020 were proposed by Cllr Fluker and seconded by Cllr Faulkner and to be signed and posted to Clerk . **RESOLVED.**

20-21/005 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- Clarify of whereabouts Keelings Farm House, but was declared a mistake by MDC as the planning application is actually Barn Farm, Keelings Road, CM0 7FG.
- Issue was raised that the Parish Council had not complied with the statutory requirements for the meeting and stated that the SLCC are definite in quoting the government regulations that there must be the usual notices in the prominent places. It was proposed that the meeting is moved on by Cllr Fluker and if the member of the public wished to pursue a judicial review it was up to them to do so. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and immediately followed again by Cllr Kelly and the meeting was moved on.

20-21/006 – TEMPORARY WEBSITE ADDRESS

- a) Clerk referred to the Clerk's report (copy attached to minutes) whereby problems were being experienced due to lack of training, and contact with the website designer did not occur, so the Essexinfo website was transferred over by the click of a button to E-voice and this will be used until proper training can be obtained. Therefore Asheldham and Dengie PC have a workable, legal website which has been advertised accordingly. Members noted the situation.

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20-21/007 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) The PROW (Footpath No. 10) members noted the up date in the Clerk's report. (copy attached)
- ii) The Local Highways application reference no. DC1746 has in fact been refused as it does not adhere to the DfT and ECC guidelines for Health and Safety. Email received from Thomas Eng – Local Highways Panel Liaison Officer.
- ii) Speed Limit reduction from Reddings Lane to 40mph start of speed limit on entering Tillingham has not progressed. Clerk needs to obtain support from local residents to give more weight to the application.
- iii) TruCam – Clerk to monitor over next few weeks to see if TruCam hours should be booked as traffic certainly seems to be travelling much faster – Foxhall and Asheldham Bends. Prop. Cllr Faulkner and Sec: Cllr Brown.
- iv) Clerk has chased about the terrible condition of the pavement from Rushes Lanes to the bend opposite "The Rest" bungalow.
- v) Clerk has not progressed the request for a pavement to be installed starting opposite Brooks Lane.(see Clerk's Report)
- vi) No further progress regarding improvements to Hall Road junction (see Clerk's Report)
- vii) Some of the repairs promised after cancellation of the scheduled top surfacing have been carried out. (see Clerk's report)

20-21/008 – PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Application –**
For Information Only:20/00417/AGR -8668364 Prior Notification for a steel agricultural building. - Tile Barn Farm, Keelings Road, Dengie.
Address noted to be incorrect – as consultee PC able to respond. It was resolved to write to MDC stating that we recognise that it is an agricultural building, but the size, scale and bulk would be detrimental to the ambience of the countryside and believe that it could be a health and safety issue with vehicles entering/exiting site. Prop: Cllr Fluker and Seconded: Cllr Faulkner.
- b) **Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:**
 - i List of planning applications: 9 to 18 (noted)
 - ii List of planning decisions and appeals – 9 to 18 (noted)

20-21/009 – FINANCE

- a) Members approved/ratified payments for March/April & May 2020- a list was circulated prior to the meeting and shared on the screen during the course of the meeting.
Proposed: Cllr. Faulkner and Seconded: Cllr. Russell
- b) To receive and note financial information regarding the year end 2019-20, internal auditors report and to review and sign off the AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2019-2020. Prop: Cllr. Faulkner Sec: Cllr. Brown.
- c) Barclays bank statement to 29th April 2020 – bank reconciliation to 29th April 2020. Prop: Cllr. Faulkner Seconded: Cllr. Russell. AGREED

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20-21-010 – INSURANCE

Members resolved to ratify the email decision to pay the annual insurance of £257.60 price of £257.60 as there had been no increase since last year. Clerk also informed members that this was still under the Long term agreement and that quotes would be obtained to review that the Parish Council is still getting the best deal available.

20-21/011 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FLUKER

- MDC in Emergency Powers at the present time. All decisions being taking with one of the members of the Council, Cllr Fluker and a member of the opposition.
- Anyone putting in a planning application have the option to wait until out of emergency powers.
- MDC managed to operate a committee system, only other one Braintree.
- Full virtual District Council meeting soon.
- Lots of press releases coming out, the team doing a fantastic job, in fact all the staff are doing a brilliant job as working from home. Virtual call centre and virtual departments. Covid-19 update coming out, one of the first councils producing these updates and first one to go into emergency powers.
- Promenade Park is open but car park closed.
- All play areas closed

20-21/012- BRADWELL B PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

It was suggested as a consultee like MDC to form a working group and request from Kate Stinton at Bradwell B to send the wire bound copies so everyone can read and then discuss and report back to council and then the council can decide on what response they want to make and get view from the members of the public, who can also respond in their own right. Transport links are the ones that will give the most grief in Asheldham. Members to spend time looking at what most affects Asheldham and Dengie.

Propose to have a working group meeting going through page by page and the working group can then make recommendations to the full council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Fluker Seconded: Cllr Faulkner.

Residents invited via website to respond and let their views known to the Parish Council and email circulated to Chair of the Asheldham Residents Group asking for a response.

The more people to respond the better.

It was also noted that some people do not have access to computers and therefore not so easy.

Virtual meeting to be arranged for the working group to deliberate the Bradwell B once the wire bound copies have arrived.

Notice on notice boards for those not on-line.

Members agreed to have their home addresses given to Kate Stinton so the Bradwell B wire bound copies can be sent direct.

20-21/013 – DELEGATION OF POWER TO THE CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Decided that this was no longer required as virtual meetings were taking place as per recent Government legislation and an Extra Ordinary meeting can be called if necessary.

20-21/014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday 8th June 2020 at 7 p.m.

20-21/015– All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed 19.56 pm

Second Public Forum was removed from Agenda.

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