

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the forthcoming meeting of Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council to be held on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2023 at 6.30pm in Dengie Village Hall** for the purpose of transacting the business ONLY shown on the agenda

*KBMoney*

Kevin B. Money – Parish Clerk to the Council – 31<sup>st</sup>. January 2023

The Press and Public are welcome to attend

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 001/2023 Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting**
- 002/2023 Apologies for Absence**
- 003/2023 Declaration of Interest**  
 To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda  
 Councillors to check that their ROI are up to date
- 004/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham & Dengie PC**  
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last A&DPC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup>. December 2022
- 005/2023 Essex County Councillors report - To receive a report from Essex County Councillor**
- 006/2023 District Councillors report - To receive a report from the District Councillor**
- 007/2023 Questions from the Press and Public – First Session**  
**(This session should not exceed 15 minutes – unless otherwise directed by the Chair - no individual to speak for longer than 3 minutes on any one issue)** An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues.
- Training for residents using the defibrillator
  - King's Coronation event
  - Election 4<sup>th</sup>. May 2023 – Update from the Clerk
- 008/2023 Asheldham Residents Group – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary.**  
 A maximum time of **15 minutes** will be allowed
- 009/2023 Highway & Public Footpath Issues**  
 To receive updates on outstanding highways issues and an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.
- Update on the Asheldham Bends Project to be reviewed by ECC Highways and the LHP Panel and make any decisions required.
  - Update regarding Asheldham Brook Bridge and to make any relevant decisions.
  - Update on the 30mph signs (Ref: 2752071) and the give way sign (Ref: 2752040) facing the incorrect way.
  - Update regarding FP10 and FP12 (Ref: 2752089)
- 010/2023 Planning Application/s**
- TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)**  
**Application No:** ESS/125/22/MAL  
**Location:** Asheldham Quarry, Asheldham, Essex  
**Proposal:** Retrospective full planning application for the installation of a mixed construction and demolition soils wash plant with associated infrastructure including relevant recycling activities such as screener, crusher, concrete bays and stockpiles

**011/2023 Planning issues affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

- 1) **Enforcement** - Reference No. 21/00180/BC – adj. Endway Farmhouse – new build fence interfering with line of sight on the carriageway – to receive an update.
- 2) **United Dengie Councils** – To receive an update.

**012/2023 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

**FUL/MAL/22/00804** - The Cottage Tillingham Road Asheldham Essex  
New storage barn for machinery used to maintain the land. **APPROVE** subject to conditions

**FUL/MAL/22/00896** - Land At Homelands Southminster Road Asheldham  
A erection of 4 bedroom bungalow, detached garage and new vehicular access.  
**GRANT PERMISSION** for the said development subject to the attached Section 106 Legal Agreement and compliance with the conditions appended to this Notice

**HOUSE/MAL/22/01141**- The Wheat Barn Keelings Road Southminster Essex  
Construction of garden produce and garden equipment store on existing concrete base  
**APPROVE** subject to conditions.

**013/2023 Planning Appeals affecting Asheldham & Dengie****21/01134/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3297490)**

**Address:** Asheldham Grange, Rushes Lane, Asheldham, Southminster, CM0 7NY

**Proposal:** Proposed detached annexe for home working/leisure facilities, including games room, tv room and outside dining. **APPEAL ALLOWED – 29 December 2022**

**21/01159/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3298163)**

**Address:** Buildings And Land South Side Of Keelings Road, Dengie

**Proposal:** Proposed demolition of existing barn and erection of a new bungalow. **APPEAL ALLOWED**

**014/2023 Update on the Solar Farm working group**

**015/2023 Dengie Village Sign** - To receive an update and to make any decisions necessary.

**016/2023 The Grass Verge - Asheldham**

- a) Update on the planters' project regarding the licence and to make any decisions necessary.
- b) Update on the damaged posts which require cementing in and to make any decisions necessary.

**017/2023 Green Canopy Project/Jubilee Bench Project**

- a) Update on the Green Canopy project and to make any necessary decisions.
- b) Locality Funding – to receive an update on the licence for the bench and if delivery of the bench has been made. To make any decisions necessary.

**018/2023 Asheldham & Dengie Beacon**

- a) Update regarding communication with landowner and Bullfinch and to make any necessary decisions.

**019/2023 Questions from the Press and Public – Second Session**

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**020/2023 Councillors to discuss meeting date in May for Annual Parish meeting / AGM / Election of New Councillors****021/2023 Finance**

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. January 2023
- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2022/23
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for January & February 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements

**022/2023 Items for Next Agenda**

**023/2023 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. March 2023 at 6.30pm**

**024/2023 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Councillors to Resolve that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that

publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**025/2023 To Provide an Update on Staffing Matters**

**026/2023 Closure of the Meeting**

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business



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## Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. December 2022 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall

Present: Cllrs D. Henson (Chairman), L. Brown, R. Griffiths, N. Kelly, S. Russell and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 3 members of the public present

### 137/2022 Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 138/2022 Apologies for Absence No apologies were received

### 139/2022 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda Councillors to check that their ROI are up to date

Cllr D. Henson declared an interest in items 22/01105/LBC & 22/01104/HOUSE

All Councillors declared an interest in 22/01141/HOUSE & 22/01142/LBC

### 140/2022 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham & Dengie PC

To receive and agree the minutes of the last A&DPC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup>. November 2022. **All Agreed**

### 141/2022 Essex County Councillors report - To receive a report from Essex County Councillor

No report was submitted but all ECC information from Cllr W. Stamp had been circulated to Councillors throughout the month

### 142/2022 District Councillors report - To receive a report from the District Councillor

No report was submitted

### 143/2022 Questions from the Press and Public – First Session

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### 144/2022 Asheldham Residents Group – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary. A maximum time of **15 minutes** was allowed

Mr. Colin Cooper from the ARG supplied a report prior to the meeting. It read:

*On 16<sup>th</sup> November, ARG organised a very successful planting of the saplings previously delivered to it under the Green Canopy Scheme. It now remains for Mrs. Jo Griffiths to let us know when she will require our help in planting her delivery of saplings and some trees in Hall Road and elsewhere.*

*The two wooden posts adjacent to the salt bin on the land opposite Sandlings continue to be pulled/pushed over and repositioned again by ARG. The grass cutting contractors Garwood's have confirmed that it is not them causing the problem and there is a suspicion that young people alighting from the school bus may be responsible. The posts were last repositioned on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.*

*At the last PC meeting, on behalf of ARG, I was requested to have a word with Mrs. Hindmarch as to whether she would be willing to remove the outer post and rail fence on her corner which is obstructing the view of motorists crossing Southminster Road to gain access to Hall Road, if she indeed still owns it. I have subsequently had a chat on the telephone with Mrs. Hindmarch and she told me that the land in question is owned by the developer of the adjoining property Mr. Holloway. The site plan on the MDC planning portal appears to support what she said. It may be however that a small section of the fence in question is still on land she retained. It is understood that the PC is to contact Mr. Holloway about the problem.*

*I represented ARG at the Finch Quarry Liaison Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr. Lisa Brown represented the PC. Also in attendance were Terry Burns from ECC Minerals and Waste, Lee Finch Quarry owner and Site Manager Phil Stanley. We were afforded a guided tour by Mr. Finch and Mr Stanley which lasted about 1.5 hours. We saw how, as and when sand and gravel extraction is taking place, the necessary work of reinstatement is simultaneously taking place. No doubt Lisa will also have her own observations to report to the PC.*

*The Annual Winter Litter Pick, organised by ARG and local resident and District Councillor for Southminster Adrian Fluker, is confirmed for the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Full details are in the December edition of The Parish Paper. ("TPP")*

*ARG arranged with the editor of TPP for updated details of our Parish Clerk to be inserted in that edition. It is assumed that in due course, once arranged by Kevin, the individual Parish Councillor email addresses will need to be inserted and on behalf of ARG I would be happy to arrange this.*

#### **145/2022 Highway & Public Footpath Issues**

To receive updates on outstanding highways issues and an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.

