

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
19th FEBRUARY 2019 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer and John Clemo.
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Henry Bass and five members of the public

19/24. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Aniflogoff who was recovering from an operation and Cllr. Ashby who was on a business trip.

19/25. Minutes of previous meetings

- a) The minutes of 8th January 2019 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 24th January 2019 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19/26. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

1/9/27. Matters for information from previous meetings

19/14. Orchards East Heritage Lottery Fund Project – The trees had arrived and been planted as agreed. It was noted that the project manager had suggested that the Parish Council might be interested in providing an interpretation panel.

19/06. Broadband, Ulting – It was noted that BT Openreach had replaced a section of copper cable along Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting.

19/06. Langford churchyard (open) – It was noted that two more trees located in the Conservation Area and thus requiring permission to carry out any works, had had work carried out without permission being granted.

19/28. District Councillor's report

Cllr. Bass reported the following:

- From April 2019 a householder with a band D property will see the District Council element of their annual bill increase by 2.3% or £4.43 per year to £197.40 per year.
- The reorganisation at Maldon District Council is ongoing.

19/29. Public Question Time

- Litter pick – A parishioner suggested that the Council should organise a litter pick in March. Clerk to collect litter pickers, hi-vis jackets, gloves and plastic bags.
- Verges – It was noted that vehicles attending the Doe Show had caused damage to the verges along Ashfield Farm Road.

19/30. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

TCA/MAL/19/00041 – T1-T5 – Ash – Crown reduction by 5m. The Lock House, Hoe Mill Lock, The Causeway, Ulting. This application had been withdrawn

TCA/MAL/19/00131 – T1 Hawthorn – Fell. T2 Robinia – Reduce crown by 4m. T4 Sycamore – Reduce faulted limb to approximately 2m above wound. T5 & T6 Beech – Fell. T7 Beech – Monolith to 6m. Museum of Power Steam Pumping Station, Hatfield Road, Langford was noted.

TCA/MAL/19/00132 – T10 Sycamore – Fell. Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road, Langford was noted.

b) Planning decisions received:

TELPN/MAL/18/01482 - Prior approval for the installation of 3No. small cell antennas at Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road, Langford was granted.

c) For information only:

NMA/MAL/19/00076 - Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission FUL/MAL/18/00164 (Conversion of redundant building to form a single dwelling) Amendment sought: Addition and omitting of windows and doors, alteration to gables and hip roof. Maypole Wood, Maypole Road, Langford was noted.

d) Revised outline planning application not notified by Maldon District Council submitted 21st August 2018:

OUT/MAL/15/00419 – Part outline/part detailed (hybrid application) for mixed use development including:

- i) Residential development for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% affordable.
- ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds.
- iii) Neighbourhood uses including retail, commercial and community uses.
- iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility.
- v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (detailed element).
- vi) Formal and informal open space.
- vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (detailed element).
- viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing utilities, footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage and infrastructure works.

Apologies had been received from Maldon District Council as the Parish Council had not been consulted on the revised plans. It was noted that comments submitted previously would be taken to apply.

19/31. Correspondence

a) Fitsteps Health Walks – Update received. The scheme offers a variety of short walks suitable for all levels of fitness.

b) Essex County Council highways services devolution – ECC are reviewing how certain Highways services might be delivered by Parish/Town Councils to reduce costs. Clerk to email Cllr. Bentley as this would be difficult for a small Parish Council to implement.

c) District and Parish Council elections – It was noted that nomination papers will be available online from 1st March 2019 and should be returned by 3rd April 2019. An informal checking service by appointment is being provided. It was also noted the May Parish Council meeting date would need to be altered to 14th May 2019.

19/32. Finance

a) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (February 2019)
SSE	£30.39	£1.51	£31.90	Streetlight electricity (January 2019)
SSE	£4.23	£0.21	£4.44	Streetlight electricity (January 2019)

b) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal controls to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of January 2019.

c) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2019 was noted.

d) Streetlight electricity quotations – A renewal offer had been received from Southern Electric, this being a fixed term contract to 31st March 2021 at a cost of approximately £443.20 per annum. The clerk had also received a quotation from Eon, (22.10p/kWh), which would cost £545.33 per annum with no guarantee that the price would not increase further during the two year period. It was agreed that the Parish Council would remain with Southern Electric.

19/33. Affordable Housing

The Parish Council agreed that the clerk would apply for a Community Led Housing project grant to cover the cost of the Housing Needs Survey.

19/34. Neighbourhood Plan

a) It was noted that the clerk had started to update the Neighbourhood Plan.

b) It was noted that Maldon District Council can provide assistance in the run up to the Regulation 14 consultation.

19/35. Langford Churchyard Fence

It was agreed that the clerk would accept Danbury Fencing's revised quotation to replace 3 gate posts, re-hang the existing gates and replace approximately 27m of fencing at a cost of £3334.00+VAT.

19/36. Tree Preservation Order 1/19

It was noted that a TPO has been confirmed on one oak tree at Oak Trees. The other two oak trees are located on land owned by Essex County Council and because this reduced the potential threat to these trees, this made them unsuitable for a TPO. Clerk to forward email received from Maldon District Council to Cllr. Bass.

19/37. Chelmsford Park & Ride Consultation

Documents available at: www.essex.gov.uk/Chelmsford-Park-and-Ride - The Parish Council agreed that it would not respond to the above consultation.

19/38. Braintree District Council Statement of Community Involvement Consultation

Documents available at: www.braintree.gov.uk/ConsultLP - The Parish Council agreed that it would not respond to the above consultation.

19/39. Wickham Bishops Neighbourhood Plan (2016-2029) Regulation 14 Consultation

Documents available at: www.wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org The Parish Council agreed to support the Neighbourhood Plan and also to write to Essex County Council regarding the retention of libraries in Wickham Bishops and Hatfield Peverel.

19/40. Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Plan – Focused Changes Consultation

Documents available at: www.braintree.gov.uk/HPNP The Parish Council agreed to support the Focused Changes.

19/41. Tree Surveys

- a) The Court of Appeal case of Witley Parish Council v Cavanagh (2018) was noted.
b) Subsequent to the above case it was agreed that the Parish Council would carry out surveys every two years where the trees are in high risk zones. The last tree survey was carried out 15th July 2017. Clerk to acquire quotations for both closed churchyards and the village hall.

19/42. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Volunteer tree officer (Ulting)

19/43. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: