

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. July 2023 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall

Present: Cllrs R. Griffiths (Vice-Chairman), D. Henson, S. Russell, A. Snowdon, MDC Cllr M. Neall and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 6 members of the public present

### 121/2023 The Vice-Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 122/2023 To accept the resignation of Cllr L. Brown as Chairman of A&DPC

Councillors accepted the resignation of Chairman from Cllr L. Brown.

### 123/2023 To elect a new Chairman of A&DPC for the remainder of the year

#### a) The New Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr R. Griffiths proposed Cllr D. Henson to act as Chairman of A&DPC for the remainder of the year.

Cllr S. Russell seconded. **All Agreed**

Cllr D. Henson then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

### 124/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr W. Stamp and Cllr L. Brown

### 125/2023 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. **None Declared**

### 126/2023 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>. June 2023. **All Agreed**

### 127/2023 Essex County Councillor report - To receive a report from Essex County Councillor

#### 1) ECC Locality Fund 2023/2024 – Any projects that fits this funding criteria

All communications from ECC have been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

### 128/2023 District Councillor report - To receive a report from the District Councillor

- MDC finally have a leader of the council, this will be Cllr Richard Siddell (Gt Totham) and the Deputy Leader will be Cllr Ron Pratt (Southminster).
- All committees at MDC have been filled and representatives appointed. I personally am on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Working with Cllr Stamp for emergency funding for fixing the highways issues in Tillingham, there are a number of repairs that have been completed but have not been completed correctly. We are waiting for a response from Cllr Lee (Highways)
- 160 homes in Latchingdon have been refused this would have had a massive impact to anyone on the Dengie trying to get through Latchingdon
- 10 homes Land South of 97 South Street have been withdrawn, awaiting confirmation of 48 homes in the same area currently to see if this will also be withdrawn by the applicant
- Mal/23/00244 – Solar PV Array at Keelings Road Dengie has been Refused Permission today. Reasons include – Flood Zones 2 & 3, Cause harm to character and appearance, not been able to demonstrate the development would not cause harm to waterbirds
- Working with residents that have reported fly tipping, most recent is St Lawrence Road in Tillingham, I drove down there this morning and it has now been cleared
- St Peters Hospital – Stroke Care. There have been reports online that this service is closing, we have now had a formal response from Mid Essex NHS that this is not the case
- 5YHLS is currently at 6.2 years
- Council budget deficit has been decreased recently due to investment interest that has been received this means that the budget gap has been reduced by £230k, which means the current gap is c.£720k the budget gap for 2024/25 is predicted to be £1.2m

- There have been several vehicle thefts recently in the district, the cars etc are being taken from people driveways. There were 2 on the same night in Bradwell earlier this month and 1 in Tillingham this morning. Luckily 2 out of 3 of the vehicles have been recovered fairly quickly, so I would remind residents to be careful and vigilant

### 129/2023 Questions from the Press and Public –

**(This session will 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 and press to speak about items on the agenda and to raise other issues.

The Chairman opened this section on the agenda to any planning applications comments. Residents spoke about planning application number 23/00487 saying that This application is too close to residential properties: The area has always been a residential area: The noise is too high and excessive for the quite area: The machinery being used is excessively noisy: Owner did not have it for 10 years as per their application documents submitted: The entrance is very narrow: Is there any contamination of ground to be investigated: Records of waste collection

### 130/2023 Asheldham Residents Group – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary.

Very little to report from ARG: ARG undertook and organised a traffic survey: All data has been analysed and passed to MDC Cllr M. Neall.

The ARG membership were consulted on whether the Parish Council should meet every other month There were very little response but what response there was mixed.

### 131/2023 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.

Cllr Scott has replied saying he WILL get Cllr W. Stamp a response. Cllr W. Stamp sent an email stating: I am so sorry to report that the Asheldham bends scheme has been cancelled due to the cost.

[maldon lhp report april 2023.pdf \(essexhighways.org\)](#) Number 16 on funded schemes.

