

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Colin Ashby, Jenny Clemo and  
Kathy Palmer  
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen  
Clerk: Justine Atterbury  
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan and one member of the public.

**23/124. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies of absence.

**23/125. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**23/126. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**23/127. County and District Councillor's report**

Cllr Simon Morgan reported the local election results had led to a split control of Maldon District Council and the Local Government Association had been called in to assist the council. Cllr. Morgan had been appointed Chair of the Oversight and Scrutiny Committee, and was the South East Parking Partnership representative. He remains on the Local Highways Panel, but all decisions were now made by a Chairmans Panel, made up of County Councillors. MDC now had a 5 year housing land supply, but were not meeting the targets on the provision of affordable housing. It was noted that there were concerns that the S106 funds would not be spent within the time limit. The Local Development Plan review was underway and it was aimed for completion in 2026.

**23/128. Public Question Time**

*Ulting Lane*

Cllr Clemo reported there were many potholes in Ulting Lane, particularly the section between the junction of Crouchmans Farm Road up to Sugar Mill Cottages. Unfortunately, the lack of mobile coverage meant it was not possible to review the "what 3 words" locations. It was agreed for the Clerk to request that the pot holes were repaired under the Member Led Pothole Scheme.

**23/129. Matters for information from previous meetings**

23/81 LED Upgrade of Parish Council owned streetlights in Langford. It was noted that changes to streetlights had been reported to the UK Power Networks and a new UMS certificate had been issued.

23/87. Annual Parish Meeting. Flooding outside The Old Schoolhouse, Ulting. It was noted that the jetting and ditch clearance was carried out at the end of July. Essex Highways had noted that a bigger pipe underneath the road would be beneficial and they were monitoring the situation if flooding occurred in future.

23/114. Public Question Time Hoe Mill

It was noted the residents at Lock Cottage had been given the details of the Essex Rural Police. The police encouraged all incidents to be reported to them. Cllr Morgan had agreed to raise the request for the extension of the double yellow lines to the South East Parking Partnership.

23/106 Clerks mobile Phone. It was noted the new mobile phone had been set up and the new number to contact the Clerk was 07736 716900. This had been published on the website.

23/119. Tree Survey

It was noted Place Services were scheduled to carry out the tree survey on 18 August.

23/120.Replacement Noticeboard for Langford & Ulting Village Hall and Ulting

It was noted that permission would need to be sought to replace the noticeboard on the Old School house in Ulting. Cllr Clemo agreed to make the request.

**ACTION –**

Clerk to contact Cllr Durham to request the potholes in Ulting Lane from Crouchmans Farm Rd up to Sugar Mill Cottages are repaired under the member led pothole scheme.

Cllr Clemo to request permission for the replacement noticeboard on the Old Schoolhouse in Ulting.

23/130. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

**23/00682/VAR** - Variation of condition 4 on approved planning permission 20/00120/HOUSE (Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage)

*Grove Farm Ashfield Farm Road Ulting Maldon*

There were no objections.

b) Planning decisions received:

**23/00568/LBC**– Extension of existing crossover and existing drive which involves the adapting to the existing landscaping

*Beavis Hall Hatfield Road Langford Essex*

*WITHDRAWN*

**23/00573/LBC** - Proposed rear single storey extension and new porch with internal and external alterations. Demolish the existing dilapidated outbuilding and boundary wall and replace with a new driveway.

*The General Stores Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS*

*APPROVED*

23/131. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

23/132. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

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	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
Chelmer Canal Trust	£36		£36	Annual Membership

b) Ratification of cheque raised at previous meeting:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
SLCC	£44.25	0.00	£44.25	SLCC Annual Membership (Langford & Ulting contribution)

c) Confirmation of direct debit payments to:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (July 2023)
SSE	£9.70	£0.48	£10.18	Streetlight electricity (June 2023)
SSE	£73.28	£3.66	£76.94	Streetlight electricity (June 2023)

d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank

reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of July 2023.

e) Income and Expenditure quarterly finance report to 30th June

The income and expenditure quarterly finance report to 30<sup>th</sup> June was noted.

**23/133. 2023-24 Precept**

It was noted an anomaly with the 2023-24 precept had been uncovered. The precept for 2023- 24 requested was £12,075. The amount paid by Maldon District Council was £10,500 (the 2022-23 precept). It was noted residents had been charged on the £10,500 rate. It was agreed that Cllr Simon Morgan would raise the issue with Maldon District Council.

**23/134. Street light Replacement Reserves**

It was agreed, in the light of the issue with the 2023-24 precept, to defer this item to the September meeting.

**23/135. Membership of Maldon Community Engagement Team –**

It was agreed to employ the services of the Maldon Community Engagement Team for up to four hours per month (£40.53 per hour) for August and September to focus on parking Issues at Hoe Mill. It was noted the Community Engagement Team would report to the October parish council meeting.

**23/136. Request for Dog Waste Bin in Ulting –**

The request a dog waste bin in Ulting was considered. It was agreed to contact the resident who made the request to ask where they were hoping to have the bin located. It was noted that there did not appear to be a lot of dog walkers in this area.

**23/137. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

The following items were submitted for the next agenda –  
Overgrown footpath Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage  
The Churchyard Fence

**23/138. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: