

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on
Monday 14th June 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road,
Dengie.**

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

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 7

Minutes re-numbered as Agenda missed out 041

040/21-22 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair welcomed everyone present.

041/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lisa Brown who was unwell. Mr and Mrs Moull.

042/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr Henson declared an interest in the Clay Shoot as it affects his business – Agenda item 53/2
- Cllr Faulkner declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding the Clay shoot as it is owned by her son – Agenda item 53/2
- All members stated that they had checked their Register of Interest on the Maldon District Council website and are happy as they stand.

043/21-22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 24th May2021

The minutes from the meeting on 24th May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Henson and Seconded: Cllr Kelly. AGREED.

044/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- A question was raised concerning the report for the Asheldham Brook Bridge but would be raised further in the meeting.

045/21-22 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 stated that the minutes were not yet evident from the Local Highways Panel meeting held on 11th June to see if the request made to the Local Highways Panel for a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph on the Tillingham Road (Dengie Straight) from Reddings Lane to the start of the existing 40mph speed limit before entering Tillingham Village.
- ii) Clerk stated that awaiting a date from Cllr Scott and when date is set will book the village hall.
- iii) Further to the ECC zoom meeting with Cllr Scott who is the new Cabinet Minister for Highways and some highways engineers, it had been suggested that the old Asheldham Bends Scheme be revisited and put in again to the Local Highways Panel a reduced scheme. However, it was decided that as none of the members are Highways Engineers that the Clerk should complete a project form requesting that skilled engineers look at the project again and revisit a solution that involves taking

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- up the opportunity of the offer from a resident regarding the S106 Level Agreement pertaining to the bund and is not as costly as the previous scheme of £1 million.
- v) It was raised that the worked detailed in the Asheldham Brook Bridge report supposedly carried out on the 8th May 2021 was unlikely to have happened due to torrential rain. A resident requested a copy of the report. Clerk to send to him and put on the website. Clerk to write to ECC querying the work that was carried out on 8/5/21. A discussion took place relating to the possibility that the bridge did at one time have a weight restriction and perhaps this ought to be looked into as this bridge wasn't designed for the large vehicles that cross it now and if there is damage as per the large cracks seen in the presentation by ECC Highways, it was felt that this should be looked into as a matter of urgency.

It was further stated that the fences that have been installed are very ugly and not in keeping and hoped that they are not a permanent fixture.

Also several requests have been made for reflector posts to be put back in and narrowing lines so motorists are aware how narrow the bridge is.

046/21-22 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)- To review and make a decision on the following application:-
- i) Application Ref: 21/00566/COUPA PP-09842393
Proposal Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house.
Location: Buildings & Land South Side of Keelings Road, Dengie, Essex.
Members discussed this application and objected to it as not in keeping and too large.
- b) Planning Decision(s) – No decisions at the time of writing.
- c) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
- List of planning applications – 21- 23 -NOTED
 - List of planning decisions and appeals – 21- 23 - NOTED
- d) Enforcement Cases
- i. No news received regarding the enforcement issue with Homelands at the time of writing.
- ii. No news received regarding the decision notice on application reference: FUL/MAL/20/00766 Asheldham and the non-adherence pertaining to the entrance. These items will be left on the agenda until such time news is received from Maldon District Council.
Members noted the above concerning enforcement cases.

047/21-22 FINANCE

- a) Clerk detailed the list of payments for the month of June 2021 totalling £432.91 which were agreed.

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| FOLIO | DATE | REFERENCE | PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | Net Amount | VAT | Gross Amount |
| 011/21-22 | 14/06/2021 | Bill Payment | Sarah Sayer | Salary | £238.50 | | 238.50 |
| 012/21-22 | 14/06/2021 | Bill Payment | Sarah Sayer | Expenses | £31.82 | | 31.82 |
| 013/21-22 | 14/06/2021 | Bill Payment | HMRC | Tax Mth 3 - tax refund | -£4.20 | | -4.20 |
| 014/21-22 | 14/06/2021 | Bill Payment | Sarah Sayer | Zoom | £4.00 | 0.79 | 4.79 |
| 015/21-22 | 14/06/2021 | Bill Payment | Auditing Solutions | Internal Audit | £135.00 | 27.00 | 162.00 |
| | | | | | £405.12 | 27.79 | 432.91 |

- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 31st May 2021 and signed the bank statements and initialled the bank reconciliation.
- c) Members noted the internal auditors report (already circulated via email) and any recommendations made.
- d) Members reviewed and agreed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 for the year ending 31st March 2021 with the end of year Bank reconciliation, the Certificate of exemption (p3) the Annual Governance Statement (p5) and the Accounting Statements (p6)

All finances were Proposed: Cllr Carole Faulkner and Seconded: Cllr Nick Kelly.

048/21-22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report available.

049/21-22 TRAINING

- a) No training has been undertaken by members of Clerk.

050/21-22 SUPER FAST BROADBAND

No update available, clerk to chase and update at the next meeting and go back and review an ex-councillors emails who was Broadband Champion at the time. A discussion took place about if you were able to see the water tower you would be able to get fibre Wi-Fi. Some people had a good speed others had almost non-existent and very slow speeds.

051/21-22 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

No news.

052/21-22 CLAY SHOOTING -HALL ROAD

Clerk stated that there was no further update other that what had been posted on the facebook page.

53/21-22 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

- a) With regard to the Freedom of Information Request for correspondence between EALC and Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council pertaining to the legality of the members discussing the applicants for the vacancy in closed session then announcing the successful applicant in the Parish Council Meeting on the 7th December 2020. The Clerk stated that a reply had been received from EALC/NALC and forwarded to the person who put in the F.O.I.R

54/21-22 REVIEW OF VARIOUS PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- a) Review of standing orders to be reviewed July meeting.
- b) Review of Financial Regulations to be reviewed July meeting.

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- c) Members reviewed the Financial Management and Risk Assessment, last reviewed June 2020 and were happy that no changes need to be made. Next review June 2022.

55/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

- It was stated that there was in fact a letter circulated to the interested parties from MDC. Clerk stated at this point that the letter had been posted on FB page and had thought that the resident was referring to another letter.
- Resident requested that people did not let the company employed by the Shoot to be able to access their land to check noise levels, as felt that this was an effort to debunk the MDC noise report.
- Other resident asked how he knew this as these are reputable companies.
- Resident put some questions to the Chair which were denied.

055/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 5th July 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall .

057/21-22 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED – THE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING CLOSED AT 19.15 PM &THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING.