

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 7

19-20/131 - WELCOME

Cllr Faulkner welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that if anyone was recording the meeting to let them know.

19-20/132 – APOLOGIES

- District Councillor Dewick.
- Mr. Rik Pond sent his apologies and Mr. Alex Sams.

19-20/133 – 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.

19-20/134 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019 were proposed by Cllr Sally Russell and seconded by Cllr Lisa Brown. **RESOLVED.**
- b) Members discussed the email received from Mr. Snowdon regarding the timescale of publishing and the accuracy of the minutes. Cllr Kelly asked the Clerk what were the rules pertaining to this. The Clerk informed those present that the website states that the minutes are aimed to be published in draft format on the website within two weeks of the meeting, but has 28 days from the date of the meeting to publish in draft format. Members were happy with this. Cllr Kelly suggested that the “aim to do the minutes within two weeks be taken off the website.

19-20/135 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- It was stated that the “Give Way” sign on the junction of Green Lanes/Southminster Road was still laying down in the verge. Clerk to follow up.
- The roadworks linked to the gas works along Green Lane and Foxhall Road appeared to have come to a halt and residents were concerned that nothing is progressing. The area is said to be in a really messy state, needing holes filling etc.
- The Chevrons sign on just before entering the Dengie Straight need repairing/replacing. Also questions arose about when the resurfacing was going to be carried out, it has been suggested that 16th March 2020, and will this be a full resurfacing or top dressing. Clerk to make enquiries.
- A discussion took place about the re-instatement of the pavement in front of “The Bund” opposite “The Rest” and concerns were raised as to how the resurfacing work would be carried out. It was suggested that there may be traffic lights outside G.B. Finch and by the junction of Southminster Road, with Green Lanes just before the bend.
- It was mentioned that “The Bund” had reduced in height a bit.

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- It was mentioned about extending the footpath to Rushes Lane.

19-20/136 – ESSEXINFO.NET WEBSITE CLOSING 31/03/2020

- a) Clerk informed members that AshConnect would be registering a domain and that work could start within 7 days to start moving over the website. The suggested domain name was rejected by members in preference of a “.org” name. Therefore the domain name was suggested to be Asheldham-dengieparishcouncil.org. Clerk to organise.

19-20/137 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i. No news from the Highways Panel regarding the reduction in speed limit to 20mph from the triangle/bennet junction with Tillingham Road (B1021) and Foxhall Road.
- ii. Clerk informed members that Tillingham Village Council did not revisit the decision made regarding supporting the Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council with the extension of the speed limit and would review at their meeting in December. Item to be revisited at the February meeting.
- iii. Members and residents to email the clerk with areas of concern to be monitored by the TruCam team.
- iv. Clerk informed those present that the salt bin had been purchased and just needed placing.
- v. A discussion took place regarding the footpath running next to Magnox Power Station and it was suggested that Bradwell On Sea PC's best way forward would be to talk to the Community Officers at Magnox requesting them to reinstate as a good neighbour and maintain in perpetuity the path along the perimeter fence. It was also stated that the ILW (Intermediate Level Waste) storage facility was next to the path.

19-20/138 – PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Application – no planning applications for decision for November.**
- b) **Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:**
 - i) List of planning applications 47/48
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 47/48
 - iii) Decisions made in relation to Asheldham & Dengie – none at the time of writing.
- a) **Planning enforcement updates**
 - i) 16/00421/CU – Clerk received no further update at this point.

19-20/139 – FINANCE

- a) Members reviewed the payments for December 2019 - **RESOLVED**
- b) Members reviewed and signed off the Barclays bank statements to the bank reconciliation at the end of November 2019 - **RESOLVED**
- c) Bank mandate changes have been forwarded to Barclays for action.

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BANK	30/11/2019		
Community account no. 80925519			£450.00
Business Premium account no. 80950459			£6,525.72
		Bank Account Total	£6,975.72
Income 2019-20			
Balance carried forward 1/4/19			£4,252.80
Precept			£5,890.00
VAT refund			£117.61
Bank Interest			£7.69
William Ayletts	William Ayletts money (Asheldham & Dengie)		£66.50
	Other receipts		£220.39
	Defibrillator Project		£1,900.00
	Total income 2019-20		£12,454.99
Expenditure 2018/19		Payments cleared up to and including 30/11/19	-£5,498.27
		difference to find	£19.00
Bank Balance		income less expenditure as at	£6,975.72
		less uncleared payments:	£0.00
		December payments	-£663.18
		Actual cash book balance as at 2/12/2019	£6,312.54
	Next Election expected - 2023	Election reserves - 2019 Yr One	-£250.00
		Remaining usable funds.	£6,062.54
Signed:	Print Name: Cllr Carole Faulkner	Date:	02/12/2019

19-20/140 - DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

- a & b) Clerk stated that the defibrillator and cabinet had both been received.
- c) Clerk still awaiting a quote from Pete Hall and John Cleary from the First Responders stated that the contact he had that used to do was no longer available but gave some other contacts that the clerk will contact to get the installation on its way.

