

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness and Kathy Palmer  
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan and three members of the public.

**23/16. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ashby.

**23/17. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**23/18. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**23/19. District Councillor's report**

Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- Housing land supply has improved from 3.6 years to 4.85 years
- Maldon District Council Corporate Plan to 2027 and Budget/Future Finance to be discussed at a Full Council meeting to be held 22nd February
- Planning enforcement – District councillors had received a presentation
- A12 Widening Working Group – Submission sent to Highways England. Particular concern raised about volume of traffic at the Duke of Wellington, Hatfield Peverel
- Oval Park – Four planning applications submitted had been granted permission.

Councillors raised various concerns regarding planning issues in Ulting and conduct of MDC meetings. Cllr. Morgan agreed to investigate.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Morgan for attending the meeting. Cllr. Morgan then left the meeting.

**23/20. Public Question Time**

- Oval Park – A resident queried whether there would be an opportunity to build residential properties on part of the site as the applications above had now been approved.
- Fly tipping
- Ditch along Hatfield Road between Ulting Lane and the River Blackwater – Clerk to contact Flood Team
- Pothole, Ulting Lane – Clerk to report to Highways
- Manhole cover, Ashfield Farm Road – Clerk to report to Highways

**23/21. Matters for information from previous meetings**

22/131. Ulting Village sign – Clerk to contact KGS Signs for update on refurbishment.

22/146a) District Planning Committee meeting – Cllr. Magness had attended the meeting on 16th February and the clerk read out his concerns regarding felling of trees with TPOs, scrubland behind Ulting Lane of no value or importance, increase in traffic from site deemed to be negligible and no restriction on hours of work.

22/164a) Stock Hall Farm – Two planning applications received after agenda for this meeting published. (To be included on March agenda)

22/166e) Oval Park S106 – A response had been received from the Planning Officer stating that 'the developments as proposed and the increase in vehicle movements would not result in any additional need for, or upgrades to, streetlighting. Therefore, this is not a form of mitigation that would be required to make the development acceptable in planning terms.'

### 23/22. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

**23/00062/TCA** - Beech (B1) - Fell. Variegated Portuguese Laurel (PL1) - Crown lift (removal of lower branches) by up to 3 metres. Variegated Portuguese Laurel and Conifer (GP1) - Trimmed back by 1 metre. Horse Chestnut (HC1) - 2 lowest largest limbs overhanging the tennis court removed. Ash (A1) - 1 lowest largest limb overhanging the tennis court removed, Langford Hall, Witham Road, Langford was noted.

b) Planning decisions received:

**TCA/MAL/22/00982** - 1x Weeping Willow - Fell. 7x Black Alder trees- Fell and replaced with 1 Weeping Willow tree and 7 Black Alder trees, Mill House, Langford, Maldon. TPO 08/22 was confirmed.

### 23/23. Correspondence

a) Ride London Essex – It was noted that the route for the Women’s Classique, 27th May, had not yet been confirmed but will start and finish in Maldon.

b) District Councillor surgery dates - 18th February, 18th March and 15th April at Wickham Bishops Library, School Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3NU from 1100 to 1200 were noted.

c) Photo ID required for voting in elections – It was noted that for those without photo ID, a new free voter document, called a Voter Authority Certificate is available.

d) Rural Crime Open day - Layer Marney Tower on the 10th March 2023 1-4pm. Cllr. Magness to attend.

e) Essex Solar Together – Registration is open for group buying scheme. See: [the Essex solar together page here](#)

f) Maldon District Transport meeting – 20th March 2023, at 10 am. (Microsoft Teams)

g) Essex & Suffolk Water - Update on Layer Marney to Langford pipeline received and circulated.

h) Essex Climate Action Commission - News update received and circulated.

i) Code of Conduct Training – Post May elections – To be held on 23rd May at 7pm and 31st May at 3pm, both at Maldon Town Hall

j) Chelmer Canal Trust – Illustrated talk: Waterways through the Vlogger’s Lens, 28th February, 7.30pm at Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford.

k) Lamping and Hare coursing – Advice received from Rural Engagement Team and included in next newsletter.

l) Parish Council candidates – Electoral Commission Webinar on 7th March 2023 at 12pm – 1pm. If you would like to attend please email: [sbutler@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:sbutler@electoralcommission.org.uk)

m) Parish Council Elections – The election timetable (circulated by email) was noted. Notice of Election will be published on 13th March, nominations can be delivered from 14th March to 4th April by appointment. For more information please see: [Elections and voting | Maldon District Council](#) The pre-election period (previously known as purdah) starts 13th March.

### 23/24. 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 (Feb 2023)
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (Jan 2023)
SSE	£34.67	£1.73	£36.40	Streetlight electricity (Jan 2023)

b) A cheque raised at the previous meeting was ratified:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£99.75	£19.95	£119.70	Grasscutting Ulting churchyard

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of January 2023.

d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2022 was noted.

### 23/25. Newsletter

a) Three quotations for printing newsletter the newsletter had been received.

b) It was agreed that the quotation from Chelmsford Diocese Printing Unit would be accepted at a cost of £185.00 for 250 copies.

**23/26. Streetlights**

- a) It was noted that quotations had been received from SSE (current supplier) and Green Energy. The other suppliers contacted had stopped pricing new business contracts.
- b) It was agreed that the quotation from SSE on a letter dated 23rd January 2023 would be accepted at an approximate annual cost of £1080.00.
- c) It was noted that the clerk had obtained the following costs to replace the streetlights with LEDs from A& J Lighting. To replace all eight at the same time would be £349/lamp. To replace individually as required, £349 + £80 call out fee. If a new pole bracket is required – additional £95, if new fuse box is required – additional £59. It was agreed that further quotations should be sought.
- d) To note that control gear is no longer available for current streetlights.

**23/27. Essex & Suffolk Water - Fish and Eel Pass**

A request for a site meeting to discuss the works had been received. Cllrs. Allen and Magness to attend. Clerk to send available dates.

**23/28. Parish Litter Pick**

The Parish Council agreed that a litter pick was necessary due to the amount of litter on the verges in the parishes. Clerk to organise equipment. Date agreed – 25th March 2023.

**23/29. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it includes information relating to individuals.

Members of the public left the meeting.

**23/30. New Clerk**

- a) The Parish Council agreed the appointment of the new Clerk and RFO.
- b) The Parish Council agreed the retiring clerk's handover period and salary increase.

**23/31. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**23/32. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: