

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
11th DECEMBER 2018 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer, Colin Ashby and John Clemo.
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Henry Bass

18/202. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Aniflogoff who was recovering from an operation.

18/203. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 20th November 2018 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18/204. Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

18/205. Matters for information from previous meetings

18/69. Tree Preservation Order – Clerk had queried whether TPOs would be issued for the oak trees at The Old Vicarage and Oak Trees, Ulting but had not received a response. Cllr. Bass to investigate.

18/188. Fairwinds – It was noted that when a proposal anticipates extensive remodeling, then assuming the new building conforms with the planning permission given this is acceptable.

18/191b) Information Commissioner – To note annual direct debit had been confirmed.

18/206. District Councillor's report

Cllr. Bass reported the following:

- The reorganisation at Maldon District Council continues
- Problems still being experienced with refuse collections in some parts of the District but the only complaint councillors had was that some crews are careless about putting bins back
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Public meeting to be held at Maldon Town Hall on 8th January 2019 at 6.30pm

18/207. Public Question Time

Not required – no members of the public present.

18/208. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

None

b) Planning decision received:

HOUSE/MAL/18/01210 - 1.2-1.8m fence around boundary, Oak Trees, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was approved.

18/209. Correspondence

a) Essex Fire and Rescue Plan – Clerk to complete survey at: <http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/fire-rescue-plan-2019-2024-public-survey/> by January 15th 2019.

b) Superfast Essex Broadband Programme Update – November 2018 noted.

c) Local Highways Panel Parish Council representative – It was noted that Southminster Parish Council chairman had indicated that he was willing to take on this position. Clerk to write and thank him.

d) Langford Water Treatment works – Notification of essential works commencing January 2019 for 12 months had been received from Essex & Suffolk Water.

18/210. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Clemo	£694.20		£694.20	Salary (October - December 2018)
Mrs J Clemo	£239.22	£3.38	£242.60	Expenses
SLCC	£76.00		£76.00	Annual membership

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (December 2018)
SSE	£4.37	£0.21	£4.58	Streetlight electricity (November 2018)
SSE	£32.28	£1.61	£33.89	Streetlight electricity (November 2018)

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal controls to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of November 2018.

d) Parish Precept Request – It was noted the request was required by 11th January 2019 at the latest.

e) PRECEPT 2019/2020 - Councillors had been asked to consider items for inclusion in next year's precept. It was agreed that the clerk would find out the cost of Community Protection Officers to operate Trucam in the parish and that another dog waste bin for Ulting Lane should be included in the budget.

18/211. Affordable Housing

The clerk had only heard back from Hastoe but will endeavor to find a convenient date for meetings with Housing Associations to discuss the provision of affordable housing in Langford.

18/212. Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that the clerk had completed a Site Assessment proforma for an additional site proposed by a landowner at the meeting on October 29th 2018.

18/213. Langford Churchyard Fence

Cllr. Ashby had not received the correct paperwork and agreed to contact Danbury Fencing again.

18/214. Orchards East Heritage Lottery Fund Project

It was noted that the clerk had met the project manager who thought the area proposed was suitable. Clerk to fill in Site Visit form and submit a map as requested.

18/215. Broadband

a) Updates from Openreach and Superfast Essex had been received.

b) It was noted that County Broadband had advised Superfast Essex that the work in Langford would not be completed by 2019 and these properties are now eligible for Superfast Essex investment. It was also noted that the majority of properties in Ulting are unable to access a superfast broadband service and these also remain eligible for Superfast Essex investment. Currently there is no funding available and communities are being encouraged to explore other options. Openreach confirmed that they had no commercial plans that would improve the situation for residents but suggested that a Community Fibre Partnership may be an option.

18/216. Defibrillator

a) It was agreed that acquiring a defibrillator would be a worthwhile project and that it could be installed at the village hall.

b) It was agreed that Cllr. Ashby would attend the EALC Workshop – Defibrillator and CPR Briefing on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at a cost of £55.00.

18/217. Draft Maldon District Green Infrastructure Strategy (Supplementary Planning Document)

Clerk to comment on items pertaining to Langford and Ulting if required.

18/218. Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) consultation

The Parish Council agreed to respond as there will only be two libraries remaining in the District.

18/219. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

18/220. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: