

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Kathy Palmer and Colin Ashby.
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: Two members of the public.

23/48. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff.

23/49. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/50. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/51. County and District Councillor's report

There was no report presented.

23/52. Public Question Time

- There was a deep pot hole opposite Langford Church car park. Cllr Ashby agreed to report it to Essex Highways.
- It was noted that the planning application for Cedar House, the existing drawings did not show an extension built recently.

23/53. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/23 m) The notice of an uncontested election for Langford and Ulting had been received and posted. It was noted there was currently a vacancy for Langford. It was agreed to advertise for a co-option as soon as possible after the local election (5 May).

22/130. Dog Waste Bin site – Received from Appletons. Northumbria Water had agreed the location of the bin. It was agreed to accept the offer from Northumbrian Water to fund and install the bin. It was noted that the parish council would fund Maldon District Council to empty the bin for the first year (MDC to pick up the cost after the first year). It was further agreed that the parish council would be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

23/40. It was noted that the Parish Council street light replacement were not eligible for funding from the Community Hub Grant Scheme.

22/152. The Clerk reported the parish laptop was extremely slow and action was required to improve its performance. It was further noted that currently there was no cloud storage. It was noted that a quote had been received to fit a solid-state drive to the lap top and for cloud storage. It was agreed to seek a second quote for the work and to return the quotes to the May meeting for consideration.

23/39. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

i) **23/00271/HOUSE** - Demolition of existing garage & storage with reconstruction of single storey garage with single storey rear accommodation

Cedar House Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon

It was noted the recently completed extension is not shown on the existing plans. There were no objections to the proposal.

ii) **23/00260/HOUSE** - Single storey rear extension.

1 John Thresh Way Langford Maldon Essex

There were no objections to the proposal.

iii) **23/00321/OUTM PP-11901044** - Outline planning application with all matters of detail reserved except for means of access to the site for the construction of up to 45 dwellings

Land West Of Maypole Road Heybridge Essex

The parish council considered the latest application for this site and previous application. Since the previous application, the Langford and Ulting Neighbourhood Plan has been made and reflects the opposition to this size development in the location. They would like to re state the previous comments made - The proposals are contrary to the North Heybridge Garden Suburb Strategic Masterplan where this area is designated as green infrastructure. Policy S3 of the emerging LDP states that "planning consent for development within the Garden Suburbs will only be granted by the Council if the proposals are in accordance with the Masterplan. The area of built up development would encroach into the rural countryside and is outside any settlement boundary. Development on this site is not allowed for in the flood alleviation scheme associated with the North

Heybridge Garden Suburb. The development would adversely affect the setting of Langford Old Rectory (Grade II Listed) and its associated listed stables.

On consultation for the additional plans as received the Parish Council re-iterate their original objection and recommend the refusal of planning permission.

iv) **23/00258/HOUSE & LBC PP-11998035** - Enlargement and alterations to the existing orangery. *Langford Hall Witham Road Langford Maldon*

There were no objections to the proposal.

v) **23/00280/HOUSE & LBC PP-12018123** - New timber open-sided porch with brick plinth to rear of house

1 Church Cottages Witham Road Langford Maldon

There were no objections to the proposal.

b) Planning decisions received:

i) **22/00858/FULM** - Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with new estate road, car parking, service areas and landscaping.

Southern Plot Oval Park Hatfield Road Langford Essex

APPROVED

ii) **22/00840/FULM** - Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with car parking, servicing areas and landscaping.

Oval Park Northwest Plot Hatfield Road Langford Essex

APPROVED

iii) **23/00152/PACUAR** - Conversion of detached agricultural building to two dwellings, each with integral garage.

Outbuilding At Stock Hall Farm Hatfield Road Ulting Essex

APPROVED

iv) **23/00151/PACUAR** - Conversion of detached agricultural building to one dwelling.

Building C Stock Hall Farm Hatfield Road Ulting Essex

APPROVED

The planning decisions received were noted.

23/55. **Correspondence**

a) Dog Training, Meadow Field, Ulting Lane.

It was noted a complaint had been received regarding the dog training at Meadow Field, Ulting Lane. It was recommended that the complaint contact Planning Enforcement.

b) Public path order to re-route footpath 7 Ulting.

The public path order to re-route footpath 7 Ulting was noted.

23/56. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
EALC			£113.18	EALC and NALC Affiliation Fee 2023-24

b) The following payment was ratified :-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£99.75	£19.95	£119.70	Grasscutting Ulting churchyard (Jan to March 23)

c) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Mar 2023)
SSE	£10.09	£0.50	£10.59	Streetlight electricity (Mar 2023)

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d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of March 2023.

e) VAT Return – The receipt of £784.20 from HMRC was noted.

f) It was noted the annual audit information had been received from PKF Littlejohn.

g) It was agreed to appoint Neil Spooner as internal auditor for 2023-24.

23/57. Essex & Suffolk Water - Fish and Eel Pass

Councillors welcomed the offer to fund the dog waste bin and agreed to request funding towards the replacement streetlamps in Langford.

23/58. Bird Scarers

It was noted that since the previous complaints a neighbouring Clerk had contacted the land owner and the bird scarers were no longer a nuisance. It was noted that the scarers were deployed for a short period of time in the growing cycle of the crops.

23/59. Langford Noticeboard –

It was noted Langford and Ulting Village Hall Management Committee had offered to fund a new noticeboard. It was agreed that a request should be made for a similar sized wooden, wall mounted board. It was agreed to send details of a suitable replacement to the Village Hall Committee for consideration

23/60. Risk Assessment

The draft risk assessment was agreed. It was noted that the legal documents were now stored by R Pipe in Maldon following the closure of the Witham branch. It was agreed research suitable cloud storage for the councils electronic files. It was signed by the Chair and the Clerk and RFO.

23/61. Asset Disposal

The disposal of defunct Toshiba laptop and Samsung printer was agreed. The asset list to be amended to reflect this.

23/62. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no additional items for the next agenda.

23/47. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 following Ulting Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: