

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** - Cllr C Faulkner, (Chair) Cllr A Fluker (started the meeting but had to leave and will be returning in time for the Bradwell B item), Cllr Lisa Brown, Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr Nick Kelly (Vice-Chair)

**In attendance:** Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** 6

**20-21/016 - WELCOME**

Cllr Faulkner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**20-21/017 – APOLOGIES**

- No apologies.

**20-21/018 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) No declaration of interest were made at this point in the meeting, other than the usual global declaration that all councillors live and/or work in the Parish.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to register any changes in their Register of Interests on the Maldon District Council website.
- c) All members confirmed that they had rechecked their Register of Interest and there were no changes. **NOTED**

**20-21/019– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)**

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were proposed by Cllr Faulkner and seconded by Cllr Russell and Chair to be sign and post to Clerk . **RESOLVED.**
- b) Members noted that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting do not need to occur at the current time due to Covid-19. The Annual General meeting will take place at a time when deemed safe to do so and as per guidelines given. Clerk to arrange for

**20-21/020 – CLERKS REPORT & HOLIDAY REQUEST**

- a) Members noted the Clerk's report that had been circulated to them and posted on the Parish Council website.
- b) Members approved the Clerk's request to take holiday in August.

**20-21/021 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES**

All items below did not have any update, Clerk to chase all items in readiness for the next meeting in July.

- i) Update re application to the Local Highways Panel for the reduction of 30mph limit from triangle/bennet junction with Tillingham Road (B1021) and Foxall Road to 20mph through the Asheldham Bends – Reference No. DC1746.
- ii) Update regarding requesting 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.
- iii) Update regarding the request for TruCam hours from the Community Protection Team.

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- iv) Update regarding correspondence with Highways regarding the cancellation of the works to resurface part of the Tillingham Road and the new date the works are scheduled to take place.
- v) Update regarding the bad condition of the pavement from Rushes Lanes to Bend opposite "The Rest" Bungalow and whether Highways have taken responsibility for the reinstatement of the pavement to the entrance of The Bungalow (around the bund).
- vi) Update regarding application to the local highways panel requesting that a pavement is installed from opposite Brooks Lane to join up with the one just around the bend.
- Vii) Update on getting a meeting with ECC Highways regarding the dangerous junction at Hall Road/Southminster Road and to discuss and decide a way forward as to how the safety at this junction can be improved.

#### **20-21/022 – PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Planning Application – No planning applications to discuss at this meeting.  
**NOTED**
- b) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
  - i List of planning applications: - 19-22 (**NOTED**)
  - ii List of planning decisions and appeals – 19-22 (**NOTED**)
- c) No planning decisions.

#### **20-21/023 – FINANCE**

- a) Members approved payment of £259.53 - **APPROVED**
- b) Members **AGREED** the bank reconciliation balanced to the Bank as at 31/5/2020.
- c) Item was passed over – Bank mandate update next meeting
- d) Members reviewed and agreed the Asset Register which was updated on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 having added two items to the list.
- e) Members noted a VAT claim had been sent in the amount of £390.19.
- f) Members agreed that the Clerks hourly rate should increase from £10.16 per hour (SCP7) to £10.37 per hour (SCP8) effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.  
Proposed: Cllr Faulkner and Seconded: Cllr Russell.
- g) Members agreed that the hours worked by the Clerk should increase from 4 hrs to 5hrs per week as per the precept/budget workings for 20/21.

#### **20-21/024 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FLUKER**

No report available.

Cllr Fluker joined again at this point in the meeting.

#### **20-21/025- BRADWELL B PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Members discussed the Bradwell B draft response and Cllr Faulkner added in some points suggested by someone who now works at Hinckley Power Station. Points to be included, getting a fund for the local parishes for various projects, to put in item restricting lorry movements.

Members agreed that draft copy to be circulated to residents of the draft Bradwell B response.

Cllr Faulkner to touch base with Dengie Crops and G&B Finch regarding their response.

Cllr Fluker – 7.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. restrictions of HGV's to be added into draft. Southminster and Tillingham preferred route is Route 1.

#### **20-21/026 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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Resident wanted to know who was on the Bradwell B Working Group which was all 5 Parish Council members.

Also asked if the TruCam monitors at the weekend, the answer to which was no they do not, they only work Monday to Friday. It was followed up saying that there were an awful lot of motor bikes over the last few weekends, many of whom were exceeding the speed limit. Stated that it was a shame TruCam can not be there at the weekend.

Cllr Faulkner stated that they are doing a charitable event for children.

Resident concerned that it was going to be a regular occurrence and people were welcoming drive pasts by the motor cyclists and this was perceived to be for the children.

Clerk to make enquiries regarding the police using TruCam at the weekends as MDC do not work at the weekends, as Police have been seen at The Cobbins using the Trucam on a Sunday.

Concerns over six storey blocks living in close proximity in regard to the Covid-19.

Clerk to add to the Bradwell B response as was considered to be a very valid point.

Dengie Parish sign along the Dengie Strait is total broken. Clerk to request it to be reinstated.

**20-21/027 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

- a) The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7 p.m. and a reminder about the Extra Ordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 4.30 p.m. Clerk reminded everyone that new instructions for the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June will be sent.

**20-21/028–** All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed 7.35 pm