

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 5th October 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr Nick Kelly (Vice-Chair) Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr Lisa Brown

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

Please note the number has changed after item 20-21/064 as this number was used twice on the Agenda.

20-21/063 – ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Nick Kelly proposed that Cllr Carol Faulkner to continue as Chair and this was seconded by Cllr. Lisa Brown. Clerk to ascertain if Cllr Faulkner wishes to continue and if so get her to sign the Acceptance of Office.

20-21-064 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Nick Kelly explained that due to work commitments that it would be difficult for him to continue as Vice-Chair. No other Councillor wished to take on the full-time role of Vice-Chair, so a compromise was made in that there would not be a Vice-Chair role, but in the absence of the Chair, an acting Chair would be voted in at each meeting and the role would be taken in turns. **AGREED**

20-21-065 – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Again members felt that it would be better to deal with the various areas listed on the Agenda collectively or whoever was available to attend briefings/meetings. The Personnel Committee remained as before – Cllr Kelly, Cllr Brown and Cllr Russell. **AGREED**

20-21-066 WELCOME

Cllr Nick Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20-21/067 – APOLOGIES

Cllr C. Faulkner due to illness. Members wished her well.

20-21/068 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to register any changes in their Register of Interests on the Maldon District Council website.

20-21/069– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(s)

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Russell. **RESOLVED.**
- b) The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Russell. **RESOLVED.**

20-21/070 – CLERKS REPORT

- a) Clerk apologised for not having produced a report due to being unwell. Members noted the Clerk would update throughout the meeting.

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20-21-071 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- Reply from TruCam which was very comprehensive and looks like not getting anywhere on instigating any TruCam hours. Very disappointing. Seems like they are waiting for a fatal accident before anything can be done.
- Sludge gulper/gully lorry came two weeks ago and they are blocked again.
- Email was sent to Cllr Pratt about the problems with the gullies/dropped kerb. Clerk to chase.
- Cllr Brown stated that Highways truck in the vicinity of the Southminster Road taking pictures.
- Meeting with Highways emphasised as essential. It was hoped that as the resurfacing has been put back to 26th November that it might be that Highways are planning on doing the work needed.

20-21/072 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) Item to be removed from the Agenda as email received from Matt Hines and LHP Thomas Eng reducing to 20 mph from the Bennet junction/triangle with Foxhall Road through the Asheldham bends does not meet the Highways criteria. It was discussed looking into the requesting a S.I.D. (speed indicator device) It was further stated that it might have some impact, but the double black speed lines will have to be requested so the data will hopefully back up the need for the request for the SID. It was also stated to have another SID installed on the Tillingham Road, just before G&B Finch giving people a reminder they are entering the village and need to slow down. Proposed: Cllr Kelly and Seconded: Cllr Brown. AGREED
- ii) Letters have been sent out requesting support for the reduction in the speed limit along the to 40mph on the Tillingham Road (Dengie Straight) from Reddings Lane to obtain support for the application to the LHP. Form has been completed just need letters to add credence to the LHP request and support from Cllr Ron Pratt.
- iii) TruCam to be taken off the Agenda as the criteria for safety has not be met and now going down the path of the possibility of installing speed indicator device(s).
- iv) The road resurfacing has changed to 26th November for six nights to 2nd December.
- v) No further news regarding the bad condition of pavement from Rushes Lane to opposite "The Rest" Bungalow clerk to chase again.
- vi) Clerk sent out most of the letters to progress the application for the installation of a pavement opposite Brook Lane to join up with the pavement just around the bend.
- vii) General update regarding all reported defects – no movement, all defects have been investigated but not considered to be a priority, but regular checks will take place.

20-21/073 – PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)
Application No:20/00877/FUL PP-09011388
Proposal:Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission18/01273/FUL (Three bedroomed detached bungalow)
Location: Land Adjacent Endway Farm Southminster Road Asheldham Essex
Members have no objections but concerns were raised regarding why would you need the roof to be higher, is it going to become a lot bigger in the future i.e. expanding into the roof.

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- b) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
List of planning applications - 36-40
List of planning decisions and appeals – 36-40
Decision(s): **FUL/MAL/20/00766 Asheldham** - Erection of two bedroom bungalow with an annex and detached cart lodge. Homelands, Southminster Road, Asheldham, Essex. UPRN – 010000237133 Mrs Mary Anderson **APPROVED**.
- c) No news available on the enforcement. Clerk sent email to Charlotte Elderton to chase for a reply from Enforcement Officer that has been appointed the case.
Clerk to email Planning as the document on the website is difficult to open.
- d) Item concerning new sign deferred again as not enough Councillors to make a decision as the request is by one of the Councillors. Members viewed the sign and discussed what is hoped to be achieved, in that it will direct potential users the right way and discourage them from using Rushes Lane, as it is in a poor state of repair and which the GPS/SatNav is currently telling them to use. Sign to be on an angle near the Salt bin and pointing passed the Bennet junction with Hall Road.

20-21/074 – FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments for October 2020. **RESOLVED**.
- b) Members agreed the bank reconciliation with the cash book as at the 30th September 2020. **RESOLVED**.
- c) Members agreed Clerk to make same donation made in 2018 for £50.00 to Essex Air Ambulance. Clerk to get their bank details and transfer directly to their account.
- d) Budget to be circulated to members before next meeting.

20-21/075 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT -No report available.

20-21/076 – CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Clerk to continue to advertise the vacancy which can now be filled by co-option.

20-21/077 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- ARG Chair offered to email some residents in Dengie to see if they might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Members welcomed the offer.
- Clarification regarding the road closure was sought and it was confirmed that it is just during the night from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Clarification of exactly where the resurfacing is being carried out. Clerk showed members and public a map of where the roads were being resurfaced.
- Bridle path which runs just pass the Bennet junction through to St Lawrence. Several trees down.
- Reiterated that the 20mph requested does not fit the criteria.
- S106 agreement is it a new one or the old one on the original planning approval. Question could not be answered as the document could not be opened, however a resident was able to explain that they have got to have a clear sight line 8ft back from the back edge of the pavement which means that the bund has to go, but it has increased in height in the last week. It was stated that it would be good especially in regard to the reinstatement of the pavement being further back and safer due to the way the HGV's mount that part of the verge/path.

20-21/078 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 6.30 p.m. and is more than likely to be virtual.

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20-21/079– All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed 19.20 pm .