

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2020.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Magness and Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: One member of the public

20/129. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ashby who was working away and subsequent to the meeting, Cllr. Allen who was unwell.

20/130. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 21st July 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

20/131. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20/132. District Councillor's report

Apologies received from Cllr. Jarvis. Although not able to attend the meeting the following was received from Cllr. Durham:

- Locality Fund - Selection to be submitted by September 30th and money allocated must be spent this calendar year
- Local government reform - There is an expectation that the new unitary councils will start to operate in April 2023 and as a result Essex County Council are not sure whether there will be elections next May. Cllr Durham is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain what Unitary Councils, Combined Authorities and elected Mayors may mean for Essex.
- Pot hole scheme - Parish Councils to identify their worst pot holes for repair on a first come, first served basis.

20/133. Public Question Time

Not required.

20/134. Matters for information from previous meetings

20/121. Community Orchard Board – Has been installed.

20/55. A12/A120 widening – Cllr. Anfilogoff had attended a remote meeting.

19/192. New councillor training – EALC to provide new dates.

20/135. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

20/00622/HOUSE - Demolition of existing outbuilding and shed and new replacement outbuilding. Blackwater Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

20/00703/HOUSE - Demolish existing single-storey side and rear extensions to original building and replace with single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Internal alterations to form new door openings for access. Black Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

20/00751/HOUSE - Single storey rear extension and patio. 7, Ulting Lane, Langford. The Parish Council agreed that no comment would be made.

20/00519/FUL - Additional tourism and interrelated leisure development, comprising 70 holiday lodges with associated change of use of the land within two areas of the site, alterations to existing Bunsay clubhouse, extension of Bunsay car park and new golf academy. Warren Golf Club, Old London Road, Woodham Walter. The Parish Council was disappointed not to have been consulted on this planning application as it is for a significant development in an adjacent parish and agreed to recommend refusal as the development would:

- Result in an increase in traffic along the unclassified roads in neighbouring villages as there are no shops, leisure facilities or tourist attractions within walking distance.
 - Exacerbate the chaos experienced at Hoe Mill and Ulting church this year due to the width restriction on the bridge and wild swimming venue advertised in the National press.
 - Increase pressure on wildlife and its habitats along the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation.
- If planning permission should be granted a condition preventing residential use must be included.

b) Planning decisions received:

COUPA/MAL/20/00593 - Change of use of agricultural buildings to 2No. dwellinghouses (Class C3). Outbuilding At Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting was refused.

20/00735/DD - Dead tree (T1) Fell branches and upper stem to leave a monolith habitat stump 3m high. Felling due to continued deterioration, increased lean towards building and risk of damage to building or injury to persons accessing gateway or building. Replant with rowan tree in location. Due to the deterioration of the tree in the last month, this work is considered urgent from a safety point of view and so this application is a '5 day notice' of our intention to make the tree safe. Museum of Power, Hatfield Road, Langford was approved.

20/136. Correspondence

a) Hoe Mill bridge traffic management – Residents have been asked to please be patient when queueing at the traffic lights and to drive cautiously in the area. If a vehicle runs a red light the signals go into safe mode and reset, which takes approximately 30 seconds. During safe mode both sets of lights will be red and any traffic should queue. If vehicles continue to run the red light during safe mode, the lights will reset again.

b) Model Code of Conduct consultation - Councillors were asked to respond individually by 17th August 2020. See: https://research.local.gov.uk/jfe/form/SV_blupYNXmiJ0xECV

c) Ulting Closed Churchyard – The PCC had erected a chestnut paling fence on the upriver side and a stock fence along the riverbank.

d) Local Government Reform White Paper – ECC Leader stated that the government see the current two-tier system of county and district councils, as imperfect, and that unitary authorities, which are responsible for all council services in a defined area, are seen as a better option for delivering services. In Essex this might lead to between two and four new unitary councils.

120/137. Finance

a) a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Chelmer Canal Trust	£20.00		£20.00	Annual membership fee
Maldon District Council	£100.05	£20.01	£120.06	Grasscutting – Ulting churchyard
Mrs J Clemo	£731.25		£731.25	Clerk's salary (July – September)

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (August 2020)
SSE	£4.47	£0.22	£4.69	Streetlight electricity (July 2020)
SSE	£34.97	£1.74	£36.71	Streetlight electricity (July 2020)

c) Bank Reconciliation – Councillors agreed that Cllr Palmer would confirm that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of July 2020 at the next meeting.

d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th June 2020 was noted.

20/138. Hoe Mill extension of double yellow lines

It was noted that Essex County Council had asked the SEPP to amend the parking restrictions at Hoe Mill Lock because some of the barriers are being replaced with anti-ram bollards. Double yellow lines to be extended across the bridge to prevent vehicles parking. The clerk had also requested that the double yellow lines are extended on the north side of the bridge to improve sightlines for drivers negotiating parked vehicles.

20/139. Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council agreed the Regulation 15 draft subsequent to changes agreed at a meeting held 17th March 2020. It was noted that the rewording of an Essex County Council comment

regarding the Minerals Local Plan had been confirmed by Principal Planning Officer (Spatial Planning).

20/140. **Government Proposals to reform the Planning System** – Document circulated. Responses by 29th October 2020. <https://www.slcc.co.uk/planning-for-future-consultation/> The Parish Council agreed to defer this item.

20/141. **Locality Fund**

After discussing options, the Parish Council agreed to submit a request for an annual Zoom subscription at a cost of £119.90.

20/142. **40 mph Speed Limits**

The Parish Council agreed to submit requests to the Local Highways Panel for the following:

- a) Extend 40mph speed limit to the disused railway bridge on Witham Road
- b) Provide a new speed limit from The Owls to Hoe Mill bridge, Ulting
- c) Extend 40mph limit from Ulting Lane to Oval Park.

20/143. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/144. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date