

# ASHELDHAM & DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL

## THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

### MINUTES for Monday 9th May 2022

The meeting followed the Parish Council meeting at 7.35 p.m.

**1. Apologies** - Cllr Wendy Stamp gave her apologies in the previous meeting but had supplied a report.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** - the minutes of the 24-5-21 were approved.

**3. Chairman's Report** - Cllr Dave Henson read out the following report:-

*Its been another challenging year for our parishes. Whilst enjoying a return to normality, the effects of the pandemic still linger. Communication with the local councils have been difficult and frustrating so I'd like to express our thanks to Sarah for her time and effort that goes on behind the scenes. Her guidance and support has been invaluable to the Parish Council and for that we are all grateful. Thank you Sarah.*

*We are delighted to have our new tech savvy councillor Rebecca join the team. She will be making full use of the social media platforms to bring us closer together. We will be using these platforms to engage with as many people as possible to deliver information and gather opinions in order to make decisions that are supported by our community.*

*Lyn has worked hard this year to bring our new village sign to fruition and I'd like to thank her for all the effort that she has put in to the project. Lyn will update us on progress shortly.*

*Asheldham Brook Bridge takes 1 step forward and 2 steps back. Whilst we have seen some progress with the new bollards and fencing, the structural work is no where near to being started. The Asheldham Bends Project has been reopened with Essex Highways and funding has been granted to carry out the surveys. The size and scale of the project has not been confirmed but at least the wheels are in motion.*

*I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and effort that continues to flow from the Asheldham Residents Group. Colin and his team have gone above and beyond again this year. They are a huge asset to our community so thank you very much.*

*Thanks must also go to all the unsung heros that keep our villages looking neat and tidy. From grass cutting, gardening and litter picking, our villages would not be the same without you. Also thanks to the residents that attend the monthly meetings. Your attendance is essential for us as councillors to ensure that we focus on the things that matter to you.*

*Finally I'd like to thank Lisa, Nick, Sally, Rebecca and Sarah for their time, effort and support throughout the year. Thank you*

**4. Financial Report** - the Clerk stated that the Parish was in a good financial position.

**5. Village Hall Committee Report** - Mrs Moull stated that the hall started with quite a few bookings but all but one were cancelled due to Covid, however the booking were increasing again. Outside lights have had to be turned off as something has gone wrong with the sensors and it is disturbing the neighbours and an electrician will be ringing with a quote.

Mr. Moull and Mrs Snowdon cleaned all the windows and frames and need more regular work parties.

Andrew Burnett is still cutting the grass which we are grateful for.

Chris Andrews is still cleaning the hall free of charge and has been doing brilliant covid cleaning.

Jubilee Celebrations are a concern - Friday have the Children's party and only 11 coming, Saturday a 50's dance with live music and only got 10 people coming, Sunday a Cream Tea and still only got 10 people for that, requesting that the word is put around to up the numbers. No memorabilia ordered incase has to be cancelled. Please buy a ticket. Advert from Parish paper to be copied on to the PC facebook.

- 6. Dengie Village Sign Committee Report** - this was covered during the course of the Parish Council AGM.
- 7. Election of distribution panel for Williams & Aylett's Charity (Asheldham)** - Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council will continue to manage the Charity.
- 8. Election of Trustees – Sympsons & Aylett's (Dengie)** Charmian Burnett and it was Alfie Burton who has sadly passed away and the Trust will be looking for someone to take his place and continue the good work.
- 9. Maldon District Councillors report** - not available.
- 10. Essex County Councillors report** - See attached and placed on the Parish Council website.
- 11. Tree Wardens report** - a report was read out by the Clerk and thanks given to Mrs Griffiths for all her work. See attached.
- 12. Highways** - update detailed in the Parish Council meeting.
- 13. Asheldham Resident Association Report** - Mr Cooper read out his report and it is attached for your reference.
- 14. Public Session** - Mrs Burton stated that she was very pleased to hear that the Dengie Village Sign has been progressed and Mrs Moull explained what has happened so far and that it would be arriving during the course of May 2022 and will be installed outside the Dengie Village Hall.  
Mrs Burton paints and last year painted the dead Oak and was hoping that someone might plant another tree in its place as it was removed. It is hoped that Mr Procter will be planting in that area. This has been mentioned to Mr. Procter so keeping fingers

crossed. Thank you given to Chris for cutting all the grass and taking up what Alfie used to do.

- 15. Any matters raised by the members of the public to be put on the next Parish Council Agenda - no matters were raised.**
- 16. All business having been transacted the meeting was closed and thanks given to those who attended and the Chair invited everyone to refreshments.**

Meeting closed at 7.58 p.m.

Signed.....  
8th May 2023