

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th. 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 7th. 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

(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. Code of Conduct consistent with “Nolan Principles” set out in Appendix 1 and the provisions of S29(1) Localism Act 2011. No questions were asked

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 16th 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 2nd 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 30th 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 10th 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
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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
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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 30th. November 2022

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. 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.

157/2022 Items for Next Agenda

Training for Defibrillator

Appraisal for Clerk

158/2022 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Monday 6th. February 2023 at 6.30pm

159/2022 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

D Henson

**D. Henson
Chairman**

6th. February 2023