1) Update on the Asheldham Bends Project to be reviewed by ECC Highways and the LHP Panel and make any decisions required. No update received

2) Update regarding Asheldham Brook Bridge and to make any relevant decisions. No update received

3) Update on the 30mph signs (Ref: 2752071) and the give way sign (Ref: 2752040) facing the incorrect way. No update received

4) Update regarding FP10 and FP12 (Ref: 2752089). No update received

5) Update on the litter picking in the Parish by MDC and the FOI request for details of the regularity it is carried out and to make any decisions required.

6) Update on the clearing/sluicing of gullies and the FOI request for details of the regularity it is carried out and to make any decisions required. No more update received

#### **146/2022 Planning Application/s**

**22/01105/LBC** - Bridgewick Farmhouse North Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Essex  
09.12 Part retrospective construction of outbuilding for use ancillary to the occupation of the dwelling  
**RESOLVED: SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION**

**22/01104/HOUSE** - Bridgewick Farmhouse North Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Essex  
Part retrospective construction of outbuilding for use incidental to the occupation of the dwelling  
**RESOLVED: SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION**

**HOUSE/MAL/22/01141** - The Wheat Barn Keelings Road Southminster Essex  
Construction of Garden Produce and Garden Equipment Store on Existing Concrete Base  
**RESOLVED: SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION**

**LBC/MAL/22/01142** - The Wheat Barn Keelings Road Southminster Essex  
Construction of Garden Produce and Garden Equipment Store on Existing Concrete Base  
**RESOLVED: SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION**

#### **147/2022 Planning issues affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

1) **Enforcement** - Reference No. 21/00180/BC – adj. Endway Farmhouse – new build fence interfering with line of sight on the carriageway – to receive an update. The Clerk to write to the developer

*A Resident has had a chat on the telephone with Mrs. Hindmarch and she told me that the land in question is owned by the developer of the adjoining property Mr. Holloway. The site plan on the MDC planning portal appears to support what she said. It may be however that a small section of the fence in question is still on land she retained. It is understood that the PC is to contact Mr. Holloway about the problem. To remove outer fencing.*

2) To receive an update on the letter sent to Maldon District Council regarding the length of time that Enforcement cases are taking to progress/resolve. Remove it from next agenda

3) **United Dengie Councils** – To receive an update. The Clerk to respond

#### **148/2022 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

No planning decisions have been made by MDC affecting either Asheldham or Dengie villages

#### **149/2022 Update on the Solar Farm working group**

A limited response to organise a meeting and to attract more residents to attend

**150/2022 Dengie Village Sign** - To receive an update and to make any decisions necessary. No update but the Clerk asked for pictures of both village signs to add to the letterheaded paper

**151/2022 The Grass Verge - Asheldham**

a) Update on the planters' project regarding the licence and to make any decisions necessary. No update on the planters but the ECC licence has been obtained and permission granted to erect the planter's

b) Update on the damaged posts which require cementing in and to make any decisions necessary. Already mentioned in the ARG report

**152/2022 Green Canopy Project/jubilee Bench Project**

a) Update on the Green Canopy project and to make any necessary decisions.

Already mentioned in the ARG report

The bench has been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr D. Henson house.

The base to be undertaken by Councillors

b) Locality Funding – to receive an update on the licence for the bench and if delivery of the bench has been made. To make any decisions necessary. Once the invoice for the bench is paid then ECC locality funding will be released.

**153/2022 Asheldham & Dengie Beacon**

a) Update regarding communication with landowner and Bullfinch and to make any necessary decisions.

Cllr D. Henson contacted the owner of the land but was not in agreement. Cllr R. Griffiths to make contact with her source

**154/2022 Questions from the Press and Public – Second Session**

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A resident asked truck wash plan (mineral & waste visit) road being kept clean

UDC – Mangapp land north of Mangapp railway station at Burnham. The Clerk to contact BTC Planning Clerk

Cllr L. Brown spoke about the quarry visit.

3 monthly inspections on the site by Terry Burns from ECC Minerals & Waste

70% materials received are recycled

Retrospective planning application being put into MDC for the recycling plant

They are slightly ahead of schedule. Presently filling Phase 3 and taking out Phase 4.

