

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 7th September 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr Nick Kelly (Vice-Chair) Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr Lisa Brown

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

20-21/042 - WELCOME

Cllr Nick Kelly, Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20-21/043 – APOLOGIES

Cllr C. Faulkner due to illness.

Also the Clerk, further to an email that had been circulated to members, reiterated that Adrian Fluker has resigned and a notice has been placed on the Asheldham notice board and Clerk to put on the Dengie notice board on 8th September. After 14 days if 10 electors have not requested an election to fill the vacancy then the Parish Council members can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

20-21/044– DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Cllr Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she knows the application in agenda item 20-21/048a and a pecuniary interest in agenda item 20-21/048d. No other declarations were made at this point in the meeting, other than the usual global declaration that all councillors live and/or work in the Parish.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to register any changes in their Register of Interests on the Maldon District Council website.

20-21/045– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 6/7/2020

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2020 were proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Russell. **RESOLVED.**

20-21/046 – CLERKS REPORT

- a) Clerk apologised for not having produced a report. Members noted the Clerk would update throughout the meeting as a report had not been prepared.

20-21/047 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) Clerk is half way through application to LHP for reduction on 30 mph at the junction with Tillingham Road and Foxall Road and that has to be counter-signed by Cllr Ron Pratt so well on its way.
- ii) Letters to be written requesting support for the reduction in the speed limit along the to 40mph on the Tillingham Road (Dengie Straight) from Reddings Lane before sending in application to the LHP as hopefully these support letters will give more credence to the LHP request.
- iii) TruCam monitoring Clerk forwarded on an email from a resident regarding possible sites that could be used and Nicola Snyder has spoken to Matt Hines who works with Adam Pipe at the Essex Police but Matt Hines is not back from leave until 14th September and will be discussed then to find an area where the monitoring can take place.
- iv) The road resurfacing is noted down to be taking place on 11th -25th November, closing over night for 15 nights. Link to be put on website and sent to ARG Chairman.

SIGNED.....CHAIR
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v) No further news regarding the bad condition of pavement from Rushes Lane to opposite "The Rest" Bungalow clerk to chase again.

Clerk stated that ARG Chair and herself reported a lot of signage problems and road defects and the ECC Highways website says the same thing, that the defect has been inspected/reviewed and not considered to be urgent or is due to be inspected 28 days.

vi) Clerk ready to send out letters to progress the application for the installation of a pavement opposite Brook Lane to join up with the pavement just around the bend.

vii) No movement regarding the dangerous junction on Hall Road/Southminster Road and comes into something needing to be done and needs evidence maybe from Trucam.

20-21/048 – PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)
20/00766/FUL/ PP-08908529
Erection of a two bedroom bungalow with an annex and detached cart lodge.
Homelands, Southminster Road, Asheldham, Essex.
Members supported application with the proviso that the visibility on the bend was improved e.g. The bank/bund reduced in height.
- b) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i) List of planning applications - 27-35 **NOTED**
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals – 27-35 **NOTED**
 - iii) FUL/MAL/20/00157 PP-08474837
Letter received from MDC regarding this application going to District Planning Committee on 20th August 2020. **NOTED**
- c) Clerk to seek clarification as to planning and enforcement being on the same site at one time.
- d) Item (d) could not be decided on as needed 3 parish councillors not including Cllr Brown and was deferred until next meeting, but Cllr Brown explained that due to SatNav not working properly it was sending vehicles erroneously up Rushes Lane instead of to Silver Lake. Contact with SatNav/Google to get them to change the directions they are giving.

20-21/049 – FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments for August and September 2020 totally £711.72.
RESOLVED.
- b) Members agreed the bank reconciliation with the cash book as at the 31st August 2020. **RESOLVED.**
- c) Members decided to make a donation the same as last year which was £25 or £50.00 clerk to confirm.
- d) Members agreed to increase the Clerks hourly rate in line with the NJC new pay scales for 2020/21 and back date to 1st April 2020 as recommended.

20-21/050 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT.

None available.

20-21/051 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM – WHITE PAPER

Members noted that the Government intends to bring forward in September a white paper which would enable councils in two areas to put forward proposals for new unitary councils, and further to this, a combined authority and directly-elect a Mayor.
NOTED.

20-21/052 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- Request to put forward concerns regarding the issue of the dropped curb at St. Anne's before the resurfacing takes place and resident to send details to Clerk.
- Gullies blocked and need increase of frequency to clear.
- Enforcement scenario regarding "Homelands" Clerk read out the email received from enforcement. Vicky Bowles who has prepared a planning contravention notice which will be issued shortly to the agent. Photographs have been taken recording documentary evidence of the state of the land as it currently stands.
- ARG Chair agreed with other resident and the members of the council that "Homelands" would be much better to have something built.
- Query – what was the planning application FUL/MAL/20/00157 – clarified as Bradwell B.
- Query regarding the ILW notice in the paper, Clerk informed resident that a proper planning application will be coming in. Including the routes etc.
- TruCam – query regarding the police stating that there was nowhere safe to operate TruCam. Clerk informed residents that the email sent has been forwarded on.

20-21/053 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday 5th October 2020 At 6.30 p.m.
Members agreed that this meeting would be on Monday 5th October at 6.30 p.m.
Clerk requested permission depending on Covid-19 rules to move to the hall if allowed to do so. Agreed.

20-21/054– All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed 19-13 pm