

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd. April 2023 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 2 members of the public present

049/2023 Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

050/2023 Apologies for Absence

were received from ECC Cllr W. Stamp

051/2023 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. Cllr N. Kelly declared an interest in item 058/2023

052/2023 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 6th. March 2023. **All Agreed**

053/2023 Essex County Councillors report - To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Reports from Cllr W. Stamp throughout the month have been forwarded onto Councillors

054/2023 District Councillors report - To receive a report from the District Councillor

No report was given

055/2023 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.

a) Update on training for residents using the defibrillator – Cllr D. Henson

Training went well. 30 people attended. Councillors thanked Cllr D. Henson for organising the training Cllr L. Brown suggested a donation to the First responders of £100. Cllr N. Kelly. **All Agreed**

b) King's Coronation event

Nothing to be updated but all is in hand. Cream Teas on Sunday 7th. May

c) Election 4th. May 2023 – Update from the Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that all Election information had been circulated to Councillors and placed on the website. The closing date for receipt of nomination papers is 4pm on 4th. April 2023

056/2023 Asheldham Residents Group – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary. A maximum time of **15 minutes** will be allowed

Colin Cooper supplied a report prior to the meeting. It read

ARG wishes to extend its thanks to all concerned at the arrival and positioning of the seat commemorating the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the land near the salt bin in Asheldham

It is understood that much progress has been made by Dengie residents Bob Moull and Andrew Snowdon over the matter of the planters to go on the rest of the same land. No doubt Andrew will be providing full details to the meeting a little later on. ARG will be arranging volunteer work parties when it comes to the positioning of the planters. The unauthorised parking is still continuing to date.

The further supply of 420 Wildlife saplings has been delivered to myself and ARG will be arranging volunteer work parties as soon as possible to firstly clear the remaining land of fallen and rotten tree trunks that needs this towards the house known as Broomfield in Southminster Road, md to then plant these saplings up.

Resident Kathleen Hindmarch has complained to ARG and asked for it to be reported to the PC that on successive days recently the road outside her house was being swept at a time of prolonged and torrential rain.

ARG Treasurer Rik Pond wishes to report to the PC the blocked drains in Asheldham on the B1021 and also in the B road leading up from Asheldham Brook Bridge towards Thorogood's asparagus

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farm, which area is actually in Southminster PC's jurisdiction. Perhaps I may be allowed to bring this matter up later in the meeting under the Second Public Session.

The Annual Spring Litter Pick took place on 1st. April.

As a result, would the PC pay monies towards the electricity costs. **All Agreed.**

ARG's AGM is scheduled to take place here at 6pm on Monday 15th May 2023 immediately before the Annual Meeting of the Parishes and routine PC Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

The Chairman thanked Colin and the ARG for organising the litter pick event.

Regarding the blocked drains the Clerk is to contact Southminster Clerk regarding the dangerous amount of water being caused from blocked drains from Cripplegate in Southminster to Asheldham Brook Bridge. A joint investigation including contact with Wendy Stamp.

Clerk to raise a complaint regarding the blocked drains within Asheldham itself from Asheldham Brook Bridge to the house known as 'Broomfield'. The amount of water being produced due to this is extremely dangerous and becoming a really problem within the village. We would like ECC to investigate if the drainage system has collapsed and perhaps that is why it cannot cope? To send to Wendy Stamp as well.

057/2023 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.

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

Due to blocked drains from Cricklegate Corner to Asheldham Brook Bridge the Clerk to contact ECC W. Stamp for an update

2) Update regarding Asheldham Brook Bridge and to make any relevant decisions. No update has been received. A visit has been done so where is the report?

Due to blocked drains from Cricklegate Corner to Asheldham Brook Bridge the Clerk to contact re the report from recent investigative works that have been carried out.

3) Update regarding FP10 and FP12 (Ref: 2752089). No update has been received.

058/2023 Planning Application/s

Cllr N. Kelly left the meeting

23/00168/FUL - Land At Asheldham Grange Barn Rushes Lane Asheldham

Erection of agricultural style barn to store tractors and farming machinery associated with the maintenance of the land

RESOLVED: Refuse this planning application for the reasons of location being detached from the existing building line. In principle the PC does not have a problem with the application but would prefer a better suited position closer to existing buildings. Also, it should not affect the street scene

Cllr N. Kelly re-joined the meeting

059/2023 Planning issues affecting Asheldham & Dengie

1) **United Dengie Councils** – To receive an update. No update has been received

060/2023 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie

Councillors noted the planning decisions made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie villages

HOUSE/MAL/22/01104 - Bridgewick Farmhouse North Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Essex

Part retrospective construction of outbuilding for use incidental to the occupation of the dwelling

APPROVE subject to conditions

LBC/MAL/22/01105 - Bridgewick Farmhouse North Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Essex

Part retrospective construction of outbuilding for use incidental to the occupation of the dwelling

GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT subject to conditions

061/2023 Planning Appeals affecting Asheldham & Dengie

No Planning Appeals have been submitted affecting Asheldham & Dengie

062/2023 Dengie Village Sign - To receive an update and to make any decisions necessary.

No update received

063/2023 The Grass Verge - Asheldham

a) Update on the installation of the planters.

6 planters have now been built and a working party is required to instal the planters and to repaint the sleepers.

064/2023 Asheldham & Dengie Beacon

a) Update regarding communication with landowner and Bullfinch and to make any necessary decisions. Cllr L. Brown is happy for the beacon to be placed on their land. It must be gas operated and whether any planning permission is required. The Clerk to investigate.

065/2023 Questions from the Press and Public – Second 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

066/2023 Finance

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 2023
Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 2023
- 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 April 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. **All Agreed**
- 4) To update on the new Unity Trust Bank accounts. The RFO informed the meeting that 2 new bank accounts have been opened at UTB but he is waiting for the 2023/2024 Precept to arrive before closing both Barclay Bank accounts and transferring them to UTB. He has set a switching date of 4th. May 2023

067/2023 Items for Next Agenda

068/2023 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 15th. May 2023 at 6.30pm which is the Annual Village meeting followed by Council AGM then onto Full Council meeting

069/2023 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business
The Chairman then closed the meeting at 7.35pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*L Brown*15th. May 2023

**Chairman
Lisa Brown**