Archaeological works continuing

The current planning / licence consent is being amended currently, to add value to the finished site with the creation of ponds on the advice of the environmental consultant

Terry Burns said that if lorry movements or noise issues are a concern to residents, go directly to him.

Lorry movements are monitored via Weighbridge movements and HMRC.

Terry Burns informed us that ECC are looking for extraction sites in Essex for Mineral & waste projects

The site is a lot tidier than the last visit with the creation of the concrete bays at the entrance area.

The Clerk mentioned about "Beat Surgeries" being run by Essex Police Maldon Town Team. Councillors were in favour of this project going ahead in Dengie Village Hall, subject to availability.

**155/2022 Finance**

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2022

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2022

2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2022/23

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2022/23

3) To approve the payment of Accounts for November & December 2022 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

**156/2022 2023/2024 Budget**

Councillors to discuss the Council's anticipated expenditure for 2023/2024

Councillors discussed the expected expenditure for 2023/2024 year. The budget for 2023/2024 was set at £7175. Resulting in a Precept demand to Maldon District Council of £7065. Using the 2023/2024 Tax Base figure from MDC of 113.1 made a Band D property of £62.47p.

Councillor D. Henson proposed and Cllr S. Russell seconded to agree these figures. **All Agreed**

The RFO was instructed to submit the Precept demand to MDC at the appropriate time.

## [Update from EALC Vice-President Jennifer Tolhurst, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex](#)

*“Buckingham Palace is pleased to announce further details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023.*

*The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced, the Service will reflect the Monarch’s role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.*

*Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.*

*The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.*

*Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort hope the Coronation Weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time and celebrate with friends, families and communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Their Majesties are looking forward to marking the occasion with the public throughout 2023.”*

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## [Update from NALC](#)

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) held an informal National Assembly meeting on 17 January 2023 to discuss the Coronation of His Majesty The King. The meeting was open to local (parish and town) councils.

Pageant Master Bruno Peek introduced the session by setting out the crucial role local councils have in making national celebrations, like the Coronation, work on the ground. He also thanked councils for supporting last year's Platinum Jubilee events. \*To watch the meeting, click [HERE](#).\*

The two outcomes from the meeting were, firstly, for NALC to request information from Buckingham Palace to support local councils' planning for activity over the Coronation weekend. Secondly, to summarise the advice and experiences that might help local councils in planning for activities.

### **\*ADVICE TO COUNCILS\***

- **Don't wait for official information to start planning**

Attendees from local councils at the meeting expressed a desire for more information about the day's timings and other related national activities. But we have yet to determine when this information will become available, and there is a range of decisions and discussions that local councils can undertake on preparations.

- **Discuss at a council meeting**

If you still need to discuss at a council meeting about activities over the coronation weekend, then schedule that as soon as possible. You may wish to consider the following:



- Which day to organise celebrations – some councils were planning screenings on the day of the Coronation, others were looking at family-focused activities on the bank holiday Monday, and others were looking at various celebrations across the weekend.
- What sorts of activities to organise – examples from local councils in the meeting included a live screening of the Coronation, putting up bunting or other decorations, picnics in the park, street parties, seed bombs for young people to plant, and much more.
- What is the budget?
- Roles and responsibilities – who will be responsible for planning and activities, and which committee (or full council) will oversee activities?

- **Engage early with other local groups**

You may have volunteers who support local events, youth groups, and schools you would like to participate in celebrations. You may wish to think about targeting local grants towards Coronation-related activities. All these things take time, and early communication will help you work more effectively with partners and local people.

- **Managing resources and capacity**

While you should be considering what budget the council can put towards activities over the Coronation weekend, the council must also consider the capacity of staff and volunteers to deliver on those plans, particularly councils that may also have elections in the same week.

- **Get in touch with your principal authority**

From temporary event notices to approving road closures to permission to hang bunting from street lights, a wide range of decisions that will affect your plans are the responsibility of principal authorities. Early contact with them to discuss your plans is advisable. Your county association will also be in touch with principal authorities. It will advise you on how best to engage with them on these matters and other issues relating to celebrating the Coronation.

- **Council activity and publicity in the pre-election period**

Suppose your council also has elections in May. In that case, you will need to know the rules around council activity and publicity in the pre-election period. The Local Government Association has guidance on the pre-election period, which is due to be updated this year. Once that is updated, we will communicate that to county associations and member councils so you can have the most up-to-date information. Your county association continues to be your key point of contact for advice and guidance, and they will be able to support member councils on these issues.

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***\*The Local Government Association has published guidance on council publicity in the pre-election period [here](#).\****

I will be posting regular updates as and when they come in. Until then, please find some useful links below for more information:

- [Royal.UK- Coronation Weekend Plans Announced](#)
- [The Coronation Big Lunch](#)
- [The Big Help Out- How to Get Involved](#)
- [National Association of Local Councils- King's Coronation Updates](#)

## Item 007/2023 (c)

### Election 2023 report from the Parish Clerk

- 1) All Councillors are up for election on 4<sup>th</sup>. May 2023
- 2) Photo ID's will be required for all residents to vote at the May election. ALL voters at a polling station MUST show photo ID before being given their ballot paper – prescribed list of suitable ID e.g. passport, driving licence and bus pass. Doesn't matter if evidence expired as long as a suitable likeness.
- 3) Poll cards are changing – be A4 letter – enveloped – will list acceptable ID on reverse. Postal and Proxy poll cards are also likely to be same style. There will be more polling staff in order to check ID at stations.
  - the polling staff will NOT record what ID has been seen. Their decision is final
  - They have to record details of anyone who is refused a vote
- 4) Publication of Notice of Election (and the day pre-Election Purdah starts!) – no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. March (MDC Returning Officer may decide to publish earlier)
- 5) Delivery and withdrawal of Nomination(s) – between day after publication of Notice of Election to 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. April 2023
- 6) Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated – no later than 5pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. April
- 7) Notice of Poll & Situation of Polling Places – by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. April. Combined notice – District/Parish. Polling hours – 7.00am to 10.00pm – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. May
- 8) Pre-election Purdah is the period between publication of Notice of Election and election day.

It does NOT stop the Council working – it's business as usual but places restrictions on local authority publicity which may imply public support for a candidate or political party. There is a Code of practice published by Secretary of State DCLG and EALC guidance

LGA summary <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/purdah/what-purdah-means-practice>

Sitting Councillors with key responsibilities may comment in an emergency or where their views are needed in response to an important event. Proactive events should not involve members standing for election. Avoid publishing newsletters and annual reports in the pre-election period.

- 9) All Nominations must be proposed and seconded and be hand delivered to MDC. A proposed Councillor may take numerous Nomination forms. The deadline of hand delivered nomination forms is at 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup>. April 2023
- 10) Candidates elected in contested and uncontested elections take office on the fourth calendar day after the day of poll (Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. May 2023) it is now Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. May 2023 due to the Bank Holiday
- 11) If elections are uncontested due to insufficient candidates all validly nominated candidates are declared elected – the Principal Council e.g., District will publish a notice on its website and send to the Clerk. If quorate, Parishes will be authorised to co-opt to fill any remaining vacancies – after 9<sup>th</sup>. May
- 12) Before and after the election the Clerk must Display notices – e.g. Noticeboards and website.

Notice of Election - Statement of Persons Nominated - Notice of Poll - Declaration of uncontested election - Declaration of Result

13) After the Election the Clerk will need to arrange for ALL elected/re-elected and co-opted candidates to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office (at or before 1<sup>st</sup> meeting) - complete a Register of Interests form – send to principal council i.e. District/Borough/City - Set dates for the first Parish Council meeting - Annual Parish meeting (between 1st March and 1st June) - Fill balance of any seats by Co-option.

14) Purdah starts 6 weeks from the date the Notice of Election is published by MDC

15) All elected candidates MUST complete Return of election expenditure and Declaration by Candidate – even if NIL within 28 days of the election – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. June  
To be submitted to the proper officer of MDC for which the election is held a return of all election expenses incurred by the candidate vouched (except in the case of sums under £10) by bills stating the particulars and receipts and accompanied by a declaration by the candidate as to election expenses. The form can download from the Electoral Commissions' website



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Hi Kevin,

My apologies for the delay in writing up a brief summary of the local footpath issues for you. Footpath No 8.

This runs south from the Hall Road, Southminster Road junction. Matters started when the way marker ( finger post ) was removed, about the same time the field suddenly sprouted a new gateway. Next move was the placement of a large No Entry sign on the gate, clearly intending to put walkers off. The latest activity is the placement of a large steel ring feeder just inside the gate, within a few feet of the fence where the footpath runs. Clearly the intention is that the horses and feeder will put walkers off, and in addition actually render the area fairly mucky. All matters have been reported to ECC Highways PRoW department.

FP No. 10.

This section of path runs from Glebe Road south along a field boundary and then crosses east over a ditch, then south again along the back of the Old Manse, owned by Mr Mee, then should take a route following the domestic boundary of The Wheat Barn, Keelings Road, and thence out onto Keelings Road. At some past point the bridge was replaced incorrectly, taking the path on a route outside of the boundary of the Old Manse, where it should in fact have continued dead straight until reaching the boundary between The Old Manse and The Wheat Barn. There is currently a complicated legal debate with Mr Mee as he maintains the path has never taken the route through his property. Awkward, as at one point I was in discussion with the gentleman from ECC who actually put the bridge in wrong, and he does recall the old route.

Where it meets the northern corner of what is now Mr Fluker's field, it should turn 90' to the right, and follow the boundary out to the road along the wall of the garden.

There is on record a message to the council stating that he had re routed the path along the edge of his land, to make life easier. Problem 1, it's outside his land boundary, not on his land. Problem 2, Mr Fluker during early Covid lockdown took it upon himself to lock access to the proper path at Keelings Road, the excuse being the paths proximity to his mothers annex, except that was not a legal move, nor was there any risk to Mrs Fluker senior as it doesn't enter the garden. Problem 3, he removed and repositioned the way markers onto the new route making it look official.

The following was the last detailed information I got from ECC.

1/3/21

Dear Andrew

Further to your recent emails (and thank you for the photographs) and to furnish you with something for the Parish Council meeting which I believe you said is this evening:-

The primary current issue with the footpath is more concerned with the section which passes through the grounds of The Old Vicarage. As you are aware, in the past a footbridge was installed incorrectly meaning the path through The Old Vicarage was effectively cut out of the route, despite it being the legally correct and enforceable route as illustrated by the Definitive Map, with the public instead ushered onto the headland of the adjacent arable field.

The owner of the Old Vicarage has been told that they need to either seek to legally divert that section of the path (perhaps in partnership with the Flukers) or reinstate it through their property

which would require removal of fences, some vegetation clearance and possibly the installation of a bridge by Essex Highways). If nothing is heard from them by the middle of this month then a hard deadline will be set, after which a lack of cooperation will be met with enforcement action.

In the meantime it does leave the path slightly in the lurch and although, as you point out, the section of the legally enforceable route across the Flukers' land is obstructed by locked gates and, further on, a fence, if it were opened then it would only lead to a dead end anyway once the path reaches the boundary with The Old Vicarage. Just for now, then, it seems to be in the public interest to allow Mr Fluker to direct pedestrians to the permissive route which remains available throughout.

Once the highway authority is aware of the direction in which the situation with The Old Vicarage is proceeding, it can then address the position with the Flukers' section of path accordingly.

Please rest assured that this long-standing issue is moving towards resolution and no "shenanigans" from either party will be tolerated.

Kind regards

**Simon Taylor | Public Rights of Way Enforcement & Liaison Officer**

You will see from that, the Parish Council is a consultee in any changes. Nothing has officially been brought to any meeting, nor has the ECC map changed, or any change notifications made to the PC. When a path is officially moved, an official notification is sent out to amend the definitive maps held by the PC.

It was the declared intention of Mr Fluker from the moment he bought land from the previous owner J Wilsdon ( Of Carbunkle Farm fame ) to move the path off his property, though he did claim he had moved his fence in by the width of a footpath so as not to infringe on the land of the new owner. It has since come to light that the path is in fact outside Mr Flukers land and the new owner had no knowledge of it. Mr Fluker used Covid as an excuse to close the proper route off with locked gates. His hope was to eventually find an excuse to claim the new route had been adopted by necessity after issues with livestock and walkers !

