

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
11th February 2020 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Allen, Ashby, Palmer and Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: No members of the public attended

20/15. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence received.

20/16. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 7th January 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

20/17. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Ashby declared a personal interest in agenda item 20/21a) - WTPO/MAL/20/00029.
It was noted that Maldon District Council had made a decision on planning application COUPA/MAL/19/01326 and it was agreed that this would be moved to agenda item 20/21b).

20/18. Matters for information from previous meetings

It was noted that Cllr. Magness had attended the Thurstable Hundred meeting. Matters discussed had included the CIF emergency fund and lack of feedback when reporting Highways issues.

19/230. Installation of chevron signs near old salt heap, Hatfield Road, Langford – Clerk had submitted request to County Cllr. Durham.

19/226. Neighbourhood Plan – It was noted that the clerk had asked Maldon District Council for advice on the response from Essex County Council and was working on the Consultation Statement.

19/192. EALC Councillor Training – Cllr. Magness is able to attend Days 1 and 2 in June. Cllr. Allen to confirm dates. Clerk to book place(s).

Maldon District Council had provided a contact for Parish Councils. Clerk had raised outstanding issues including:- outstanding invoices for contested election and grass cutting last year; costing for dog bin at Ulting Lane; new flytipping notices Ulting Lane and quotation for grass cutting at Ulting closed churchyard.

20/19. District Councillor's report

Apologies received from District Cllr. Jarvis. The Chairman read out his report as follows:

- Statutory accounts signed off in December
- Finance – No success in recruiting Section 151 officer
- Budget – To be agreed at Full Council meeting 13th February
- Citizen's Advice Bureau – Allowance reinstated to 2017/18 level
- Update on committees

20/20. Public Question Time (limited to 15 minutes if required).

- Ditch from bridge to Ulting Lane and related flooding
- Hare coursing – Please report incidents to the Police (999 or 101)
- Road sign blown over outside Station Bridge Cottage
- Drain cover in Maldon Road near junction with Witham Road
- Footway between Ulting Lane and Bumblebee Cottage
- Fly tipping – Crouchmans Farm Road and Ulting Lane (both reported)
- Date for annual litter pick

20/21. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

TCA/MAL/20/00024 - T3 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) - Remove deadwood exceeding 5cm in diameter and/or greater than 1m in length over the car park. Remove hung-up, broken branch. T5 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) - Reduce crown by 4m all around to alleviate weight. Reduce remaining lateral

branch work in accordance with newly established top height. Remove all deadwood from the crown. All Saints Church, Ulting.

TCA/MAL/20/00025 - T1 Alder (*Alnus cordata*) - Remove deadwood throughout crown. T2 Lime (*Tilia cordata*) - Remove deadwood throughout crown. G1 x 4 Lime (*Tilia cordata*) -1) Remove deadwood throughout canopies of all trees within group where this overhangs the carriageway. 2) Crown lift lowest lateral branch work on all trees within group to 5.2m over the carriageway. St Giles' Church, Langford.

TCA/MAL/20/00027 - T9 Tag 249 Robinia - Fell to ground before end of Feb. T11 Tag 972 Norway Maple - Reduce crown by 2 m. T12 Tag563 Horse Chestnut - Reduce faulted northern limb by 9m. Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road, Langford.

WTPO/MAL/20/00029 - T1 Weeping Willows x 2 - re-pollard back to the growth knuckle. Willow Barn, Witham Road, Langford.

The Parish Council had no comments on the above applications to carry out works on trees in the Parish.

b) Planning decisions received:

SCR/MAL/19/01171 - Request for Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion for a hybrid application comprising erection of circa 10,600sq m B1/B2 business park extension with associated surface parking together with circa 60 residential units with associated open space, access and landscaping. Oval Park, Hatfield Road, Langford. EIA not required.

PIP/MAL/19/01231 - Permission in principle for up to one dwelling. Land Adjacent To Brick House, Hatfield Road, Langford was refused.

LBC/MAL/19/01235 - Relocation of existing oil tank. Station Bridge Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford. Listed building consent granted.

COUPA/MAL/19/01326 - Application for notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for associated operational development. | The Stables Witham Road, Langford was refused.

c) Appeal decision received:

FUL/MAL/19/00253 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/19/3236067) - Appeal allowed and planning permission granted for demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of new dwelling at Oak Trees, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting.

20/22. Correspondence

a) Progress update on work at Hoe Mill bridge received. Road expected to re-open 20th February 2020. See: <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/highway-schemes/hoe-mill-bridge-woodham-walter.aspx>

b) Notification of Maldon District Conservation & Design Award winners received.

c) Notification that the Affordable Housing and Viability SPD was adopted on 19 December 2019 received.

d) Chelmer Valley Landscape Association – Next meeting 6th April 2020 at County Hall commencing 10.15am.

20/23. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
RCCE	£92.84	£18.57	£111.41	Housing Needs Survey
Danbury Fencing Ltd	£3,334.00	£666.80	£4,000.80	Langford churchyard fence

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (February 2020)
SSE	£4.47	£.22	£4.69	Streetlight electricity (January 2020)
SSE	£34.05	£1.70	£35.75	Streetlight electricity (January 2020)

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of January 2020.

d) Credit note to Village Hall Management Committee was authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
L&UVHall Mgmt Committee	£150.00		£150.00	Tree Survey

20/24. Langford Churchyard Fence

The Parish Council agreed to pay the additional work carried out by Danbury Fencing Ltd at a cost of £871.48 + VAT which was considerably less than the quotation dated 24th September 2018 for this stretch of fence. The clerk had deferred payment until the precept is received from Maldon District Council. The reserve currently stands at £750 and an additional £1,000 is included in the 2020/21 budget.

20/25. Work on trees in closed churchyards

It was noted that the applications for work to trees in conservation areas had been submitted to Maldon District Council and an email sent to St. Giles' incumbent for agreement at the next PCC meeting.

20/26. Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

The Parish Council agreed to support the SPC. See: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd/> Comments to be received by 21st February 2020.

20/27. Community Orchard Interpretation Board

It was noted that the board must be designed, ordered, delivered, installed and paid for before the end of the funded period, in the coming summer. Cllr. Ashby to take photograph as soon as blossom comes out.

20/28. Affordable Housing

Clerk had contacted RCCE Rural Housing Enabler who has requested that a meeting is arranged with Parish Councillors and Hastoe. It was agreed that the clerk would invite them to the next Parish Council meeting.

20/29. Section 106 suggestions

It was noted that obligations should be necessary to overcome a deficiency in the development proposal and that without it, planning permission would be refused. Obligations can only be sought to make the development acceptable in planning terms rather than being seen as a 'gift' from the developer. Councillors suggestions included measures to retain biodiversity, green buffers and new footpaths. Clerk to ask Maldon District Council for guidance on submitting items for future Section 106 agreements.

20/30. Website

It was noted that the clerk had completed the transfer to Voice.

20/31. Councillor Email addresses reminder

The clerk drew to the councillor's attention the Data Protection requirements for Parish Councils. See: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/in-your-sector/local-government/local-gov-gdpr-faqs/>

20/32. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/33. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: