

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> . July 2024 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs D. Henson (Chair), L. Brown, R. Griffiths, S. Russell, A. Snowdon, MDC Cllr M. Neall and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 3 members of the public present</p> <p><b>094/2024 Chair welcome</b></p> <p><b>095/2024 Apologies for Absence</b> None were received</p> <p><b>096/2024 Declaration of Interest</b> To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr D. Henson declared an interest in item 103/2024</p> <p><b>097/2024 To approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting of Asheldham &amp; Dengie PC</b> To receive and agree the minutes of the last A&amp;DPC meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 2024. <b>All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>098/2024 Questions from the Press and Public –</b> <b>(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)</b> An opportunity for members of the public and press to speak about items on the agenda and to raise other issues. Is there an enforcement issue on the Scrap Yard. Clerk to enquire with MDC on this issue Ongoing building works at the Bund. The Bund may be removed after the building works are completed. Can vegetation be removed for a better site line? Yes, was the answer. The works completion timeline could be a year or more. All Councillors were happy with the response from the resident. Dogs messing the lane and residents' gardens. Can any MDC signs be erected to stated that any dog mess should be cleared up.</p> <p><b>099/2024 ARG Report</b> The Asheldham Parish Notice Board is in need of some TLC. The locking mechanism needs some adjustment, the door windows need some new sealant and the whole structure requires some fresh wood preserve. It is the intention for ARG to call for some volunteers to deal with the matter as soon as possible. The Asheldham Village sign is to have a clean in the next day or so and fresh wood preserve applied to the planter at the base of the sign</p> <p><b>100/2024 Village Hall Report</b> <b>a) Locality Fund update</b> The Clerk informed the meeting that he has chased ECC Cllr W. Stamp for an update but nothing back so far. Cream Teas event went well. More village events will take place.</p> <p><b>101/2024 Planning Application/s</b> No planning application have been submitted</p> <p><b>102/2024 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham &amp; Dengie OUT/MAL/23/00070 - Land At Silver Lake Southminster Road Asheldham</b> Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of a 3 bed bungalow. <b>REFUSE</b></p> <p><b>103/2024 Update on the Removal of the Bund</b> See 098/2024. No further action is required by Councillors following the comments and commitments from the landowners.</p>	<p></p> <p><b>Clerk to enquire</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to chase ECC. Stamp</b></p>

**104/2024 Bushes opposite Sandlings Asheldham quotations** – Councillors to decide way forward. The Clerk, prior to the meeting, had circulated the 2 quotations received for undertaking the works.

It was decided as per tree warden report that parish council would proceed with getting manor tree services to both reduce height and cut back the trees. It was decided not to contact UKPN regarding the overhead wires as they will blanked flail 3m below wires and destroy the hedge. It was recommended that hedge cut down to average of 12ft and overhang cut back and reduced so that the ARG / residents will be able to manage going forward. The tree warden noted the danger present due to trees touching overhead cables and that therefore no residents should carry out any works. It was recommended the parish council contract professionals. It was also advised that the suckers do not need to be totally removed just cut back slightly. A resident who lives opposite the bushes was also consulted prior to the meeting by the tree warden and noted people climbing over fence where no sucker cover. The tree warden recommended some sucker cover should therefore stay as also creates a wildlife corridor.

A vote was taken to proceed on the above basis - a reduction of both height, overhang and width by Manor Tree services at £820.00. 4F 1A.

**105/2024 Questions from the Press and Public – Second Session**

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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.

Fence panel laying close to the yard has fallen over. ARG are proposing to re-erect the panel.

**106/2024 Finance**

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2024

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2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25

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3) To approve the payment of Accounts for July 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. **All Agreed**

**107/2024 Items for Next Agenda**

Update on any enforcement issue on the Scrap Yard

Dog mess signs and dog bin

Bushes opposite Sandlings Asheldham

ECC Locality Funding

Junction to Hall Road is overgrown – Cllr S. Russell

Solar Farm update

**108/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>. September 2024 at 6.30pm**

**109/2024 Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 07.10.24: 04.11.24: 02.12.24**

**110/2024 Closure of the Meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.25pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*D Henson*

2<sup>nd</sup>. September 2024

**David Henson  
Chair**