There are several messages sent in to the PC to meetings, which are in fact blatantly untrue in places.

There is reference in the Minutes 20-21/128 to a statement on the path from Mr Mee.

There is reference in the Minutes 20-21/136 to a statement from Mr Fluker.

Minutes 113-/21-22, I queried why the matter had been dropped from the Agenda, it remains unresolved, or has been resolved without proper process.

I have issue with the accuracy of Minutes dating back to about 2018, with often frequent and subtle mistakes, some cleverly reversing what was said, and certainly not accurate.

Hope this helps.

	<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>			
Financial year ending 31.03.23				
Bank Balance as at	<b>30.04.22</b>	<b>31.05.22</b>	<b>30.06.22</b>	<b>31.07.22</b>
Barclays Community account	£ 7,139.27	£ 459.11	£ 459.11	£ 556.50
Barclays Premium account	£ 6,468.59	£ 12,714.59	£ 11,658.03	£ 10,282.56
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 13,607.86</b>	<b>£ 13,173.70</b>	<b>£ 12,117.14</b>	<b>£ 10,839.06</b>
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 13,607.86</b>	<b>£ 13,173.70</b>	<b>£ 12,117.14</b>	<b>£ 10,839.06</b>
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.22	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65
Plus Receipts	£ 6,680.93	£ 6,680.93	£ 6,681.70	£ 6,788.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 14,169.58</b>	<b>£ 14,169.58</b>	<b>£ 14,170.35</b>	<b>£ 14,276.85</b>
Less Payments	£ 561.72	£ 995.88	£ 2,053.21	£ 3,437.79
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 13,607.86</b>	<b>£ 13,173.70</b>	<b>£ 12,117.14</b>	<b>£ 10,839.06</b>
Difference	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Bank Balance as at	<b>31.08.22</b>	<b>30.09.22</b>	<b>31.10.22</b>	<b>30.11.22</b>
Barclays Ayletts account	£ 461.60	£ 461.60	£ 461.60	£ 490.50
Barclays Current account	£ 10,122.17	£ 10,125.49	£ 9,700.49	£ 9,607.01
	<b>£ 10,583.77</b>	<b>£ 10,587.09</b>	<b>£ 10,162.09</b>	<b>£ 10,097.51</b>
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 10,583.77</b>	<b>£ 10,587.09</b>	<b>£ 10,162.09</b>	<b>£ 10,097.51</b>
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.22	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65
Plus Receipts	£ 6,788.20	£ 6,791.52	£ 6,791.52	£ 6,791.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 14,276.85</b>	<b>£ 14,280.17</b>	<b>£ 14,280.17</b>	<b>£ 14,280.17</b>
Less Payments	£ 3,693.08	£ 3,693.08	£ 4,118.08	£ 4,182.66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 10,583.77</b>	<b>£ 10,587.09</b>	<b>£ 10,162.09</b>	<b>£ 10,097.51</b>
Difference	£ 0.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Balance as at	<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.01.23</b>		
Barclays Ayletts account	£ 440.50	£ 440.50		
Barclays Current account	£ 8,176.15	£ 8,176.15		
	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>		
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -		
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>		
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Balance as at 01.04.22	£ 7,488.65	£ 7,488.65		
Plus Receipts	£ 6,796.98	£ 6,796.98		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 14,285.63</b>	<b>£ 14,285.63</b>		
Less Payments	£ 5,668.98	£ 5,668.98		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>	<b>£ 8,616.65</b>		
Difference	£ -	£ -		



