

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2022 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Colin Ashby and Lester Magness  
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo

**22/16. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs. Anfilogoff and Palmer.

**22/17. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2022 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**22/18. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**22/19. County and District Councillor's reports**

County Cllr. Durham's email had been circulated by email. Main points included were as follows:

- County Council budget and update on how Council Tax is spent
- Potholes and highway defects - update
- 'Levelling Up' White Paper due to be published 2nd February
- Local Highways Panel (LHP) system to be reviewed. Cllrs. suggested that an application to replace the village gateways should be submitted.
- Essex Speed Management Strategy in process of being reviewed. Speed reduction schemes submitted to LHPs have been held over and some funds have been held back to allocate to speeding projects once it is published.

**22/20. Public Question Time**

Not required.

**22/21. Matters for information from previous meetings**

21/169e) PAYE – Clerk noted that other small councils pay by cheque.

21/185c) Platinum Jubilee – There will be a picnic on Sunday 5th June at Langford & Ulting Village Hall from 12 noon to 4pm. Everyone welcome – see Spring newsletter.

22/08c) Hoe Mill bridge had been reopened as work completed early. The Essex County Council (Hoe Mill Bridge, The Causeway, Ulting and Woodham Walter) (Width Restriction) Order 2022 (TRAF/7762) came into effect on 11th February 2022.

**22/22. Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

**21/01212/LDP** - Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed conversion of an agricultural barn to create 2No. dwellings (Use Class C3) with internal garaging. Outbuilding At Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting was noted.

**22/00054/TCA** - T8 Oak - 3 metre whole crown reduction. Remove major deadwood. T9 Oak - Remove major deadwood. G10 Ash - Remove major deadwood. Church Of All Saints, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Work required subsequent to Tree Survey.

**22/00047/TCA** - G3 Lime - Prune by 2 metres in north to give 2 metre clearance to adjacent building. Remove major deadwood. G5 Lime - Remove major deadwood. T6 Lime - Crown reduction by 3-4 metres in height. T7 Lime - Remove major deadwood. Church Of St Giles, Hatfield Road, Langford. Work required subsequent to Tree Survey.

**22/00059/TCA** - T1 London Plane - Remove major deadwood exceeding 5cm in diameter and 1 metre in length. T2 Norway Maple - Reduce regrowth on the south by 2-3 metres. Langford And Ulting Village Hall, Maldon Road, Langford. Work required subsequent to Tree Survey.

**22/00046/TCA** - T12 Ash - Reduce by 5-7 metres to leave a monolith height of 10-12 metres and the lowest limbs will be removed back to the main stem. Church Of All Saints, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Work required subsequent to Tree Survey.

**22/00092/TCA** - T1 African Walnut - Prune back by 5 metres on the thinner longer branches and 3 metres to the rest of the tree. 5 Ulting Lane, Langford was noted.

b) Planning decisions received:

**21/01220/TCA** - 583 Plum - Fell. 582 & 526 Ash - Fell. 580 & 525 Norway Maple - Fell. 524 Walnut - Crown reduce by 2m in height and 3m in spread. Land Adjacent To Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road. Langford was allowed to proceed.

c) Planning application withdrawn:

**21/01261/HOUSE** - Proposed single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing garage & storage with reconstruction of two storey garage with habitable accommodation over, Cedar House, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting had been withdrawn.

d) Planning appeal notification:

**APP/X1545/W/21/3280176** - 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. A request to send representations to the Planning Inspectorate had been received from Woodham Walter Parish Council. It was noted that the clerk had reiterated the comments made on planning application 20/00519/FUL which had been refused by Maldon District Council.

### 22/23. Correspondence

a) Freedom of Information Request regarding Elder Care costs received. Clerk had responded.

b) Nominations to Joint Standards Committee – Details circulated to councillors. Nominees required with relevant experience by 18th February.

### 22/24. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£99.75	£19.95	£119.70	Ulting churchyard grass cutting
Lavenham Press	£315.00		£315.00	Newsletter

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Feb 2022)
SSE	£5.85	£0.29	£6.14	Streetlight electricity (Jan 2022)
SSE	£35.20	£1.76	£36.96	Streetlight electricity (Jan 2022)

c) Bank Reconciliations – Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Allen confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliations produced by the clerk for months of December 2021 and January 2022.

d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2021 was noted.

### 22/25. Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that Maldon District Council had agreed that the Langford and Ulting Neighbourhood Plan could proceed to referendum at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 18th January. The Referendum would take place on 3rd March 2022. Residents could find information about the referendum and plan on the Parish Council website and an article in the Spring newsletter which was expected by the end of the week.

### 22/26. LDP Review – Issues and Options Consultation

a) The primary purpose of the consultation is to identify the key planning issues facing the district over the next Local Development Plan period (to at least 2038) and consider suitable options to address them. See: <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/Issues-and-Options> It was agreed that the clerk would respond on behalf of the Parish Council. Main concerns raised were increasing risk of coalescence with Heybridge, insufficient infrastructure, additional traffic through Langford, and a note that new relief road funnels all traffic through Langford and Doe's Corner, Ulting. A relief road for Langford, Ulting and Hatfield Peverel should be included in the next Local Development Plan.

b) Danbury Parish Council's response to the above consultation included the following: 'A policy that supported a Maldon-Langford-Hatfield Peverel to A12 link with a view to the current A 414 being downgraded to B Status was agreed in July 2005. This had been recommended in the Ministry of Transport Inquiry at Danbury Palace in 1995.'

**22/27. Public Consultation – Primary School Places in Maldon District**

Essex County Council had launched a public consultation about addressing the growing demand for primary school places in Maldon, through a proposal to open a new 420-place primary school, together with a co-located 56-place Early Years provision, in September 2024. Councillors agreed that no response was required.

**22/28. Tree work in Closed Churchyards**

a) It was noted that applications for work to trees in conservation areas had been submitted to Maldon District Council.

b) Three quotations had been received. It was agreed that the quotation from JCM Services would be accepted at a price of £2390.00 + VAT for the works to trees in Langford and Ulting closed churchyards. In addition, the quotation included works to trees at Langford and Ulting Village Hall and Ulting church track and car park. Clerk to confirm that this decision was acceptable.

c) The Parish Council confirmed that it had sufficient funds to carry out the works necessary. (Required by the Parochial Church Council).

**22/29. Chelmer Valley Landscape Group update**

Cllr. Magness reported that little progress had been made. The success of the workshops was noted. A conference to promote discussion of the Chelmer Valley was proposed (Spring 2023) which would also be an opportunity to formally launch the CVLG.

**22/30. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**22/31. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: