

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th. September 2023 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall

Present: Cllrs D. Henson (Chair), R. Griffiths (Vice-Chair), L. Brown, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 2 members of the public present

142/2023 Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

143/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr W. Stamp

144/2023 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**

145/2023 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 3rd. July 2023. **All Agreed**

146/2023 Essex County Councillor report - To receive a report from Essex County Councillor
No report was given

147/2023 District Councillor report - To receive a report from the District Councillor
No report was given

148/2023 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.

A resident queried the outcome of the scrap yard planning application. The Parish Council will attempt to find an answer.

149/2023 Asheldham Residents Group – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary.

A fairly quiet couple of months since the last report.

ARG sent a long letter to our District Councillor Wendy Stamp about Essex Highway's cancellation of the project to improve the Asheldham Bends and about EH's numerous failings to the residents of Asheldham over a number of years. This letter was copied to PC Councillors. A reply has recently been received from Wendy which she also copied to Councillors. We all now await to see what comes out of Wendy's drive through visit to the village in the company of ECC Cllr. Lee Scott and his advice to her to refer the issue of the cancelled project to the newly formed Chairman's Highways Panel.

Watering of the very attractive planters on the land opposite Sandlings has continued throughout the summer by reason of the efforts of Sharon Thick, Ann Barnard, Keeley Pond and myself. My wife and myself have also continued to tend to the planter around the village sign and the sapling planted by the PC nearby.

Once the vegetation has died down, ARG will be attempting to organise a clearance of the remaining area of land towards Broomfield which has not so far been dealt with at all. In the meantime several volunteer members continue to look after the various wild life saplings delivered to ARG several months ago.

150/2023 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.

The Asheldham bends scheme has been cancelled due to the cost. Councillors to discuss response to ECC and MDC. ECC Cllr W. Stamp informed the meeting that Cllr Scott advised that Cllr W. Stamp should escalate the Asheldham Bends LHP project to the Chairman's panel. This will be done.

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

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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.

4) Tarmac on Highway by planters. Reported to ECC Highways ref. No.: 2851512. No update

5) Councillors to discuss the state of the road outside Dengie Crops and the PC to consider writing
 and asking them to clean the road far more frequently. The roadway is a lot cleaner but could be cleaner
 still. Clerk to write a letter to Dengie Crops to clean up roadway.

**151/2023 For discussion by Councillors on the proposed Applications to Amend Bradwell
 Waste Import Permission – Cllr A. Snowden**
Application ESS/72/23/MAL – Bradwell Power Station, Bradwell on Sea CM0 7HP
RESOLVED: No objection

152/2023 Planning Application/s
 No planning applications have been received

153/2023 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie
 Councillors noted the planning decisions made by MDC

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. **APPROVED**

FULM/MAL/23/00244 - Land To The South Of Keelings Road Dengie Essex
 Erection of a 19 MW Solar PV Array, comprising ground mounted solar PV panels, with co-located 5 MW
 battery energy storage system (BESS), vehicular access from Keelings Road, internal access tracks,
 landscaping and associated infrastructure including security fencing, CCTV cameras, and grid
 connection infrastructure including transformers, substation compound buildings and cabling route to the
 point of connection. **REFUSE**

154/2023 United Dengie Councils – To receive an update. No further information received

155/2023 Dengie Village Sign - To receive an update and to make any decisions necessary.
 No update given

156/2023 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.

Could the Bund be removed? Councillors asked the Clerk to investigate this problem

The Parish Council recognised the efforts of the PC and those involved in keeping the planters watered
 and looking nice.

157/2023 Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2023
 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 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 August and September 2023 and to agree a transfer of
 funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. **All Agreed**

158/2023 Councillors to note provisional 2024 meeting dates

**05.02.24: 04.03.24: 08.04.24: 06.05.24 AGM/ARM: 03.06.24: 01.07.24: 02.09.24: 07.10.24: 04.11.24:
 02.12.24**

159/2023 Items for Next Agenda

Items for the October agenda to be supplied to the Clerk by 25th. September 2023 at the latest.

160/2023 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 2nd. October 2023 at 6.30pm

161/2023 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business
 The Chairman then closed the meeting at 7.10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

D Henson

2nd. October 2023

Chairman - D. Henson