19-20/141 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Fluker reported the following points:-

- Thematic policies agreed
- A review of the polling stations has taken place which is usual every 4-5 years and Dengie Village Hall passed with flying colours.
- MDC agreed to make donation to the Superfast Broadband as 95% of residences purported to have access to high-speed broadband, but think that the most in the Dengie Peninsula is only 5%. Parts of Bradwell On Sea, Tillingham and Southminster have superfast, but depends on how close you are to the green box, the closer you are the better the speed.
- Freeman and Free woman Scheme adopted by MDC.
- MDC accounts were signed off by the auditor and got a clean bill of health and exceeds requirements for "Value for Money".
- Medical Centre meeting with NHS Delivery Group was deferred due to "Purdah" until January.
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19-20/142 – JOHN MARDON QUIZ NIGHT - 27th November 2019

Asheldham and Dengie sent a team and had a good evening. Southminster PC won this year. Asheldham and Dengie were second.

19-20/143 VILLAGE BEACON

Clerk informed the members and residents of the quote to refurbish the Beacon which was considered to be far too much and it was decided to defer this project until such time that a decision is made as to where the Beacon will be placed.

19-20/144 – DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

The fund raising event that was organised at M& Co within the Burnham Co-Op was cancelled as the retailer decided not to go ahead. Mr. Snowdon stated that the cost of the sign was anything from £3,500 to £7,000 and would need a written quote to get a grant. The mention of the requirement of planning consent was raised and it was suggested that the Village Hall Committee were about to request planning permission for an extension to the Village Hall and that the sign could be included as part of the curtilage and Mrs Moull stated that Southend Airport had afforded the Village Hall Committee £500 for a planning application. Mrs Moull to look into this possibility.

19-20/145 - SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Snowdon asked Cllr Fluker when he would be getting an answer to his request for information made a few weeks before. Cllr Fluker responded by saying he had been very busy and he will respond when it comes to the top of the list. Mr Snowdon replied by saying don't blame me if I use more leverage to get answers. Cllr Fluker requested the Clerk to minute this due to the bullying and threatening behaviour. The Chair stopped the conversation at this point and continued on with the meeting.

19-20/146 - TRAINING

- a) Cllr Faulkner to attend another Chairman's Training Day on 12th December. No other training at this time.

19-20/147 –LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

- a) Clerk reiterated that this project would not be progressed until the changeover of the website, as the award is mainly based on the content of the website.

19-20/148 – VE DAY 8TH MAY 2020

- a) VE Day deferred until February. However Mrs Moull did state that advertisements had been placed in the local parish mag for Oct and Nov.

19-20/149 – REMOVAL OF SCHOOL TRANSPORT – ST. LAWRENCE TO BRADWELL

Item deferred until further information is available.

19-20/150 - "HAPPY TO CHAT" BENCHES

Clerk informed members and residents that an expression of interest had been lodged on behalf of both villages to Ben page.

19-20/151 - CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A thank you letter from the Royal British Legion for donation.

19-20/152 - EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- Cllr Russell and Mr. Alex Sams attended the Superfast Broadband meeting on 28th November. Alex is putting some information together detailing the various options available and this will be circulated on the website and in the Parish Newsletter. The system leaves people very confused as the website states that people have it, when they do not and the coloured stickers indicating various things are not always accurate. You put in your post code and it should come up with blue or pink dots, but Asheldham and Dengie comes up green, which they do not know what this means.
- It was stated that you can sign up for Fibre Wi-fi if you can see the St. Lawrence Water Tower and can get 20 mbytes for £15.00 a month.

19-20/153 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- i. To remind people of the Litter Pick taking place on 7th December – meeting 9.30 a.m. to refreshment and starting at 10 a.m. and then back for lunch courtesy of Cllr and Mrs Fluker.

19-20/154 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd February 2020 at 7 p.m.

19-20/155 – All business having been transacted. The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m. and The Chair thanked everyone for coming and invited them to join the members for some festive refreshments.