

MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on Monday 9th May 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.

Essex County Council – CCllr Wendy Stamp

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 6

Meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m.

021/22-23 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Dave Henson was proposed to be full-time Chair by Cllr Brown and Seconded by all members present.

- a) Cllr Henson accepted and signed the declaration of acceptance form.
- Cllr Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

022/22-23 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Members discussed having a Vice-Chair but decided to appoint as and when required.

023/22-23 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- a) Finance - Cllr Dave Henson
- b) Transport - Cllr Rebecca Griffiths
- c) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils, -it was decided as this organisation was not currently holding meetings, that attendance would be discussed when the next meeting is announced.
- d) Bradwell and Bradwell B Local Community Liaison Committee - Cllr Nick Kelly
- e) Police - Cllr Lisa Brown
- f) Tree Warden - Mrs Jo Griffiths has agreed to continue
- g) Footpaths/PROW - Cllr Lisa Brown
- h) Social Media - Cllr Rebecca Griffiths
- i) Personnel Committee - Cllrs Henson, Russell and Kelly
- j) Highways including the Local Highways Panel - Cllr Rebecca Griffiths
- k) Asheldham Quarry Liaison committee (AQLC) - Cllr Lisa Brown.

024-22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received

025/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.
- 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.

026/22-23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

- a) The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on 4th April 2022 were reviewed, approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Brown and Seconded: Cllr Dave Henson.

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027/22-23 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) No report was available from the District Councillor.
- b) Cllr Stamp gave members and residents a brief summary of having been a year in office and having sent a comprehensive report which had already been placed on the Parish website which everyone was directed to. Cllr Stamp asked that you please contact her through the Clerk if there is anything you want help with. Cllr Henson thanked Cllr Stamp for attending who had to leave at this point to attend Tillingham Village Council AGM.

028/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

No questions raised at this point in the meeting.

029/22-23 ASHELDHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- a) Clearing of the Woodland between Finches Quarry entrance and the first corner, which is also mentioned in my report, we have had a meeting with Lee Finch who has agreed to remove the fallen down fencing which is a real eyesore but he would not be replacing it as it would be difficult to replace it and it was agreed that he had a point.

From the first corner to up to Broomfield - it is more evident in the Winter than the summer there are a lot of vegetation that needs clearing and Lee Finch is going to help with a grab lorry on a Saturday morning and so we need to get a work party and get help from everyone so the job gets down quickly.

Regarding to the application for the saplings to fill these gaps, we have been successful to have a pack of 420 and know that the Tree Warden has also been successful in getting a pack of 420.

030/22-23 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) Devolution Pilot - Clerk waiting to hear if the money can be rolled over or whether the PC has to start all over again.
- ii) Clerk has chased for an update regarding the Asheldham Bends product in particular to get a response pertaining to the Bund owned by Mrs Anderson to see how much Highways require for the project so that the remaining part can be landscaped. Clerk to keep chasing.
- iii) No update has been received regarding Asheldham Brooke Bridge.
- iv) No news on the repair of the signs that have been reported and given reference numbers - 30mph (Ref: 2752071 and the Give Way Sign that if the wrong way around (Ref:2752040)
- v) No update regarding FP 10 and FP 12.
- vi) Clerk had put in a FOI request to MDC regarding litter picking.
- vii) Clerk confirmed that a FOI request to ECC for details of the regularity that the drains/gullies cleaning is carried out. Standard response for both MDC and ECC must be within 20 days.

031-22-23 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)- To discuss and decide on the following application(s):-
 - i) no applications at the time of writing
- b)
 - i) List of planning applications – 14-17 noted
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals – **14-17** noted

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A planning application REF 22/00176/SCR was mentioned at this point which came in too late to be on the Agenda but the deadline was 2nd June prior to the next Parish Council Meeting - Clerk stated that this could be dealt with under delegated matters.

Chair also mentioned the planning application that has been put in regarding the building of 7 houses on Southminster Road, Tillingham OUT/MAL/22/00514, but Asheldham and Dengie has not be consulted on this.

c) Enforcement Cases

- i) No further update has been received in relation to this case. Clerk has emailed ECC to see if they can be of assistance but to date no response has been received regarding FUL/MAL/Reference No. ENF381976857 - adj. Endway Farmhouse - new build fence interfering with line of sight on the carriageway from Enforcement.
Is it possible to put in a complaint to MDC regarding the time that a meaningful response is received?

d) United Dengie Councils -

- i) Clerk stated that the meeting took place on Friday 8th April 2022 at Champions Hall, South Woodham Ferrers and it was well attended and Cllr Lee Scott and John Whittingdale's assistant and several SWF Councillors, the notes will be circulated soon. Cllr Lee Scott said he would come back, but still don't know when the planning meeting is occurring that will decide on the application ref: 21/01661/OUT. The whole thing is that UDC are questioning the Transport Assessment that has been carried and saying it is flawed and a private assessment has been carried out by SCP who agree with us and waiting to see what highways say and whether they will agree that it needs to be looked at again.

032/22-23 FINANCE

- a) Clerk gave a brief report of the finances as they stand - Members agreed and approved payments for May 2022.
- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 31st March 2022.

Both items a) and B) were approved by all members and Cllr Henson signed the bank statement to the bank reconciliation.

FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
005/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Mth 2 Salary	£212.86		212.86
006/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Mth 2 Expenses	£36.82		36.82
007/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit YE 31-3-22	£168.00		168.00
008/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Information commis	Annual Membership	£40.00		40.00
009/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Mr Burnett	Petrol for cutting Churchyard	£21.00		21.00
010/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	Anglian Water	Church yard water	£1.28		1.28
011/22-23	09/05/2022	Bill Payment	HMRC	Mth 1 & 2 Tax	£15.20		15.20
					£495.16		495.16

- c) Clerk still having trouble getting mandate changed.
- d) Members noted that the internal audit has not as yet been finalised due to awaiting physical copies of the bank statements showing up to and including 31/3/2022

033/22-23 TRAINING

- a) Clerk confirmed that the Chairman Training would be taking place on Saturday 14th May in Dengie Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.30.

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034/22-23 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

- a) No further news, the sign is still expected during May 22 and will be sited outside the Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road, Dengie. A work party is required to clear the space and install the new sign and will be stored in Dengie Village Hall. A discussion took place as to how to install the sign into the ground, also insurance was being checked.

035/22-23 PARKING ON THE GRASS VERGE IN ASHELDHAM

- a) A resident kindly looked into a quote from the Men in Sheds - and the quote from them was £30.00 per planter - 1200mm x 400mm x 300mm - totally £120.00 for four planters and will be done by Crossing Temple Shed people. Once given the go ahead will take about a month. Clerk to apply for the licence up to 6-8 so can double up if need to.
Clerk to get a quote from MSJ Garwood to cut back vegetation on the grass verge.

036/22-23 HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

- a) The tree warden has as previously mentioned acquired 420 plants to fill various gaps and the trees will be looked at early Autumn, funding already approved for £300.00 about £75.00. In the meantime any licences, land owner requests to place the trees on private/County land will be sorted out.
- b) A discussion took place regarding the memorial bench to go on the grass verge and Cllr Griffiths showed everyone a bench sourced from Broxpapp called a Lakeside anti-vandal seat for £560.00. plus the cost of a plaque - £85.00 - wording to be agreed Proposed: Cllr Henson and Seconded: Cllr Griffiths. Clerk to order two as Dengie Village Hall Committee would like one to go under or near the new Dengie Village sign and sort out the bolts which are £17.00 for four plus the base.

037/22-23 ASHELDHAM & DENGIE BEACON

Tillingham Village Council had shown interest in the Asheldham & Dengie Beacon being re-installed. A discussion took place regarding, who owned it, the liability, the insurance. Clerk to speak to a resident who might be aware of the history of it. The Beacon was originally put up to commemorate the Spanish Armada. Clerk to make enquiries as to refurbishment, possible placement on a local landowners field. It will, not be in time for the coming up Platinum Jubilee but it was stated that it would be good to get it refurbished and re-installed. It was proposed to decline Tillingham Village Council's proposal to get the Beacon up and running prior to the Platinum Jubilee, but to investigate the possibility of reinstating it at some point in the future. Clerk to also to write to Mr. Procter to ascertain his thoughts. Resident to approach a previous Clerk who may be able to help.

038/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

Resident stated that you will have to allow from compost for the planters. Enforcement staff at MDC off sick and diverted to another member of staff. It was suggested that a letter of complaint regarding the lack of service from the Enforcement Dept, as some cases have gone on for years. Members agreed that Clerk to write a letter of complaint.

039/22-23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) Monday 6th June 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall .

040/22-23 All business having been transacted - The Chair closed the Parish Council Meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.32 pm