

**MINUTES OF THE ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 6.30 p.m.
in Dengie Village Hall, Manor Road, Dengie.**

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

In attendance: Ms. K Andrews (Locum Clerk)

Members of the public: 7

Meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m.

**0102/22-23 WELCOME TO THE ASHELDHAM & DENGIE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF 19th OCTOBER 2022**

Everyone participating in the meeting was reminded that they may be filmed, recorded, photographed or otherwise reported about.

0103/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

0104/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Cllr Henson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item FUL/MAL/22/00896 and a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item FUL/MAL/22/00804.
Cllr Brown declared a non-pecuniary in agenda items FUL/MAL/22/00896 and FUL/MAL/22/00804.
- b) Members noted that 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 and to inform the Clerk.

0105/22-23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd October 2022

- a) The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on 3rd October 2022 were reviewed. An amendment was required to agenda item 096/22-23. The amendment was made and the minutes will be brought forward to the next meeting for approval and signing. Unanimous decision.
- b) Resolved: The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on the 5th of September 2022 were reviewed, approved and signed after the amendment made to agenda item 064/22-23 ii). Unanimous decision.

0106/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

Mr Cooper, from the Asheldham Residents Group, confirmed that the wooden posts on the verge in Asheldham had been re-concreted in. Cllr Russell reported that she had noticed that, since being repaired, one of the posts had already been knocked over again.

Mr Cooper also reported that clearance of debris and tree branches had commenced near the quarry entrance and up to Broomfield, in preparation for the planting of the saplings. Mr Cooper is liaising with Mr Fluker to organise a litter pick for either the 10th or 17th of December.

Relating to an ongoing agenda item and the poor visibility at the junction of Southminster Road and Hall Road, Mr Cooper suggested that the resident of Endway Farmhouse was approached and asked if she would be amenable to the idea that, with help from the Asheldham Residents Association committee and the Parish Council, the outer fence was removed and the Parish Council and Asheldham Residents Association replacing the fence with decorative boulders. The boulders would still act as a barrier and protect her land from traffic. Cllr Henson suggested that this would be noted and added to the agenda of the next meeting.

0107/22-23 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications received from Maldon District Council.

To respond to as a consultee.

Cllr Henson left the meeting at this point to enable the planning applications FUL/MAL/22/00896 and FUL/MAL/22/00804 to be discussed. Cllr Brown chaired the meeting.

FUL/MAL/22/00896

An erection of 4 bedroom bungalow, detached garage and new vehicular access.

Land At Homelands Southminster Road Asheldham

RESOLVED: Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council supported this application with a majority decision.

FUL/MAL/22/00804

New storage barn for machinery used to maintain the land.

The Cottage Tillingham Road Asheldham

RESOLVED: Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council did not support this application. Unanimous decision.

With Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council having made a decision on the planning applications FUL/MAL/22/00896 and FUL/MAL/22/00804, Cllr Henson was asked to re-join the meeting.

OUTM/22/00314

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for a phased residential-led mixed use development including: Up to

750 dwellings (Class C3) including affordable housing; Up to 1,000sqm commercial space (Use Class E); Early years facility (Use Class E(f));

Education provision (Use Class F1(a)); A 16ha District Park (including associated amenity provision, community orchard, landscaping, car parking and access); A 2.4ha Local Park (including recreation provision, community orchard, landscaping and access); Allotments; Access enhancements (including a new pedestrian footbridge over the railway line, enhancements to Althorne Station, upgrades to Station Road, new spine road, modified junction at Station Road/B1010 Fambridge Road and upgrades to Station Road level crossing); Pedestrianisation and re-landscaping around the War Memorial; Green and blue infrastructure including sustainable urban drainage, mobility routes (footways and cycleways), biodiversity enhancements (new hedgerow and tree planting, woodland and reinstated historic hedgerows) and neighbourhood amenity space/play areas; and Public art.

Land South Of Fambridge Road Burnham Road And East West Of Station Road Althorne

RESOLVED: Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council did not support this application. Unanimous decision.

0108/22-23 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – SECOND SESSION

A resident wished to comment on the planning application FUL/MAL/22/00804 and pointed out that the planning application had already been refused back in 2019 as it was contrary to policies S1, S8, D1 and H4 of the Maldon District Council Local Development Plan.

The resident noted that the way that the planning application had been set out and uploaded to the planning portal for comments was abysmal and feels that they have been displayed in this way to mislead and that the drawings do not show the extent of the size of the barn in comparison to the size of the cottage. The barn is the same footprint size as it was in the original plans of 2019. The height is still significant, although it has been reduced by 6 metres. The resident also felt that the title for the purpose of the planning application

does not specify what machinery is going to be housed and on what land the storage will be sited.

The resident is mindful that this residential property could be used for business purposes and an existing business relocated to this site. The resident is already subject to the frequent burning and pollution of commercial waste being brought to the residential property.

The resident reported concern that there is heavy machinery being moved from the site to a neighbouring property and this will only increase if this application is approved.

The resident commented that this scheme was against Maldon District Council's Local Development Planning policies S8 and E4. The size and scale of this barn would have a huge adverse visual impact on countryside and proportions are against planning policies and that the building is further away from the road.

Another resident pointed out that reasons given for the previous planning application being refused in 2019 are still applicable to this planning application.

A resident questioned the former Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council members decision regarding the original planning application in 2019.

0109/22-23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) Monday 7th November 2022 in the Dengie Village Hall, unless there is reason for an extraordinary meeting to be called.

0110/22-23 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2), the public and press were excluded from the meeting for agenda item 0100/22-23 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Unanimous decision
The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

0111/22-23 STAFF VACANCY – PARISH CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLVED: Following the interview process taking place on Monday 17th of October, Asheldham and Dengie Parish Council members were updated and a decision was made to offer the position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Mr K Money. Unanimous decision.

0112/22-23 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED – THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS CLOSED.

Meeting closed at 7.12 pm

Signature of Chairperson

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Date 7th. November 2022