

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on
Monday 4th July 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road,
Dengie.**

Present: - Cllr Lisa Brown, Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr Rebecca Griffiths.

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

Meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Chair, members elected Cllr Lisa Brown to Chair for the meeting.

041a-22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Henson & County Councillor Wendy Stamp.

042/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Cllr Griffiths stated that she would abstain from voting on planning application 22/00595 as she had witnessed a deed for the applicant - Agenda item:
- b) Members noted it is their responsibility to check that their Register of Interests are up to date i.e. if any changes occur, then they are updated within 28 days, on the MDC website which is linked to the Asheldham and Dengie Parish council website.
- c) Members resolved to accept the new Code of Conduct recently adopted by Maldon District Council. Prop: Cllr Lisa Brown. Sec: Cllr Rebecca Griffiths.

043/22-23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(s)

- a) The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on 9th May 2022 were reviewed, approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Brown and Seconded: Cllr Sally Russell.
- b) The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on 6th June 2022 were agreed. Prop: Cllr Lisa Brown and Seconded: Cllr Sally Russell.

044/22-23 REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) No report was available from the District Councillor.
- b) Cllr Stamp sent an email with her apologies and stated that she would be meeting with Lee Scott to discuss various highways matters pertaining to Asheldham and Dengie. Also to remind to send in any priority potholes as she has 19 to put forward in her ward.

045/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

The question about defibrillator training was raised and the Clerk to contact John Cleary to organise.

046/22-23 ASHELDHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- a) Nothing to report, except the clearing of the vegetation from the first bend after the quarry in readiness for the saplings has not been done, but it will be carried out in time for the saplings when they arrive.

047/22-23 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) Devolution Pilot - Clerk received another email and they are still waiting to hear if the money can be rolled over or whether the PC has to start all over again.

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- ii) Clerk has chased for an update regarding the Asheldham Bends product in particular to get a response pertaining to the Bund owned by Mrs Anderson to see how much Highways require for the project so that the remaining part can be landscaped. Clerk to keep chasing and Cllr Wendy Stamp is also speaking to Lee Scott on the matter.
- iii) No update has been received regarding Asheldham Brooke Bridge.
- iv) No news on the repair of the signs that have been reported and given reference numbers - 30mph (Ref: 2752071 and the Give Way Sign that if the wrong way around (Ref:2752040)
- v) No update regarding FP 10 and FP 12.
- vi) Clerk chasing MDC regarding the FOI request for litter picking
- vii) Clerk confirmed that a FOI request to ECC had receive a response relating to the regularity that the drains/gullies cleaning is carried out, but not yet had a chance to look at the response in detail as there are several links to look into.

048/22-23 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)- To discuss and decide on the following application(s):-
 - i) EIA - Screening Request for a proposed solar PV array on lands at Keelings Road, Southminster, CM0 7JF. Members sent in a response objecting to the application. Response available on the Asheldham and Dengie website.
 - ii) 22/00595/FUL pp-11235870
Construction of a chalet style rural workers dwelling.
Hall Meadows, Hall Road, Asheldham, Essex. Members supported.
 - iii) 22/00682/HOUSE PP- 11292174
Proposed replacement garage building (amendment to roof finish from application - 21/00418/HOUSE) - Rushes Farm, Rushes Lane, Asheldham.
Members supported.
- b)
 - i) List of planning applications – 18- 26
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals – 18-26
(all circulated via email and noted by the members)
- c) **Enforcement**
Reference No. 21/00180/BC - adj Endway Farmhouse - new build fence interfering with line of sight on the carriageway - Clerk sent email to Cllr Helm on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a new Head of Enforcement has been appointed who has been informed and will be dealing with the complaint.
- d) See (C) above covering response from MDC
- e) **United Dengie Councils** - Clerk informed members that a further meeting had occurred with SCP the company commissioned by WIG to analyse the transport assessment from Countrywide as ECC Highways informed them that they would be using VISSIM software which digitally reproduces the traffic patterns of all road users. ECC Highways are yet to sent in their response to the planning application to Chelmsfords City Council.

049/22-23 FINANCE

- a) Members review and approved payments for June & July 2022 as per list provided.
- b) Members agreed Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation 30th June 2022.
- c) Members were handed the Personal Detail forms to be completed and returned to the September meeting.

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- d) Members ratified, the signing off of the internal audit report and the year end annual return in the form of the certificate of exemption, the accounting statement & annual governance and accountability return for the year ending 31-3-2022 as need to be returned by 30th June 2022.

Proposed: Cllr Brown Sec: Cllr Griffiths.

050/22-23 DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

- a) Mrs Moull updated everyone stating that the Company that was doing the sign had recently be affected by Covid and there is a slight delay to the sign. However, as soon as the sign painter has recovered from Covid, the Dengie Village Sign will be progressed.

051/22-23 THE GRASS VERGE IN ASHELDHAM

- a) Clerk informed members that the licences had been sent in after a lot of toing and froing and that ECC Highways had also requested restrospective applications for both the rubbish bin and notice board. Clerk to action. Question was asked as to how long the licences usually take - Clerk answered 6-8 weeks.
- b) Members resolved to accept the quote by MSJ Garwood in the amont of £135.00 plus VAT to cut back the vegetation on the verge. Clerk to action with MSJ Garwood. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Brown Seconded: Cllr Sally Russell.

052/22-23 GREEN CANOPY PROJECT/JUBILEE BENCH PROJECT

- a) The tree warden said she will be in touch with the Clerk in due course to sort out licences for the two trees which it is anticipated will be going on public highway.
- b) The Locality funding has been carried over as soon as the licence has been confirmed the bench can be order. The wording on the memorial bench was agreed as "To Commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee - 2022"

Mrs Moull gave an update of the Jubilee festivities - at Asheldham and Dengie Village Hall and the children and adults enjoyed the family Fun Day and BBQ with everyone enjoying the games. The Cream Tea held on the Sunday was a great success and was rounded off with a fund Jubilee Quiz. All in all £222.00 was raised and this was given to the Essex Air Ambulance.

A vote of thanks was given by the members to the Committee and congratulations on the funds raised which have been given to a very good cause.

Also Clerk was requested to order the bench for Dengie Village Hall Committee by Mrs Lyn Moull as this did not need a licence.

053/22-23 ASHELDHAM & DENGIE BEACON

- a) Clerk read out an email from a resident stating that the beacon was gifted to the Parish by Manpower and therefore the Beacon is definitely owned by the Parish. Clerk also mentioned that she had contacted Ben Fisher asking if they would be happy to make a donation to getting the Beacon installed again. This raised a question from Cllr Griffiths whether the Parish Council has agreed to this approach and was concerned together with Cllr Henson that this could muddy the waters when it came to planning applications.

054/22-23 TRAINING/WORKSHOPS/OUTSIDE MEETINGS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND

- a) Members noted the invitation sent by Cambridgeshire branch of SLCC.

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- b) The Chairman training for Cllr David Henson to attend was approved by members at £100 per day - total £300.
- c) Members noted the meeting on the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils on 20th July. Members had other engagements that night. Will check if Cllr Henson is available.

055/22-23 PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH MDC

- a) Members resolved to invite Nicola Syder from MDC to come along to a meeting to discuss the Parish priorities. Clerk to action.

056/22-23 PARISH COUNCIL INTERNET

- a) Members left it to the Clerk to decide whether to stick with Yahoo or change to another internet provider.

057a/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

- a) No questions raised at this point

058/22-23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- e) Monday 5th September 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in Dengie Village Hall .

059/22-23 All business having been transacted - The Chair closed the Parish Council Meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.26 pm

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