

MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on Monday 4th October 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road, Dengie.

Present: - Cllr Lisa Brown, Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr David Henson

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 5

Meeting commenced at 6.31 p.m.

084/21-22 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair welcomed everyone present and informed everyone that sadly Carole Faulkner has resigned and a vote of thanks was given to her. Cllr Lisa Brown Chaired the meeting with the support of the other members.

085/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nick Kelly due to holiday. Cllr Wendy Stamp due to other engagements.

86/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Cllr Henson declared a NP interest on item 088/21-22 (a) and a Non-Pecuniary interest on item 091/21-22 (b)
Cllr Henson declared a Pecuniary interest in 064/21-22 (d)
- (b) All members noted their responsibility to make any changes to their register of interest within 28 days.

087/21-22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(s)

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 could not be approved as only two councillors that attended were present. Item deferred until November Parish Council meeting.
- (b) The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting that took place on 26th July 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Prop: Cllr Russell and Sec: Cllr Henson.

088/21-22 CO-OPTION PROCESS

- (a) This item to discuss and decide about the re-running of the Co-option process that took place during December 2020 was deferred as the Council was not quorate for this item as Cllr Kelly not present and Cllr Henson declared an interest.
- (b) Members decided to give 15th October as the cut-off date for receiving applications for the vacancy that is to be filled by co-option. Interviews to take place during the week of 25th-29th October and the decision meeting on 1st November where a decision will be made. Three applications have been received from Mr. Andrew Snowdon, Mrs Karen Anderson and Mr. Martyn Rose.

089/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- Ashedlham Brook Bridge due to get an update, but no news has been received. Clerk has put into the Highways Panel for the various signs required. Resident reiterated that the email received previously that they would arrange for reflective

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signs and it is 3 months down the line and not too impressed. Clerk has chased for these signs several times.

- Fly tipping over the weekend and thanks given to residents for reporting the two incidents and another resident had reported to MDC and they will be looking for evidence to see if the rubbish can be tracked back to the offenders.

090/21-22 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) Devolution pilot - Clerk stated that ECC give £1000 to do various minor repairs within Asheldham and Dengie Parishes. Members agreed for Clerk to sign the document.
- ii) Clerk read out an email received regarding the update for the Asheldham Bends Ref No. LMAL212011 - where the recommendation from the LHP was to commission a design to amend the previous design to be within the proposed land take, liaise with other parties and arrange estimates. Given the time that has elapsed (2014) it is recommended that a full review of design is undertaken and confirmed and £9500 has been allowed for this purpose. Next update will be after the Local Highways Panel Meeting to be held in December 2021.
- iii) No further information other than what was reported during the public session. Clerk to chase up for information pertaining to the work that it supposed to be carried out during November 2021.
- iv) The occupant of St. Annes confirmed that the work had been carried out by the ECC Highways finally and it was satisfactory and to remove from Agenda.
- v) Clerk to submit further requests to LHP for various missing and damaged signs by 7th October 2021. It was mentioned about the use of speed camera signs to deter drivers from speeding.
- vi) Members agreed for the Clerk to sign the document requesting support for a letter to be sent to Chelmsford City Council, Essex County Council and other parties which is battling to ensure that traffic flow in and out of the Dengie is not seriously impaired by the changes that are planned for the Burnham Road, (B1012) in the aftermath of the new housing development north of South Woodham Ferrers. A Resident requested a copy of the letter for information - clerk to action.

091/21-22 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Application(s)- To discuss and decide on the following application(s):-

- i) None at the time of writing.

b) Planning Application or Planning Appeal Decision(s)

- i) FUL/MAL/21/00571 Asheldham

Construction of a chalet style rural workers dwelling.

Land At Hall Meadows Hall Road Asheldham Essex. **REFUSED - NOTED**

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

List of planning applications – 27-39 - noted

List of planning decisions and appeals – 27-39 - noted

d) Enforcement Cases

- i. No news received regarding the decision notice on application reference:

FUL/MAL/20/00766 Asheldham and the non-adherence pertaining to the entrance.

