

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** - Cllr Mrs C Faulkner, Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr Lisa Brown & Cllr Sally Russell

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

**Members of the public:** 6

**19-20/086 - WELCOME**

Cllr Faulkner welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that if anyone was recording the meeting to let them know. A member of the public stated that he had already stated previously that he would be recording the Parish Council meetings.

**19-20/087 – APOLOGIES**

- District Councillor Dewick & Cllr Adrian Fluker as attending the South East Planning Meeting. Clerk also apologised to Mr. Bob Turner and the members as he had apologised for non-attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 meeting and the Clerk neglected to inform those present.
- Mrs Lyn Moull, Mr. Andrew Burnett and Mr. Alex Sams also sent their apologies.

**19-20/088 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) No declaration of interest 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.

**19-20/089 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)**

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 were proposed by Cllr Sally Russell and seconded by Cllr Lisa Brown. **RESOLVED.**

**19-20/090 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The points raised were as follows:-

- Bob Turner from Dengie Crops Ltd apologised for the confusion over the gas main works and the ensuing emails. Once permission had been granted for this work, the control was out of Dengie Crops Ltd hands and the meeting that was held between Highways and the Contractors should have included invitations to members of the Parish Council and Maldon District Council. Mr. Turner further stated that he had hoped that it had not caused too much disruption and was done during the six week summer holidays to cause the least possible disruption.
- Asheldham Resident's Group Chair, stated that there was a big disruption during the early days of the diversion and it was commented that it was the worst diversion signage that had ever been seen. High winds and traffic wrecked the signs. The phasing of the traffic lights was not very good. A resident had declared that she was terrified to go out of her front door.
- Asheldham Resident's Group to put Poppies around the village for Remembrance in November.
- Dengie Crop vehicles were going through the diversion and it was reported to the CEO and was stopped.
- The company that put up the traffic light controls were out of the area and not familiar with the area.

SIGNED.....CHAIR

ASHELDHAM & DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL

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**19-20/091 – ESSEXINFO.NET WEBSITE CLOSING 31/03/2020**

This item was deferred until the November meeting, due to the fact that the information expected from EALC had not been received. Mr. Alex Sams was expected to be at the meeting but had been delayed, however requested that the Clerk inform the members that a substantial discount would be given to Asheldham and Dengie.

**19-20/092 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES**

- i. Clerk informed those present that a new Local Highways Panel request form had been completed and forwarded on to Essex County Council Representative – Ron Pratt to request the 30mph limit from triangle/bennet junction with Tillingham Road (B1021) and Foxhall Road is reduced to 20 mph through the Asheldham Bends and an email had been received on 7<sup>th</sup> October stating that CCllr Pratt had forwarded onto Thomas Eng at the Local Highways Panel.
- ii. Clerk informed members that Tillingham Village Council could not revisit the decision made by them regarding our request for support with the speed reduction along the Dengie Straight within six months of having made it. The next available time to review this would be during the course of their November meeting. The Clerk had not realised that this was a decision that had been made at a meeting, but incorrectly believed it to be a historic stance on reduction of speed and their decision was based on lack of a police presence to enforce it. Clerk to follow up following the Tillingham Village Council November meeting.
- iii. Clerk stated that there is no possibility of free salt bins from Essex County Council Highways and that it had been mentioned at the Highways Briefing that the ones owned by ECC Highways took a lot of man hours to fill and got the impression they were a bit of a pain and not very cost effective.
- iv. Members decided against purchasing “Wheelie Bin” stickers showing the speed limit as they felt they would not be effective as there are no pavements as such and the bins would not really be seen.
- v. Members discussed the use of the TruCam and it was RESOLVED to collate a draft timetable of sites, days and times and liaise with Ashledham Resident’s Group to try and get all areas of concern covered over a period of time. The sites to be forwarded to Adrian Rayner/Police for approval and then finalise the timetable with the approved sites and within the budget set.

**19-20/093 – PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) There were no planning applications to review.
- b) **Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:**
  - i. List of planning applications 35/36/37/38/39 – **NOTED.**
  - ii List of planning decisions and appeals 35/36/37/38/39 – **NOTED**
- c) **Planning enforcement updates**

The Clerk informed members that on looking closer the last request for information was at the end of June and therefore sent a further email to Planning Enforcement requesting an up date. At the time of the meeting no response had been made. Clerk to follow up.

