

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

Present: - Cllr Carole Faulkner Cllr Nick Kelly & Cllr Sally Russell.

In attendance: Mrs. S Sayer (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

20-21-100 - CONFIDENTIAL - AGENDA

RESOLVED: that pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the meeting be not open to the public and press for the following item of business and they did not take part.

The members briefly discussed the candidates who had applied for the vacancy – Mr. Dave Henson and Mr. Andrew Snowdon and it was decided to vote by a show of hands in the main part of the meeting.

20-21/101 - CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair welcomed everyone present.

20-21/102 - APOLOGIES

Cllr Lisa Brown made her apologies due to a family matter.

20-21/103– CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Chair stated that the vote would take place by a show on hands in order that the applicants applied. A show of hands by all members present was made in favour of Mr. Dave Henson and therefore no further vote was taken. Clerk stated that she would send the acceptance of office form via email to Mr. Henson and that he would be able to join at the February 2021 meeting.

20-21/104-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.

20-21/105– MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2020 were proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Kelly. **RESOLVED.**
- b) The minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 1st December 2020 to were agreed.

20-21/106 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – FIRST SESSION

- Resident stated that he would wait for the second session for some items, however noted that the work on the Asheldham Brook Bridge had started. No foliage has been touched on the brickwork, seemed to have lopped some trees down on the Western side coming from Southminster.
- Resident raised the question as to why in regard to the planning application there are 5 caravans on the site and requested that the members give this some thought. Clerk mentioned that the question has been raised with Enforcement. Another resident stated that it had been stated in the past that one caravan for one property. Clerk is following up with Enforcement in this regard.

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20-21/107 – HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- i) The application has been sent to CC Ron Pratt to get him to sign off the LHP application regarding the request for a 40mph to be implemented along the Dengie Straight – Tillingham Road, from Reddings Lane T-junction.
- ii) An email has been received from Cllr Brown stating that she has tried to call Alfie Hunter requesting an update and Clerk received email stating closure will now be 4th to 12th January 2021 and confusion was raised about actually where the roadworks are actually taking place. It was considered it could be the kerbing, but Clerk has sent email asking for clarification.
- iii) No news from ECC regarding the state of the pavement from Rushes Lane to Bend opposite the “The Rest”.
- iv) The application has also been sent to CC Ron Pratt and when received back will forward to the Local Highways Panel for them to consider installation of a pavement from opposite the entrance to Brooks Lane to join with the current pavement around the bund.
- v) No information received from PROW regarding the PROW244_10. Clerk will chase.

20-21-108 PROBLEMS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

- l) Clerk has looked for plans but can not find, so will speak to previous clerk but had already sent a boundary request from the ECC Record Section and waiting for that to come through and will aid with where the sign that Cllr Brown would like can be placed.

No news on temporary sleepers, Mr. Faulkner will be visiting Asheldham soon and will have a look. Clerk spoke to MSJ Garwood the grass contractor and they said they will manage around anything that is placed there.

20-21/109 – PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application(s)- Members decided to object to his application as 5 large caravans is excessive for the building on one 3 bedroomed property. Also planning enforcement has a case on this site. Clerk to see to clarify the position regarding MDC Planning Enforcement.

Location: Homelands Southminster Road Asheldham Essex

- b) Planning Decision(s) -

FUL/MAL/20/00877 Asheldham Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 18/01273/FUL (Three bedroomed detached bungalow) Land Adjacent Endway Farm Southminster Road Asheldham Essex (UPRN – 010014001377) Mr Adam Smith - Twelve Developments Ltd - **APPROVED** subject to various conditions which can be seen on weekly decision list ending 6th November 2020.

Also ESS 86 and 87 for Bradwell B were approved also.

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

List of planning applications – 45- 49 noted

List of planning decisions and appeals – 45-49 noted

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- d) i) No update available (person concerned at MDC not back until 8th December) on the planning enforcement case on the property 16/00421/CU (Property with The Bund opposite The Bungalow and Sandlings) which has been going on for sometime
- ii) No update available Clerk to chase regarding new enforcement requested regarding the decision notice on application reference: FUL/MAL/20/00766 Asheldham and the non-adherence pertaining to the entrance.
- e) Clerk waiting to hear from ECC Highways regarding the boundary in order to be able to notify business owner where the sign can be placed on the grass verge. Clerk also stated that she was not sure whether Cllr Brown has been able to see if she requires planning permission for the type of sign that she wants.

20-21/110 – FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments for December 2020. **RESOLVED.** Vote of thanks given to Mr. Colin Cooper and Mr. Rik Pond for repairing the Asheldham Notice Board.
- b) Members agreed the bank reconciliation with the cash book as at the 30th November 2020. **RESOLVED.**
- c) Clerk took the members through the budget/precept workings for 2021-22. Clerk mentioned that the fund for the TruCam could be vired across to help with whatever is decided for blocking parking on the grass verge. Clerk recommended that the precept for 2021/22 remains the same as 2020-21 at £6185.00. Prop: Cllr Faulkner Sec: Cllr Kelly

20-21/111- REPORT FROM DISTRICT -No report available.

20-21/112 – G&B Finch Quarry Liaison Committee Meetings/Lighting Pollution

- a) Originally the meeting is going to be on 12th January but Terry Burns sent a further email saying that he would prefer the next meeting to be in the spring. Chair stated that she has seen the concrete mixer and thinks she might have heard it and review at the February meeting.
- b) It was decided for the time being that the Chair would attend backed up by the Clerk as other members are not able to get away from their work commitments. Chair to speak to Cllr Brown to see if she would like to attend.
- c) A few residents names were mentioned to represent at the meeting and can be decided prior to the next Quarry Liaison meeting.
- d) Lee Finch has responded and the lights are on from 6a.m. to 7.30 a.m. and again from 4.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was stated that the lights had been lowered and G&B Finch stated that the lights were on the lowest setting of the bracket. It was suggested to monitor the situation.

20-21/113 – QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- Resident raised that if bollards are going to be put in would caution against that. Railway sleepers are not that expensive and don't need to put them continuously.
- Mr. Finch's batching plant the question was raised if that is an addition? The question was asked as the first time he had to put in a retrospective planning application in and wondered if he doubled up. Clerk to make enquiries.
- The locked gate PROW244_10 where is it? Outside Mr. Fluker's and new owner cultivated right up to the edge of his field.

Clerk lost connection at this point and rejoined at the following item.

20-21/114 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 6.30 p.m. and will be virtual.

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20-21/115– All business having been transacted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting and wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a very good and hopefully healthy New Year. Meeting closed 7.13 pm.