

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> . October 2024 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs R. Griffiths, L. Brown, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 5 members of the public present</p> <p><b>134/2024 Apologies for Absence</b> were received from MDC Cllr M. Neall and Cllr D. Henson In Cllr D. Henson absence Cllr R. Griffiths, as Vice-Chair, took the meeting</p> <p><b>135/2024 Declaration of Interest</b> To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared. Cllr L. Brown declared a NPI in item 140/2024</p> <p><b>136/2024 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. September 2024. <b>All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>137/2024 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. Trees outside the UKPower substation have been cut down and left. Can they be removed?</p> <p><b>138/2024 ARG Report</b> The hedge bordering Tower Hill Stables (THS) Animal Sanctuary has been cut higher up than before by ARG this time by the owner who has said that he will have another go at the remaining very high branches and try to get a horizontal finish at the same time. Phil Stanley of G&amp;B Finch continues ready to provide a Telehandler and Man Cage should it be required. On the land opposite Sandlings, Rik and myself (Rik doing the lion's share of the work) today Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October repositioned the fallen ECC Yard fence panel and the same with a smaller section further towards the notice board. Rik took some photographs before the repositioning took place evidencing the root cause of the fall, this being ECC or its contractors piling up the stone material hard against the fence. Rik believes that the viability of the fence in general is questionable and may have something to say at the meeting about this. It was understood from Jo that Manor Tree Services (MTS) had been informed that today Power Networks were to inspect the matter of the overhead power lines above and through the bushes yet to be trimmed, to decide whether it requires a power shutdown for this purpose. I was present at the site at about 9.15 am till about 11.15am and saw no sign of them. Perhaps it was a drive by inspection or not at all. Jo may have some further information at the PC meeting. Before today, John of MTS has already cut back many of the bushes and dead trunks and branches and shredded the debris on site and took away. Jo is of the opinion that if Power Networks do not require a power shut down John is likely to soon return to the site to complete the job he is contacted to do. With this in mind, Rik, Derek and myself today started cutting and raking the copious amount of ivy ground cover under the bushes as well as stripping the ivy from the remaining trunks and branches as John told Jo that he is happy to dispose of it as part of his job. The ivy dealt with to date has been piled up ready for disposal and out of the way of Garwood's if they come along to mow the grass. Much still needs to be done and if anyone can spare an hour or so in the next few days to continue the task that would be very helpful. Sharon of Sandlings has already volunteered to do what she can.</p> <p><b>139/2024 Village Hall Report</b> The Clerk has submitted the locality form LG42 and is waiting for the invoice to be sent to him before ECC will realise the monies Hopes and Dreams are giving money to a local Cancer Charity and Essex Air Ambulance Lyn Moull asked about planning projects at the village hall. Councillors gave her some advice on planning procedures</p>	

**140/2024 Planning Application/s**

**24/00732/HOUSE** - 3 East Ware Cottages Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Southminster  
First floor rear extension with balcony.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council Supports this planning application

**141/2024 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie**  
**No planning decisions have been made affecting Asheldham or Dengie villages****142/2024 Planning Appeals**

**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. (UPRN - 010094635456) C/O Agent - BSR Energy Limited **APPROVED**

**143/2024 Update on any enforcement issue on the Scrap Yard**

No update has been received. Works are still continuing. The Clerk to contact MDC Cllr M. Neall to get an update

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Neall**144/2024 Dog mess signs and dog bin**

The Clerk circulate dog fouling signs to Councillors and residents

**145/2024 Junction to Hall Road is overgrown – Cllr S. Russell**

The Clerk to chase D. Henson to ask Landowner to cut the hedge either back or down

Clerk/  
D.  
Henson**146/2024 Solar Farm update.** No further update**147/2024 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.

Can “Do not litter” signs from MDC

To start the extension plans are needed being starting the works. Councillors informed Lyn to ask for pre-application advice from MDC

Potholes outside Dengie crops. Cllr S. Russell was asked to action and to give What3words locations so we can pass information on

Clerk

Cllr S.  
Russell**148/2024 Finance**

**1)** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. September 2024  
Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. September 2024

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

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

**149/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss 1<sup>st</sup>. draft budget**

Councillors discussed the 1<sup>st</sup>. draft of the 2025/2026 budget

**150/2024 Items for Next Agenda**

2025-2026 Budget: Litter signs: Poppy Wreath: Pot Holes by Dengie Crops:

**151/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. November 2024 at 6.30pm****152/2024 Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 02.12.24****153/2024 Councillors to note the proposed 2025 meeting dates as below**

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

**154/2024      Closure of the Meeting**

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business  
The Vice-Chair then closed the meeting at 7.08pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*D Henson*

**David Henson  
Chair**

4<sup>th</sup>. November 2024