**19-20/094 - FINANCE**

- a) Members reviewed the payments for October 2019 - **RESOLVED**
- b) Members reviewed and signed off the Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation at at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - **RESOLVED**
- c) The Clerk ran through the precept/budget workings for the financial year 2020/21 with the members, drawing attention to the figures in red which were the suggested increases. The figures and notes had been distributed prior to the meeting. The figure under the heading "Traffic Calming/TruCam" was reduced by £180.00 as it was decided not to purchase the wheelie bin stickers, allowing 15 hours for TruCam monitoring of £516.60 or less if required, 10 hours would cost £344.40. Members discussed the percentage increase of the precept/budget and took into account the current balance and resolved that the rise should be 5%, therefore the precept would increase from £5890 to £6185. An increase of £0.05p per week based on the tax base of 110 to a Band D household. Proposed by Cllr Faulkner and seconded by Cllr Russell. **RESOLVED**
- d) The Clerk handed out the person detail forms for members to sign and return. The bank stated that you can have as many signatories as you want so all five members will be signatories, still requiring 2 out of 5 to sign cheques and authorise payments.
- e) Members noted that the Red Ensign Day raised £73.00 and members **RESOLVED** to add £27.00 to make it up to £100.00. Clerk to arrange the donation.

**19-20/095 - DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT**

- a) Clerk stated that there were a couple of pledges still to come in but understood that one of the parties has been unwell. Cllr Faulkner to have a word when appropriate.
- b) Clerk stated that the defibrillator and cabinet has been ordered and the lead time is six weeks. Clerk also mentioned that the details of the cabinet had been forwarded to the electrician to enable him to give an accurate quote on the installation cost.

**19-20/096 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

- a) No report available.

**19-20/097 - VILLAGE BEACON**

- a) Clerk informed members that the project was not as far ahead as she would have like, but had been in contact with two metal work companies that deal with the type of work required to repair/refurbish the basket. Mr. Moull to send pictures to the Clerk of the current state of the basket. Member of the public mentioned here about the requirement of planning. A conversation took place regarding the length of the spingot to try and establish the size of the pole required.

**19-20/098 - SECOND PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing further was mentioned at this point.

**19-20/099 - TRAINING**

- a) No further training was required at this point. Cllr Faulkner to attend the 3 days of Chairman Training starting in October. Clerk to send out the most up to date information from EALC regarding the training timetable.

**19-20/100 –LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME**

- a) Clerk informed members that the cost of applying for the Foundation Level in the Local Council Award Scheme would cost £50.00 to NALC and £50.00 to EALC. Members **RESOLVED** to apply to the Local Council Award Scheme. Clerk to action as soon as possible.

**19-20/101 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – POPPY WREATH/VE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to order a 17 in Poppy Wreath at the cost of £17.00, plus a ribbon £2.25. Also to make a further donation making the total up to £40.00. This amount to be included in the budget/precept each year going forward. Cllr Faulkner to attend the Remembrance Day Sunday Service and lay the wreath. Proposed: Cllr Faulkner – Seconded Cllr Brown.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to allow a £300.00 budget for the VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 celebrations. It does not necessarily mean all this will be spent but the sum has been reserved. This event is to be a joint venture with the Dengie Village Hall Committee, and the Hall has been booked for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**19-20/102 - CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) There was no other correspondence other those items that were already an agenda item.

**19-20/103 - EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- Cllr Faulkner attended the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils and the minutes are available on the Asheldham and Dengie website. Members had already received them via email.

**19-20/104 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- i. Cllr Russell mentioned about the possibility of High Friction Surfacing being something that could be looked at around the Asheldham Bends if the speed limit request is denied as this surfacing can increase stoppage by 20%, the question of noise arose. Item to be added to the agenda for November.
- ii. Cllr Faulkner would like the bus service for children added to the agenda as a service from St. Lawrence to Bradwell has been stopped which is causing problems for St. Cedd's.
- iii Question of when and where and for how was the Silhouette of "Tommy" going to be put up.
- iv Question was raised about the annual Parish Council quiz, it had been mentioned at the DHGPC meeting and would be on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Southminster. Cllr Faulkner said A&D would be raising a team to take part.
- v The question was raised as to when the resurfacing that was scheduled for July and was cancelled was going to happen - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was mentioned.

**19-20/105 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

- a) The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7 p.m.

**19-20/106 –**All business having been transacted. The meeting closed at 8.08 p.m. and The Chair thanked everyone for coming.