<b>A&amp;DPC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT</b>						
		<b>Agreed 2022/23</b>	<b>Total Income / spend to Feb '23</b>	<b>Left in Budget as at Feb '23</b>		
<b>Income</b>	PRECEPT	6296	£ 6,296.00			
	BANK INTEREST	0	£ 9.55			
	AYLETTS FUND	100	£ 106.50			
	VAT REFUND	0	£ 384.93			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6396</b>	<b>£ 6,796.98</b>			
<b>Exp.</b>						
<b>Staff</b>	Salary	3300	£ 2,479.75	£ 820.25		
	Office Allowance	360	£ 116.15	£ 243.85		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3660</b>	<b>£ 2,595.90</b>	<b>£ 1,064.10</b>		
<b>Admin</b>	Admin Expenses & Mileage	200	£ 98.06	£ 101.94		
	Audit Fees	170	£ 140.00	£ 30.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>£ 238.06</b>	<b>£ 131.94</b>		
	Highways Project	500	£ -	<b>£ 500.00</b>		
	Insurance	320	£ -	£ 320.00		
	Churchyard Water	60	£ 21.76	£ 38.24		
	Grass Cutting	1200	£ 894.00	£ 306.00		
	EALC/NALC/IOC Subs	175	£ 138.86	£ 36.14		
	Training	800	£ 642.50	£ 157.50		
	Donations / S137	390	£ 290.00	£ 100.00		
	Village Hall Rent / Electricity	200	£ 171.00	£ 29.00		
	Election Expenses	1000	£ -	£ 1,000.00		
	Parish Projects	550	£ 1,763.00	<b>-£ 1,213.00</b>		
	Bank Charges	0	£ -	£ -		
	Website	0	£ 130.32	<b>-£ 130.32</b>		
	Defibrillator	250	£ -	£ 250.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5445</b>	<b>£ 4,051.44</b>	<b>£ 1,393.56</b>		
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9475</b>	<b>£ 6,885.40</b>	<b>£ 2,589.60</b>		
	VAT		£ 590.30			
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 7,475.70</b>			



**A&DPC FINANCE JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023 PAYMENTS****Income:**

<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Invoice No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>A&amp;DPC Ref. No.</b>
BACS	Jan '23	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 198.56	£ -	£ 198.56	22
BACS	Jan '23	HMRC - Tax on salary	£ 49.60	£ -	£ 49.60	23
BACS	Feb '23	Kevin B. Money - Mileage exp	£ 18.00	£ -	£ 18.00	24
BACS	Feb '23	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 198.36	£ -	£ 198.36	25
BACS	Feb '23	HMRC - Tax on salary	£ 49.80	£ -	£ 49.80	26
BACS	16054	EALC - Councillors Training	£ 140.00	£ 28.00	£ 168.00	27
BACS	5346342379	EALC - Clerk Training	£ 15.00	£ 3.00	£ 18.00	28
BACS	300862	Broxap - New Bench	£ 922.00	£ 184.40	£ 1,106.40	29
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>£ 1,591.32</b>	<b>£ 215.40</b>	<b>£ 1,806.72</b>	

## ANNEX 1

SCP	1 April 2021		1 April 2022		Scale Ranges
	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
1	£18,333	£9.53	£20,258	£10.53	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
2	£18,516	£9.62	£20,441	£10.62	
3	£18,887	£9.82	£20,812	£10.82	
4	£19,264	£10.01	£21,189	£11.01	
5	£19,650	£10.21	£21,575	£11.21	LC1 (5-6) (below substantive range)
6	£20,043	£10.42	£21,968	£11.42	
7	£20,444	£10.63	£22,369	£11.63	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
8	£20,852	£10.84	£22,777	£11.84	
9	£21,269	£11.05	£23,194	£12.06	
10	£21,695	£11.28	£23,620	£12.28	
11	£22,129	£11.50	£24,054	£12.50	
12	£22,571	£11.73	£24,496	£12.73	
13	£23,023	£11.97	£24,948	£12.97	LC1 (13-17) (above substantive range)
14	£23,484	£12.21	£25,409	£13.21	
15	£23,953	£12.45	£25,878	£13.45	
16	£24,432	£12.70	£26,357	£13.70	
17	£24,920	£12.95	£26,845	£13.95	
18	£25,419	£13.21	£27,344	£14.21	LC2 (18-23) (below substantive range)
19	£25,927	£13.48	£27,852	£14.48	
20	£26,446	£13.75	£28,371	£14.75	
21	£26,975	£14.02	£28,900	£15.02	
22	£27,514	£14.30	£29,439	£15.30	
23	£28,226	£14.67	£30,151	£15.67	