

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 nd . September 2024 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs D. Henson (Chair), L. Brown, R. Griffiths, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 4 members of the public present</p>	
<p>111/2024 Chair welcome</p>	
<p>112/2024 Apologies for Absence. No apologies were sent</p>	
<p>113/2024 Declaration of Interest To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared</p>	
<p>114/2024 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 1st. July 2024 All Agreed</p>	
<p>115/2024 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 expressed concern that the bund around Homelands still hadn't had the vegetation cut back. They stated that it was making the corner even more dangerous for traffic and is also an eyesore The land owner has not been able to cut it yet due to nesting birds but clarified that it would be completed in the next couple of weeks.</p>	
<p>116/2024 ARG Report a) Asheldham Village Notice Board and fallen ECC Yard Fence Panel The Asheldham Parish Notice Board has been renovated The planter at the base of the Village Sign has been treated with wood preserve and the sign cleaned. The original planter on the land opposite Sandlings has also been treated with wood preserve. The grass verge bordering the pony field adjacent to Sandlings is in the course of being trimmed to make visibility of oncoming motorists better on the corner. Brambles and grass have been cut back in an effort to make the whole of the verge less of an eyesore. The facia of the hedge belonging to the animal sanctuary (Tower Hill Stables) has been trimmed as much as possible but a specialist tall ladder is required or some other means of cutting back the higher parts. Also, the hedge between the triangle and the pig field has been trimmed so as to afford better visibility to motorists. ARG participants in some or all of the above include Tim Parker and Gyll Cowell, Rik Pond, Graham and Julie Chandler and myself. ARG is looking forward to the time when the overgrown bushes on the land opposite Sandlings will be dealt with by Manor Tree Services now that they have finished fruiting and no doubt Jo Griffiths our local Tree Warden will be updating us all on this later in the meeting. Our thanks to Jo for renewing the plants as and when necessary. A rota of ARG members has been established to water the planters daily and our thanks to Sharon Thick for continuing to make a ready water supply available. Cllr D. Henson said "on behalf of the Parish Council a big thank you to all of the ARG"</p>	
<p>117/2024 Village Hall Report a) Locality Fund update - £1500 has been secured for the village hall project The Clerk informed the meeting that £1500 of funding from ECC Locality funding has been secured and is awaiting an invoice/receipt to claim this money. The quotation for the fence will be supplied at the next meeting. A Hopes and Dreams production is taking place for the children during the week. A legacy of a local villager of £26000 was left to Hopes & Dreams. Some of the money is going towards a changing room by the stage area. The Parish Councillors are all in favour of this project.</p>	

118/2024 Planning Application/s**FOR INFORMATION ONLY****NMA/MAL/24/00669** - Land To The South Of Keelings Road Dengie Essex

Application for non-material amendment following grant of 23/01236/FULM (Erection of a 19 MW Solar PV Array) Amendment sought: Condition 2 - Correction to Site Location Plan and Access Road Sections Plan. Condition 4 - Alteration to life span of development wording.

**119/2024 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie
Councillors noted the following decisions made by MDC****FOR INFORMATION ONLY****NMA/MAL/24/00564** - Buildings And Land South Side Of Keelings Road Dengie EssexApplication for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission 21/01159/FUL allowed on appeal APP/X1545/W/22/3298163 (Proposed demolition of existing barn and erection of a new bungalow.) Amendment sought: Alterations to windows and door openings to east and west elevations and alterations to the internal layout to allow for a number of changes to the arrangement of internal uses including use of car port and garage areas as additional habitable space. **APPROVED****120/2024 Planning Appeals****24/00267/OUT** - Land At White Horse Cottage Tillingham Road Dengie

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except landscaping for the construction of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow with detached double garage

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3347722 – Appeal start date 25 July 2024

121/2024 Update on any enforcement issue on the Scrap Yard. This application has been refused by MDC no further date. The Clerk to ask MDC Cllr M. Neall to chase up any enforcement issues**Clerk/M.
Neall****122/2024 Dog mess signs and dog bin**

Councillors asked if the problem still persists. If so, then a dog bin could be provided by the Council. The Clerk to contact MDC (Jayne Stevens) for dog signs and Ric

Clerk**123/2024 Junction to Hall Road is overgrown – Cllr S. Russell**

The bush at the junction at Hall Road is more overgrown and it is an accident waiting to happen. The Clerk to write to the landowner to cut the hedge either back or down

**Cllr D.
Henson****124/2024 Solar Farm update**

The applicant made alterations to a road profile and in regard to the 40 year life of the site commencing from the point of first production of electricity rather than the date of planning consent Has an archaeological survey been carried out?

Cllr R. Griffiths to chase on any ringfencing money from ECC

**Cllr R.
Griffiths****125/2024 Bushes opposite Sandlings Asheldham quotations – update from Tree Warden**
No update on this issue**126/2024 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.

Fallen fence panel to ECC yard it is a 3 manned job to move gravel etc. This project has been delayed until the bushes have been trimmed back.

127/2024 Finance**1)** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2024Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2024**2)** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25

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3) To approve the payment of Accounts for August & September 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. **All Agreed****128/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss draft budget**

Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2025-2026

129/2024 Items for Next Agenda

Budget 2025-2026 – any future projects: Dog mess signs and dog bin:

Junction to Hall Road is overgrown:

Solar panels for village hall: Footpath restoration: Solar Farm update

130/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 7th. October 2024

131/2024 Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 04.11.24: 02.12.24

132/2024 Councillors to agree 2025 meeting dates as below

**03.02.25: 03.03.25: 07.04.25: TBC.05.25: 02.06.25: 07.07.25: 01.09.25: 06.10.25: 03.11.25:
01.12.25**

133/2024 Closure of the Meeting

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

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

Signed

RGriffiths

**Rebecca Griffiths
Vice-Chair**

7th. October 2024