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These items will be left on the agenda until such time news is received from Maldon District Council.

092/21-22 FINANCE

- a) Clerk detailed the list of payments for the month of September & October as per list previously circulated via email were agreed.

Sep-21							
FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
25/21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 6	£218.03	£0.00	£218.03
26/21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 6	£84.99	£0.00	£84.99
27-21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	HMRC	Tax Mth 6 plus £1.00 from Mth 4	£18.20	£0.00	£18.20
28-21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Zoom Sept 21	£4.00	£0.79	£4.79
29/21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	EALC	Planning Training	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00
30/21-22	06/09/2021	Bill Payment	Thomas Sympson	Annual Share	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
					£714.22	£70.79	£785.01
Oct-21							
FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
31/21-22	04/10/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 7	£237.23		£237.23
32/21-22	04/10/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 7	£36.82		£36.82
33/21-22	04/10/2021	Bill Payment	HMRC	Tax Mth 7	-£2.00		-£2.00
34/21-22	04/10/2021	Bill Payment	Sarah Sayer	Zoom Oct 21	£4.00	£0.79	£4.79
					£276.05	£0.79	£276.84
TOTAL						SEP/OCT 2021	£1,061.85

- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation to 30th September 2021 and signed the bank statements and initialled the bank reconciliation. Items a & b Prop: Cllr Brown Sec: Cllr Henson.
- (c) Members resolved to continue with Auditing Solutions to carry out the annual internal audit. Prop: Cllr Brown Sec: Cllr Russell
- (d) Bank mandate item deferred until November.

093/21-22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- (a) No report from District Councillor.
- (b) No report available from County Councillor.

094/21-22 TRAINING

Clerk has been in contact with EALC but the person that deals is on holiday at the moment and clerk will contact on her return. Cllr Brown explained the reason behind the request to get the training.

095/21-22 SUPER FAST BROADBAND

No news regarding superfast broadband.

096/21-22 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

Clerk has made enquiries for the various sites, so waiting for feedback. Sites being researched - Village Hall, the verge opposite the triangle at the top of the Manor Road, junction with Hall Road and Keelings Road and the green outside the Church, although this was said could be controversial due to parking required when residents attending church.

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097/21-22 CLAY SHOOTING -HALL ROAD

Clerk stated a email had been received from MDC saying that there is a hearing on 7th November and things are happening behind the scenes but that was all that could be revealed.

098/21-22 REVIEW OF CO-OPTION POLICY - 2021

- a) The Co-option policy was changed to make point 13 clear. Agreed.

099/21-22 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CRISIS OR EMERGENCY IN THE MALDON DISTRICT

Members noted that there is a community support scheme that people can make a referral to for anyone in crisis. Details are on the notice boards and the website.

100/21-22 EALC COUNCILLOR BUDDY SCHEME

Clerk to let EALC that members felt it is a good idea.

101/21-22 INVITATION TO ATTEND COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF ROYAL CHARTER TO MALDON.

Clerk to respond that unfortunately there is no member available.

102/21-22 SENIOR SAFETY - 4TH OCTOBER 2021

Unfortunately due to cancellation of September meeting this item was missed.

103/21-22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members agreed a budget of £250.00 - Prop: Cllr Brown and Sec: Cllr Russell and Village Hall Committee putting on a dance with 40's and 50's music and a Cream Tea on Sunday.

104/21-22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

- Resident requested copy of the letter being sent regarding traffic flow on Burnham Road when the Countryside development.
- The local cycle race was mentioned and the fact that the pot holes were being repaired for that but there is a really bad one in North Street, Southminster.
- Resident mentioned that the new building site on the Asheldham bend opposite Hall Road stated that the piles of building materials are causing problems with the site lines on the bend.
- Gullies and drains were mentioned and are on the programme. Question was raised did a report ever get sent about the state of the drains and gullies
- Flooding outside the property on the bend

105/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 1st November 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall.

106/21-22 CLERKS HOLIDAY

- a) Members approved Clerks holiday from 18th -22nd October inclusive.

107/21-22 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED – THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED AT 19.08 PM &THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING.

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