

Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 th . November 2024 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs D. Henson, L. Brown, R. Griffiths, S. Russell, A. Snowdon, MDC Cllr M. Neall and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 5 members of the public present</p> <p>155/2024 Apologies for Absence. No apologies were received</p> <p>156/2024 Declaration of Interest To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda None Declared</p> <p>157/2024 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 7th. October 2024 All Agreed</p> <p>158/2024 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. Last month trees and branches down at sub-station on Tillingham Road. Can these please be removed. Invoice for Cream Teas day was given to the Clerk</p> <p>159/2024 ARG Report – Colin Cooper Since the last report, Manor Tree Services have subsequently finished its task of trimming the bushes on the land opposite Sandlings. In the event a power shutdown was deemed unnecessary by Power Networks for this purpose. It now remains that further clearance of the ground ivy and on some of the tree trunks needs attention. ARG will be seeking to form a volunteer working party to do this. The Annual Winter Litter Pick organised by ARG and local Dengie resident and Southminster Parish Councillor Adrian Fluker has now be set for Saturday 7th December 2024. Convene at Dengie Village Hall at 9.30am for refreshments in readiness for a 10.00am start. Adrian and Megan Fluker will again generously be providing a hot stew meal from about noon onwards and those interested will be asked beforehand to choose a meat or vegetarian option. Further details of the pick and meal will be provided in due course. ARG has erected the WW1 Tommy next to the Asheldham Village Sign as well as affixing artificial poppies to some of the street furniture throughout the Asheldham parish.</p> <p>160/2024 Village Hall Report – Lyn Moull The village hall does not want responsibility for the flag pole and flag. Can the Parish Council take on responsibility? Can a Dengie Residents group be set up? The ARG cannot own anything. Cllr R. Griffiths agreed to research setting up a Dengie Residents Group</p> <p>161/2024 Planning Application/s No applications have been received</p> <p>162/2024 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie FUL/MAL/24/00273 - Land At 1 Pitt Cottages Hall Road Asheldham Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of bungalow with associated parking and amenity space. APPROVE subject to conditions</p> <p>163/2024 Planning Appeals. No appeals have been received</p> <p>164/2024 Update on any enforcement issue on the Scrap Yard If no response by the time of the meeting, then the PC to discuss sending a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of MDC, copied to the District Councillor and Head of Planning, making official complaint on the general poor service from MDC planning enforcement – Cllr A. Snowden Cllr D. Henson proposed and Cllr L. Brown seconded. All Agreed</p>	<p>Cllr R. Griffiths</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>165/2024 “Do not drop litter” signs from MDC – update from the Clerk MDC are possibly ordering some new Litter signs and will distribute them later</p> <p>166/2024 Junction to Hall Road is overgrown – Letter sent to the owner 8th. October 2024 No response to the letter sent to the owners</p> <p>167/2024 Solar Farm update. No update</p> <p>168/2024 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 Has the bund been trimmed? The answer is yes. However, the roadside requires trimming back hard and will improve visibility. The landowners are required to undertake this extra trimming ASAP. Cllr A. Snowden to inform Essex Highways of clearing cutting when cut</p> <p>169/2024 Finance</p> <p>1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024</p> <p>2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/25</p> <p>3) To approve the payment of Accounts for November 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council’s financial requirements. All Agreed</p> <p>170/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss the draft budget for 2025-2026 Councillors discussed the 2025/2026 budget</p> <p>171/2024 To receive reports from External meetings, outside bodies and future meetings The Clerk informed the meeting about having meetings on Zoom</p> <p>172/2024 Items for Next Agenda The Clerk requested an employment meeting for December Flag pole and Flag co-ordinator Formation of Dengie Residents Group Footbridge report Asheldham Brook Bridge</p> <p>173/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 2nd. December 2024 at 6.30pm</p> <p>174/2024 Councillors to note next meeting dates 3rd. February 2025</p> <p>175/2024 Closure of the Meeting To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business</p> <p>The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for attending</p> <p>Signed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>D Henson</i> David Henson Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2nd. December 2024</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr A. Snowden</p>
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