

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd. October 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 4 members of the public present

162/2023 Chairman welcome to the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council meeting

163/2023 **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.

Cllrs D. Henson and L. Brown declared an interest in item 172/2023

165/2023 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 4th. September 2023. **All Agreed**

166/2023 **Essex County Councillor report** – To receive a report from Essex County Councillor
No report was given

167/2023 District Councillor report – To receive a report from the District Councillor

- Surveys – Resident & Business survey – Essex Waste Management survey – Essex Highways survey.
- PFCC open day Monday 9th. October at Maldon office
- Maldon Market being re-launched form 20th. October – Butt Lane carp park
- MDC District Councillor surgery every quarter. Evenings and weekends

168/2023 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.

Residents have expressed a concern on the planning application ESS/78/23/MAL

There is copious amount of dust causing problems. By removing the bank at the site, the dust has increased. An increase in lorry movement has increased dramatically.

169/2023 **Asheldham Residents Group** – Update from the ARG and to make any decisions necessary.

ARG volunteers continue to water the planters on the ECC land opposite Sandlings but a couple are now at the end of their life. ARG has been in contact with Cllr. Griffiths about one of the two.

Some ARG volunteers recently assisted at a clearance project of the then badly overgrown graveyard of the former Asheldham Youth Church in Hall Road. This was at the request of the Rev. Steven Poss whose area of pastoral interest includes the parish of Asheldham. It is understood that Steven in turn had been approached by the Diocese responsible for the former Youth Church and St. Nicholas Church, Tillingham.

ARG has noted with incredulity ECC Highway's recent decision to cancel its Asheldham Bends Improvement Project on the grounds of cost after all the expense of its own feasibility study, and now awaits with no little impatience some progress on this matter and on those of the other highways issues adversely affecting the village.

170/2023 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

Can PC act as intermediaries to find out if the bund can be removed? MDC Cllr M. Neall to enquire the logistics.

PROW Dengie 10 – Marker post is still missing. This missing post has been reported
PROW Asheldham 1 - Marker post is still missing. This missing post has been reported

2) Update regarding Asheldham Brook Bridge and to make any relevant decisions.

On Asheldham Brook bridge the reflective posts are not visible. The Clerk to report to ECC Highways department. Can the report be given to the Clerk?

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

171/2023 Beacon – update

No update. Cllr A. Snowden to make direct contact.

The Clerk to submit a planning application – The Clerk to speak to Hayley Sadler

172/2023 Planning Application/s

The Planning Application below was discussed and the following response was agreed to be sent to ECC

Cllr D. Henson and L. Brown left the meeting

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Application No: ESS/78/23/MAL - Land at: Asheldham Quarry, Southminster Road. CM0 7DZ

Proposal: Continuation of Mineral Extraction and ancillary use without compliance with Conditions 3 (Approved Details); 4 (Approved details and Cessation date); 29 (Landscape and Restoration) and 50 (Landform and Restoration Levels) of planning permission ref: ESS/16/14/MAL a (Variation of Condition of a previous permission to provide for an extended timescale and importation of inert materials), to enable the implementation of a revised restoration scheme

Representations can be made via email to mineralsandwastem@essex.gov.uk

RESOLVED: A&DPC Support this application

Cllr D. Henson and L. Brown rejoined the meeting

173/2023 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie

No planning decisions have been made by MDC affecting either Asheldham or Dengie villages

174/2023 United Dengie Councils – To receive an update. No update received

175/2023 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.

176/2023 Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. September 2023

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. September 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 October 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. **All Agreed**

177/2023 Budget 2024/2025

Councillors discussed the anticipated Budget for 2024/2025 and asked for this item to be placed on the November agenda for further discussion

178/2023 Councillors to note actual 2024 meeting dates

05.02.24: 04.03.24: 08.04.24: **06.05.24 Bank Holiday**: 03.06.24: 01.07.24: 02.09.24: 07.10.24:
04.11.24: 02.12.24

179/2023 Items for Next Agenda

Items for the November agenda to be supplied to the Clerk by 27th. October 2023 at the latest.

Trees cut by new planters – MSJ Garwood - Solar Farm site – Poppy Wreath

180/2023 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 6th. November 2023 at 6.30pm

181/2023 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

6th. November 2023

Chairman - D. Henson