

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on
Monday 2nd November 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr Carole Faulkner Cllr Nick Kelly, Cllr Sally Russell & Cllr Lisa Brown

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

Please note that the number in order to be consecutive has to be changed from the Agenda which started at 20-21-79 and should have started at 20-21-80

20-21-80 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all those present.

20-21/081 – APOLOGIES

No apologies.

20-21/082 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to register any changes in their Register of Interests on the Maldon District Council website.

20-21/083– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020 were proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Brown & Cllr Kelly. **RESOLVED.**

20-21-084 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- Resident mentioned about the flood lights at GB Finch – Clerk to write quoting back email that Lee Finch sent previously when this problem was raised.
- Chair raised question about the Liaison Committee that was set up with Terry Burns from Essex County County and G&B Finch Ltd which included Parish Councillors and a representative from the residents. Clerk to contact the parties and arrange a meeting.

20-21/072 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) It was resolved that the Clerk continue to complete the LHP Application apply for the reduction in speed limit to 40 mph along the Dengie Straight from Reddings Lane to the start of the existing 40mph speed limit just before entering Tillingham.
- ii) ECC Highways – John Morgan and one other will be holding a virtual meeting to explain to members exactly what is happening during the resurfacing works. Cllr Brown also mentioned that a member of the ECC was out early that morning examining pot holes and it was agreed this looked promising. Latest email indicates work to commence on 4th December and some weekend work could be happening.
- iii) No news from ECC regarding the state of the pavement from Rushes Lane to Bend opposite the “The Rest”.
- iv) It was resolved that the Clerk continue to complete the LHP Application requesting a pavement be put in from opposite Brooks Lane to join up with the one just around the bend which is in need of repair.
- v) No additional items mentioned.

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20-21-086 PROBLEMS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

l) Clerk explained that enquiries had been made to ECC and was redirected to another area so awaiting reply as to exactly where the Highways boundary is.

- Use of tyres was suggested and received as a good idea, but it was stated that it needs to be checked if can be close to the highways. Also need to put them all the way along. Chair to make enquiries regarding use of tyres.
- Use of Planters were also well received but need to pay attention as to how far back they are placed. Will also cover the unexplained gateway that has appeared from Homelands.
- £516 was placed aside for TruCam hours and contingency for £500 that maybe can be used to purchase some well built planters and ask that ARG keep planted and maintain.

20-21/087 – PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Application(s)-

i) An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against MDC's decision to refuse to grant planning permission for Land East of Bradwell Power Station, Downhall Beach, Bradwell On Sea, Essex, to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-On-Sea, together with the creation of two site compound areas and associated parking areas.

APP REF: 20/157/FUL/ PP-08474837

APPEAL REF: APP/X1545/W/3259477.

Appeal documents are available to view on www.maldon.gov.uk

Members agreed to concur with Maldon District Councils refusal of the application. Proposed: Cllr Faulkner Seconded Cllr Brown.

ii) Consultation from the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the applicant Bradwell B. Deadline 7/11/2020 (no extensions)
The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful if as consultees the Parish Council would:
Inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information that the PC believes should be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) or

Confirm that the PC does not have any comments. Members decided to send a response re-iterating what had already been said in the Stage 1 consultation response. Clerk to draft to members and once approved send before deadline date.

b) Correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:

i) List of planning applications – 41-44 - noted

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ii) List of planning decisions and appeals – 41-44 noted

c) Clerk to raise and enforcement on “Homelands” decision notice that has not been adhered to in regard to the entrance/sight lines/bund.

d) It was explained that the SatNav does not work even though the business owner has reported to Google. Question was whether a sign can be placed on the verge on Southminster Road. Chair stated that you can have a A-board which is taken in each night. No planning is required if you can take the sign in at night. Members support the the placing of a sign subject to any planning permission. Prop: Cllr Faulkner – Seconded: Cllr Russell.

20-21/088 – FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments for November 2020. **RESOLVED.**
- b) Members agreed the bank reconciliation with the cash book as at the 30th October 2020. Prop: Cllr Faulkner Sec: Cllr Brown - **RESOLVED.**
- c) Budget to be sent during the month prior to the December meeting.

20-21/089 - REPORT FROM DISTRICT -No report available.

20-21/090 – CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Clerk informed members that can only have 5 councillors and need a good reason to expand, which we don't have. Mr. Richard Thick and Mr. Dave Benson have applied and it was decided to arrange a zoom meeting to interview the applicants.

20-21/091 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- The gullies are still full up and clerk stated that hopefully can be discussed at the Highways meeting.
- Planters on the parish land, plant a few trees as well.
- Unauthorised parking going to take a bit of time and the land is looking very ropey. Maybe an idea to put some large stones as a temporary measure. Huge tree trunks were also mentioned as a temporary answer to the problem.
- Noticed in a garden in Tillingham that a flagpole has been installed with a flag stating maximum speed 30mph. Could this be done? If on Highways land you would need permission/licence.
- Boundaries on highways on plans for Asheldham Bends and what is underneath the land.
- Whatever done on the verge should not interfere with grass cutting
- Tyres industrial waste
- Land adj to crop driers, has links to Sonic Rail in Burnham and storing concrete railway sleepers, may be we can sweet talk them into letting the Parish Council use them temporarily to stop the unwanted parking.
- Bradwell B – MDC were skating on thin ice to oppose and need to put up a sound argument or grin and bear it as it is a National Structure. Do we accept it and mitigate?
- Poppy Wreath – going to be delivered to the Church by the Chair anytime up to 11 a.m. on 8th Nov. Contribution as per budget £17 for wreath and £23.00 donation to British Legion. On 11th Nov people are asked to stand on doorstep at 11 a.m. and observe the silence.

20-21/092 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 6.30 p.m. and will be virtual.

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20-21/093—All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed 19.40 pm.