

# Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council

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Minutes of the Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . December 2024 at 6.30pm in Dengie village hall	ACTION
<p>Present: Cllrs D. Henson, R. Griffiths, S. Russell, A. Snowdon and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 4 members of the public present</p> <p><b>176/2024 Apologies for Absence</b> were received from Cllr L. Brown and Ric Pond. No other apologies were received</p> <p><b>177/2024 Declaration of Interest</b> To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda. <b>None Declared</b></p> <p><b>178/2024 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 4<sup>th</sup>. November 2024 <b>All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>179/2024 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. No questions from the public</p> <p><b>180/2024 ARG Report – Colin Cooper</b> More progress has been made regarding the clearance of ivy from the land opposite Sandlings consequent on the bushes being trimmed by contactors engaged by the PC. It is anticipated at the time of writing that just one more session by volunteers will complete the job Mrs. Kathleen Hindmarch has given the go ahead for the bush on her land obscuring the view of approaching traffic in Southminster Road to be removed and certain other bushes trimmed. EH/or their contractors cut back the vegetation obscuring the reflector posts at Asheldham Brook Bridge and erected two Road Narrows signs in the vicinity on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November but it is considered the cutting back work is to a bare minimum and will need additional attention before long. The Annual Winter Litter Pick organised by ARG and Adrian Fluker is scheduled for Saturday morning on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Usual refreshment and lunch being supplied by Mr &amp; Mrs Fluker. High-viz jacket and appropriate footwear to be used. <b>a) The road closures by/on behalf of Essex Highways on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> ARG has requested the addition of an Agenda item for the PC Meeting to discuss the road closures in the area on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the video of rubbish left by EH or their contactors taken by the owner of the Animal Sanctuary and the lack of any response from ECC Cllr. Wendy Stamp to ARG's emails to her about the matter. There has been no reply from Cllr W. Stamp. Contractor's van parked in the village for some considerable time having had the village drains jetted at junction of Hall Road. However, all drains in Asheldham require further jetting and clearing. An amount of coke tins was left at the site by the contractors. Colin was asked to give the Clerk his report to Cllr. W. Stamp</p> <p><b>181/2024 Village Hall Report – Lyn Moull</b> The new fencing and gates around the village hall is completed with thanks to the ECC locality funding. The outside of the village hall requires cleaning (walls, gutters and windows). About 4 volunteers are needed to assist with the cleaning.</p> <p><b>182/2024 Flag pole and Flag co-ordinator</b> This is part of the Dengie Residents Group</p> <p><b>183/2024 Formation of Dengie Residents Group</b> Cllr R. Griffiths has had no replies to form a Dengie Residents Group</p>	<p><b>Colin</b></p>

**184/2024 Dengie Hundred regarding seeking volunteers for speed cam training with a view to speed cam use on the Dengie – Cllr A. Snowden**

This was muted years ago. The volunteers require training before the group can start. The problems occur with some drivers. Any volunteer/s can they please contact the Parish Clerk.

**185/2024 Asheldham Brook Bridge**

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The Clerk was asked to undertake a Freedom of Information act request regarding the long awaited report on Asheldham Bridge.

Clerk

**186/2024 Planning Application/s**

**24/00801/COU** - Outbuilding at Small Gains Bungalow Grange Road Dengie Essex

Change of use of existing building to form one no. self-build dwelling complete with alterations, parking, landscaping, garden and related infrastructure

**RESOLVED:** Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council Supports this application with a note about the property is in a High Flood risk zone

**187/2024 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Asheldham & Dengie**

**HOUSE/MAL/24/00732** - 3 East Ware Cottages Bridge Wick Lane Dengie Southminster  
First floor rear extension with Juliet balcony. **APPROVE** subject to conditions

**188/2024 Planning Appeal****TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Scrap Metal Yard The Brambles Southminster Road Asheldham

Proposal: Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of the site to recycle scrap materials

Application Ref: 23/00487/LDE Appellants Name: Mr Mark Collier Appeal Ref:

APP/X1545/X/24/3348898 Appeal Start Date: 5 November 2024

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against Maldon District Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Land At Silver Lake Southminster Road Asheldham

Proposal: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of a 3 bed bungalow. Application Ref: 23/00070/OUT PP-11878572 Appellants Name: Mrs Lisa Brown

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3354388 Appeal Start Date: 8 November 2024

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against Maldon District Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission

**189/2024 Junction to Hall Road is overgrown – Letter sent to the owner 8<sup>th</sup>. October 2024**

No response from landowner, the laurel hedge has been cut back

Concern was raised about the laurel hedge on the new development. Cllr D. Henson to look into the previous enforcement notice

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Henson**190/2024 Solar Farm update.** No update**191/2024 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.

No questions were asked

**192/2024 Finance**

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

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 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 December 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

**193/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to approve the budget for 2025-2026**

Councillors finalised the 2025-2026 budget/Precept

**194/2024 To receive reports from External meetings, outside bodies and future meetings**

No reports given

**195/2024 Items for Next Agenda**

**Formation of Dengie Residents Group & Flag pole and Flag co-ordinator**

**Locality Funding**

**Cllr R. Griffiths gave her apologies for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. February 2025 meeting**

**196/2024 Date of Next Full Council meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. February 2025 at 6.30pm**

**197/2024 Closure of the Meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*D Henson*

**David Henson  
Chair**

6<sup>th</sup>. January 2025