I have an LHP meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July if your council wishes to send me a written response. I can only apologise for this decision but as you are all aware, LHP budgets have been slashed which means we get even less funding that previous years.

I have included the link for all highways schemes for your information. [Maldon LHP Archive and Meetings | Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](#)

Sadly, I don't think I can do anything else going forward.

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

3) Update regarding FP10 and FP12 (Ref: 2323005)  
Relating to FP12 ECC states that the roadside fingerpost was replaced on 18th. January 2023. If the post is no longer in position, this should be reported by the Parish Council [here](#). There is a waymark post defect on FP10 that will be attended the next time someone is in the area, however, Officers are unable to give a timescale for this. Cllr A. Snowdon to make further enquiries.

4) Tarmac on Highway by planters – The Clerk informed the meeting that this issue has been reported to ECC Highways ref. No.: 2851512. No update received.

### 132/2023 Planning Application/s

#### 23/00487/LDE - Scrap Metal Yard The Brambles Southminster Road Asheldham

Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of the site to recycle scrap materials  
**RESOLVED: REFUSE** recommends that MDC refuse the application for Lawful Development on this site.

The Parish Council would question the address of the site as it has no existing access to Southminster Road and find there is no supporting evidence of long-term activity on the site as a scrap metal yard. Of the documents submitted, the document from Dengie Hundred does not relate to an address, but to the old Civic Waste site off Hall Road. The Licence from MDC commenced this year. It is believed that vehicles are broken on the site and this activity requires an Environment Agency Licence which has not been granted.

In relation to the Caseworkers letter, the current Google satellite images are less than 5 years old and have insufficient definition to be of use.

The Parish Council would further comment that this site is surrounded very closely by houses and has never been subject to change of use for commercial activity, as such it's use as a scrap yard is highly inappropriate.

**NMA/MAL/23/00579 - Land At Asheldham Grange Barn Rushes Lane Asheldham**

Non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 23/00168/FUL (Erection of agricultural style barn to store tractors and farming machinery associated with the maintenance of the land)

Amendment sought: Revision to the elevations to supersede the vertical side cladding and introduce timber horizontal feather edge boarding

**RESOLVED: SUPPORT this application**

**133/2023 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

Councillors noted the planning decision made by MDC

**HOUSE/MAL/23/00393 - Little Grange Rushes Lane Asheldham Southminster**

Installation of dormer window. **APPROVE** subject to conditions

**134/2023 Planning Appeals affecting Asheldham & Dengie.**

**21/00045/FUL** (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3294829)

Land South Of Parish Hall - Manor Road – Dengie

Erection of 5No. bungalows, layout parking, turning and amenity areas, form biodiversity pond and plant orchards trees and a new hedgerow. **APPEAL DISMISSED – 16 June 2023**

**135/2023 United Dengie Councils – To receive an update. No update has been received**

**136/2023 Dengie Village Sign - To receive an update and to make any decisions necessary.**

Hall is being regularly used. More volunteers are required to help clear and erect the sign.

**137/2023 Change of Meeting dates**

Councillors to discuss changing the meeting dates from monthly to bi-monthly starting after the 4<sup>th</sup>.

September meeting. Then meeting in November '23, January '24, March '24 to be reviewed in March '24

Councillors discussed the change of the meetings to bi-monthly.

Cllr D. Henson proposed that the meetings remain the same. That is every month except for August and

January. Cllr R. Griffiths seconded. **All Agreed**

**138/2023 Finance**

**1)** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2023

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2023

**2)** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2023/24

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2023/24

**3)** To approve the payment of Accounts for July 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

**4)** Councillors to agree transferring all the Aylett's money of £440.50p and all the Premium money LESS £200.00p to Unity Trust Bank accounts

Cllr D. Henson proposed transferring all Barclays accounts monies less £200 to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr R. Griffiths seconded. **All Agreed**

**139/2023 Items for Next Agenda**

**140/2023 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. September 2023 at 6.30pm**

**141/2023 Closure of the Meeting**

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 7.20pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*D Henson*

4<sup>th</sup>. September 2023

**Chairman  
D. Henson**